


CYPP - Improvement Programme Highlight Report

This highlight report updates the Somerset Children's Trust Executive (SCT) about the project's progress to date. It also provides an opportunity to raise concerns and issues with the SCT, and alert them to any changes that may affect the project.

Complete all fields where applicable and state 'nil return' where there is nothing to report in this period

Programme:	1 Supporting children, families and communities to be more resilient		
Delivery Group:	Early Help Strategic Commissioning Board	Year:	2017/18
Delivery Group Chair:	Philippa Granthier – Assistant Director, Commissioning & Performance	Report Date:	12/01/2018
Scrutiny Committee Champion:	Cllr. Josh Williams		

1. Overall Improvement Programme Status

Current Status:	This Programme is currently rated as being on track to meet target dates for all actions by March 2018	Status Trend: <i>(delete as appropriate)</i>	
Reason for current status:	<p>The majority of actions have now completed or will complete by March 2018 in order to report this programme rated as green (on course to complete). However, the improvement to the Local Offer, the plan for stronger advocacy to parents and the development of a charter mark for inclusive communities have not developed as quickly as anticipated, and are likely to roll into year 3. As a result of the Early Help Strategic Commissioning Board's review of early help communications, the Director of Children's Services sent a reminder letter to all practitioners reminding them of Early Help processes and the tools to do the job. Early and effective help is the key to building resilience in our communities, matches Somerset County Council's vision for the next four years, and reflects the needs identified in our Joint Strategic Needs Analysis (JSNA) so this work is of the highest priority.</p> <p>Most notable Quarter 3 achievements are the reported decrease in fuel poverty, the progress with the West Somerset Opportunity Area work now with a published plan and a budget and the ongoing development of personalised budgets. Although slippage this quarter has been minimal, we still await the launch of the re-vamped Somerset Choices platform which will help children and young people, their families and communities to find information, advice and guidance and become more self-sufficient and resilient. This is now likely to happen in Year 3 of the Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) but in the meantime, the existing Local Offer on the existing Somerset Choices website is being refreshed and promoted.</p>		

2. Progress since last Highlight report

Include evidence of how the plan has incorporated the voice and needs of children

Achievements:

- The action against the West Somerset Opportunity Area has gone green as the plan has now been published by the Department for Education (DfE) with an allocation of £700k in year one. Activities to support each of the 4 priority areas have commenced including training for early years practitioners and a school holiday nutrition project.
- The work towards personalised budgets has been achieved and is therefore green. The Statement of Intent has been approved to agree that each partner continues to apply their own personal budget process against the overarching statement of intent. The health process is still in draft; however the education process has commenced and is now aligning to the Children's social care process including financial procedures. Due to legal processes it has been agreed that one single policy would not be workable and the DfE has confirmed that there is no local authority who works to one strategy. The Statement of intent was co-produced by each of the education, health and care partners and the Somerset Parent Carer Forum. It is suggested that Year 3's plan should include an action to fully embed the personalisation process which should be reflected in the numbers of families, children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) accessing personal budgets.
- Trustee Week in November gave a workshop of 34 prospective school governors which was well received and a request for future events, especially for early years.
- The Centre for Sustainable Energy (CSE) has now reported that the proportion of Somerset households in fuel poverty has decreased for the first time in 4 years, from 12.4 % in 2014 to 11.6% in 2015 (latest reporting dates from central government). It is suggested that in year 3 of the Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) we continue to implement the support to low income and fuel poor households.
- Feedback on quality of health provision to children and young people with SEND is now collected in the twice annually held multi agency Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) moderation events attended by young people, professionals and parents.

Slippage (give reasons and remedial actions)

- The work on redefining and improving the SEND local offer, due to complete in Sept 17, has been delayed due to a new platform being developed with an expectation of completion in Year 3 of this CYPP (as reported by the SEND priority 4 Participation); therefore, as the portal is now set up the target date has been moved to March 2018 and the progress is reported as amber.
- Work on the Inclusive Communities Charter mark has not yet commenced.
- Work on advocacy to parents of vulnerable children has not yet commenced.

3. Actions and outputs for the next period:

- Key Cabinet decision for West Somerset Opportunity Area (WSOA) grant spend awaited in January 2018
- Planning for Voluntary and Community Sector Engagement (VCSE) Strategic Forum Leaders Conference in May 2018 with a theme of 'Inspiring Social Action'
- Public health campaigns to tackle the new healthier snacks initiative to prevent childhood obesity.

- Awaiting guidance on what the new FLEX (Flexible Eligibility) offer for local authorities referring low income and fuel poor households to additional support from suppliers.
- Awaiting completion of new Local Offer platform; due to go live in Year 3 of the Children and Young People's Plan 2016-19.

4. Most significant current risk/s:

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5. Most significant current issue/s:




- The work to commence a Charter Mark for Inclusive Communities has been delayed due to a vacancy of the Assistant Director for Inclusion. Interviews are scheduled for Quarter 4. There are a number of current schemes for adults including the Avon & Somerset Constabulary 'Safe Places' and the 'Disability Confident' scheme run by Safer Somerset Partnership which may be replicable for vulnerable children and young people.
- The work to develop a plan to strengthen and promote advocacy for parents, piloting in west Somerset, is progressing but will not meet the March 2018 target.






6. Variances:




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7. Decisions required from Somerset Children's Trust:

That the Somerset Childrens Trust supports the progress of Programme 1 and highlights and actions required for year 3.

Outcome measure/Performance Indicators	Current performance	Direction of travel (delete as appropriate)
1. Provide information, advice, tools for families to help themselves		
Number of visits to Somerset Choices Website	42,760 (R12 months ending December 17)	39,177 (R12 months ending September 17) 
Number of providers/services listed on Somerset Choices Website	1154 Providers 118 services (December 2017)	1170 providers 106 services (September 2017) 
Infant mortality <i>Annual England average 3.9 per 1,000 (2014-2016)</i>	4 deaths per 1,000 live births (66 infants) 2014-2016	4.2 deaths per 1000 live births (70 infants) (2013-2015) 

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Chlamydia detection rate <i>Annual National Target = 1,900</i>	1,815 per 100,000 (1,056 people) 2016	1,532 per 100,000 (904 people) 2015 
Teenage pregnancy rates <i>England Average = 20.8 per 1,000</i>	17.1 per 1,000 females under 18 2015	17.2 per 1000 females aged under 18 (169 conceptions) 2014 
Take up of personal budgets for children with disabilities	209 [as at month 9]	214 [as at month 6]
2. Supporting parents in their role		
Number of Parents attending and completing targeted parenting programme	Awaiting updated data	390 year to date
3. Supporting Communities in the third sector		
Increased number of employment and training opportunities for vulnerable groups e.g. leaving care.	22 young people have taken up work experience, traineeships and apprenticeships. (December 2017)	9 young people have taken up work experience, traineeships and apprenticeships. (September 2017) 
% of children in west Somerset achieving a GLD at the end of the EYFS stage	65% (2016/17)	56.9% (2015/16) 
KS 2 attainment in west Somerset compared to national average - % pupils reaching the expected standard in reading, writing and maths	West Somerset 49.8% England 61% 2016/17	West Somerset 47.2% England 53% 2015/16 
KS4 attainment in west Somerset compared to national average	West Somerset 43.0% England 39.1% 2016/17 graded 5 or better at GCSE in both English and Maths (2017)	West Somerset 57.0% England 59.3% 2015/16 graded C or better at GCSE in both English and Maths

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Level of participation in west Somerset 16-18 year olds	86.9% (December 2017)	90.1% (September 2017) 
Number of volunteers recruited in SCC <i>Getset = 82</i> <i>Leaving Care = 10</i> <i>Short Breaks = 10</i> <i>Young Carers = 24</i>	Getset = 42 Leaving Care = 2 Short Breaks = 5 Young Carers = 14 SEND Unstoppables = 1 November 2017	Getset = 37 Leaving care = 2 Short breaks = 3 Young carers = 14 SEND Unstoppables = 1 September 2017 
Volunteer satisfaction rate	Survey due to be repeated in 2018	100% of volunteers said they are happy in their current role (36 volunteers responded since April 2016 to June 2017)
Number of VCS organisations engaged with VCSE forum	Around 35 different organisations represented covering County Council, CCG, District Councils, Office for Civil Society, Heart of South West LEP and voluntary sector.	Around 35 different organisations represented 90% rating forum 7 or higher out of 10 in terms of successfully improving cross-sector relationships 95% rating forum 7 of higher as an effective means for the VCSE to increase involvement in county-wide strategic issues

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Shows improvement



Stayed the same



Has deteriorated

