

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

6TH July 2009

- Subject:** Looking After Every Child: Child Health Strategy, 2008-15 - Consultation
- Purpose:** To inform the Committee of the current position in respect of the above strategy and to update on the CHP response.
- Recommendation:** The Committee approves the approach and reporting procedures and note the contents of the report

1. Background

- 1.1. The Child Health Strategy was commissioned by the Senior Officer's Group for Children's Services. The writing group was led by the Child Health Commissioner and the process included representatives from local authorities with contributions from across NHS child health.
- 1.2. Children and young people were heavily involved in the process and participated in two stakeholder events with further contributions from three youth groups.

2. Current Situation

- 2.1. The draft strategy has been approved by the NHS Board on 25th March and the three month consultation period from 6th April ends on 6th July 2009.
- 2.2. The strategy sets out a clear vision, aims and objectives.
- 2.3. The vision is identified as: 'We will work to ensure that all children in Ayrshire and Arran are as **healthy as possible**, have access to suitable **health services**, receive support to develop safe and healthy **lifestyles** and have **resources to protect** themselves against adversity'.
- 2.4. Aims:
1. Ability to adopt healthy lifestyles
 2. Children and young people are central to decisions that affect their health
 3. Partnership working
 4. Reduction in health inequalities
 5. Continually improving health services

2.5 Objectives:

- Transitions
- Healthy Weight
- Response to alcohol and drugs needs assessment
- Prevent hidden harm
- Tobacco
- Good mental health
- Early Years
- Vulnerable groups
- Consult with children & young people
- Breastfeeding
- Nutrition
- Unintended teenage pregnancies
- Health services to continually improve outcomes
- Age & Stage considered
- Information sharing
- Communication action plan

3. Key Elements of the strategy have been identified as:

- 3.1. 1. Population Health Improvement
2. Health Services
3. Reducing inequalities

5. Action Template

- 5.1. The action template links aims and objectives and includes a set of outcome indicators as well as describing the actions to be taken. This part of the strategy will be revised 3 yearly to fit with locality Integrated Children's Services Plans.

6. Reporting Arrangements

- 6.1. There will be annual monitoring reporting on progress through the CHP Officer Locality Groups, (Children).

7. Consultation

- 7.1. Consultation on the draft strategy includes has included,
 - Cascading emails
 - Press release and Radio coverage
 - Circle time for young people
 - Questionnaires to prompt responses (one for children & young people)
 - Survey monkey
 - Existing mechanisms for consultation in East, North and South Ayrshire

8. EA CHP Response

- 8.1 The OLG (children) has prepared a response that reflects their support for the strategy with only minor comments relating to the emphasis on physical activity which, in their view, requires to be strengthened.

8.2 The Forum has also been consulted at their meeting on 5th June and a final response will be collated by 30th June.

9. Recommendations

9.1. The Committee is asked to

- i) approve this approach in terms of consultation
- ii) task the OLG Children and Young People to provide updates on the strategy implementation through the approved CHP substructure and performance reporting arrangements
- iii) otherwise note the contents of the report

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