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Somerset Children 's Trust Governance

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1. Summary

- 1.1. Somerset County Council developed a three year multi agency Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) commencing April 2016, to set out the actions we and our partners needed to take to continue and sustain improvements in children's services.

Somerset Children's Trust (SCT) oversees the Plan which comprises seven improvement programmes, managed by the relevant Board for each improvement area, as follows:

1. Supporting children, families and communities to become more resilient (*Universal & Early Help Strategic Commissioning Board*)
2. Promoting healthy outcomes and giving children the best start in life (*Children & Young People's Health & Well Being Group*)
3. Improving emotional health and wellbeing (*Commissioning Group for Children & Young People's Mental Health and Psychological Well-Being*)
4. Building skills for life (*Somerset Education Board*)
5. Providing help early and effectively (*Universal & Early Help Strategic Commissioning Board*)
6. Achieving effective multi-agency support for more vulnerable children and young people and developing an excellent children's social work service (*Somerset Safeguarding Children Board*)
7. Embedding a 'Think Family' approach (*Children's Services Workforce Board*)

- 1.2. The Somerset County Council Scrutiny for Policies, Children and Families Committee (the Committee) has requested an explanation of the governance arrangements of the CYPP to understand how all the children's Boards align.

- 1.3. The SCT Executive meeting meets quarterly, chaired by Somerset County Council and vice chair responsibilities rota' d annually between the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Avon & Somerset Police. This meeting receives seven Highlight Reports each compiled by the lead of the individual Improvement Programme and an overarching Executive Summary.

These reports are then scrutinised at the next Committee meeting.

The SCT Board meets twice annually and receives the Annual report and an

update on current progress. The Annual report includes the annual data dash board, positioning how the Improvement activities are meeting the overall outcomes of the CYPP. This meeting is chaired and vice chaired by annual rota between SCC, CCG, police and the voluntary and community sector. The Board agenda is in the form of a workshop where speakers present on current topics of concern/interest from the CYPP and members suggest solutions and offer support to the Improvement leads. Currently, the CCG is the chair.

Finally, the Annual report is presented to Cabinet and the Health & Well Being Board by the chair of the SCT Executive.

2. Issues for consideration / Recommendations

2.1.

That the Committee notes the governance arrangements in place for the Somerset Children's Trust.

3. Background papers

3.1. Governance Arrangements for the Somerset Children's Trust Children & Young People's Plan 2016 -2019.