


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:	17/04/2018
Scrutiny Committee Champion:	<i>Vacant position</i>		

1. Overall Improvement Programme Status

Current Status:	GREEN This Programme is currently rated as being on track for majority of actions to be completed by end March 2018	Status Trend: <i>(delete as appropriate)</i>	
Reason for current status:	The majority of actions have now been completed, however, additional work identified in the year regarding 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 will roll into Year 3 of the Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) 2016-19.		

2. Progress since last Highlight report

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

Achievements:

- A key decision was taken in January 2018 for Somerset County Council to implement the West Somerset Opportunity Area Plan with the Department for Education (DfE). Each of the four priority areas has a delivery plan, and activities to support each of the priority areas have commenced including training for early years practitioners and a school holiday nutrition project. The Secretary of State, Damien Hinds, MP, is due to visit West Somerset on the 10th April.
- The current SEND local offer site is reporting a continued increase in user page views and access from mobile devices.
- Additional signposting and advice has been added to Somerset Choices to provide more

support on debt and benefits.

Slippage (give reasons and remedial actions)

- The work on redefining and improving the SEND local offer, due to complete in July 2017 has been delayed due to a new platform and website being developed with an expectation of completion in Year 3 of this CYPP.
- Work on the Inclusive Communities Charter mark has not yet commenced but now that the Assistant Director for Inclusion is now in post this work can proceed in due course.
- Work on advocacy to parents of vulnerable children has not yet commenced.
- A planned multi-agency workshop to progress parenting support was cancelled due to the snow; this is now planned for 24th April 2018.
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3. Actions and outputs for the next period:

- Awaiting completion of new Somerset Choices website; due to go live in Year 3 of the CYPP 2016-19.
- Building on the model set up by Adult Social Care with Village Agents, a community led Parents Forum that will work alongside the Library Service to provide advice and information to parents with nursery and school age children.
- Work can start in Year 3 towards the Inclusive Communities Charter Mark. 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.
- Planning for Voluntary and Community Sector Engagement (VCSE) Strategic Forum Leaders Conference in May 2018 with a theme of 'Inspiring Social Action'.
- National Volunteers' Week 1-7 June –keen to thank and celebrate volunteering Engage will be holding in West Somerset and Taunton [Volunteer of the Year Awards](#) (nominations close 27 April)
- Parenting event planned for April 24th to collate all available resources, agree local process for supporting parents, and develop the parent/carer toolkit so that all resources are listed in one place.
- Commence the Action Plan for Year 3.

4. Most significant current risk/s:

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5. Most significant current issue/s:







- 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.
- There is uncertainty over how we will monitor outcomes for how families can manage debts and access the benefits they are entitled to due to the lack of meaningful data available, and the changes to advice on fuel poverty. This will result in the inability to evidence whether our actions contribute to any difference in the outcomes.






6. Variances:




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7. Decisions required from Somerset Children's Trust:

None

Outcome measure/Performance Indicators	Current performance	Direction of travel <i>(delete as appropriate)</i>
1. Provide information, advice, tools for families to help themselves		
Number of visits to Somerset Choices Website	43,267 (R12 months ending March 2018)	42,760 (R12 months ending December 17) 
Number of providers/services listed on Somerset Choices Website	1124 providers 117 services 218 info pages (March 2018)	1154 Providers 118 services (December 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) 
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	631 (Jan, Feb, March)	624 (Oct, Nov, Dec) 
2. Supporting parents in their role		
Number of Parents attending and completing targeted parenting programme	Q4: 29 parents have completed or regularly attended parenting courses out of 88 parents invited	390 year to date <i>(Not comparable)</i>
3. Supporting Communities in the third sector		

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Increased number of employment and training opportunities for vulnerable groups e.g. leaving care.	19 young people have taken up work experience, traineeships and apprenticeships (March 2018)	22 young people have taken up work experience, traineeships and apprenticeships. (December 2017) 
% of children in west Somerset achieving a GLD at the end of the EYFS stage	West Somerset 65% Somerset 71% England 70.7% 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% Somerset 59% England 61% 2016/17	West Somerset 47.2% Somerset 52% England 53% 2015/16 
KS4 attainment in west Somerset compared to national average – Percent achieving 9 to 5 pass in English and Maths/	West Somerset 43.0% Somerset 40.2% England 39.6% 2016/17	Not comparable with previous data
Level of participation in west Somerset 16-18 year olds	66.4% March 2018	66.5% (December 2017) 
Number of volunteers recruited in SCC Getset = 82 Leaving Care = 10 Short Breaks = 10 Young Carers = 24	Getset = 28 Leaving Care = 2 Short Breaks = 11 Young Carers = 14 SEND Unstoppables = 1 March 2018	Getset = 42 Leaving Care = 2 Short Breaks = 5 Young Carers = 14 SEND Unstoppables = 1 November 2017 
Volunteer satisfaction rate	Survey due to be repeated in June 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 covering County Council, CCG, District Councils, Office for Civil Society, Heart of South West LEP and voluntary sector.

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Shows improvement 	Stayed the same 	Has deteriorated 