



Somerset Children's Trust – Children & Young People's Plan (CYPP) Executive Summary

Progress as at: end June 2018

Overall

At the end of Quarter 1 of Year 3 (April to June 2018) the Somerset Children's Trust (SCT) received reports from 5 of its 7 Improvement Programmes that reflect achievements to mark the beginning of the final year of this plan; as expected, at this stage there is little slippage but a number of actions that have been implemented or progressed from Year 2.

Two of the 7 Improvement Programmes (Programme 1 and 5) rate their progress as GREEN evidencing confidence that they will be able to complete their Year 3 actions, however Programme's 2, 4 and 7 have rated their Year 3 Quarter 1 status as AMBER which may reflect timescales leading to completing actions rather than a lack of confidence in their ability to complete.

Late reporting on Programme 3 has been due to a change of key personnel and a concern by the Commissioning Group for Children and Young People's Mental Health, Emotional and Psychological Wellbeing that the previously approved actions might not reflect the strategic direction of the Clinical Commissioning Group. Therefore, this executive report does not refer to any Programme 3 information.

Late reporting on Programme 6 is due to a new data set being required for Year 3 actions - where data to support key performance indicators has not been sourced in time for reporting deadlines.

This quarter saw the first of the bi-annual Children's Trust Board meetings in May where the Annual Report was received and commented upon prior to its inclusion in the July Cabinet agenda. The Board received 2 excellent presentations regarding the impact of social media on children and young people's mental health, followed by 2 workshops to consider how best to support the increased presentation of self-harm at Accident & Emergency (A&E). The Board directed each Improvement Programme to consider how their actions incorporate the support of good mental health and wellbeing.

The progress of the production of the Children & Young People's Plan 2019 – 2022 in Quarter 1 was evidenced in a Planning Day which brought together key agency decision makers and children and young people to determine what the next priorities should be and how they should be

actioned. Following this event, a consultation for groups was circulated for a wider voice to be included in the co-production of the plan. This also aligns with the consultation of the new Health and Well Being Strategy and the 2018 Schools Survey – both of which will influence the new plan once results have been evaluated in Quarter 3.

Four multi-agency roadshows called '*Children are the Future of Somerset: Is What We Do Good Enough for Children and their Families?*' were held in June. These roadshows supported the launch of the Think Family strategy and the production of the next Children & Young People's Plan. The Partnership team took advantage of this opportunity to survey delegates on the impact and maturity of the Children's Trust partnership and, at the time of writing, over 70 responses have been received. Once the roadshows have completed, this data will be analysed and a report brought back to the Somerset Children's Trust Executive.

Analysis of Quarter 1 highlight reports show that the ongoing challenges focus around planning for the new Family Support Service, recruitment and retention issues, lack of data, funding and capacity across the partners to implement actions at the required pace.

Whilst each programme's issues will be addressed individually later in this summary, the Trust should note the progress as follows:

PROGRESS DURING Q1:

- Public Health held a Parenting Action Planning Event in April 2018 to map partnership parenting resources with over 100 attendees representing all the major partnerships agencies. The specific area of development for this work is the provision of support at universal level, and support and development of the Parent Toolkit
- getset Community Development Officers now in post working in the community with local groups, developing peer support and signposting families to them
- Funding received from South West Perinatal and Infant Mental Health clinical network for specialist training to train 10 clinicians from secondary mental health (MH) services, maternity and health visitors to be equipped to support women with mild to moderate MH difficulties in the perinatal period
- Year 11 Transition panels have supported 1,068 students at high risk of becoming Not in Employment, Education or Training (NEET) this academic year. Over 96% of whom now have a secured intended destination as part of the September Guarantee process
- Work is progressing with the implementation of the Family Support Services, to ensure safe transfer of staff from Somerset Partnership to Public Health on the 1st April 2019. Accommodation work is progressing to confirm staff co-location and the move to 8 family hubs.
- A positive workshop was hosted by the Early Help Board on the 6th June 2018 with partners committing to developing a more effective

dashboard, to help monitor the effectiveness of early help as highlighted by Ofsted

- Think Family Strategy signed off and promoted through the Multi Agency roadshows in June. Plans in place for further roadshows and to link with the Multi Agency Practice and Information Group (MAPIG)
- The new Programme Lead for SEND, Shona Turnbull-Kirk has commenced her role within the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). With the re-focus of the Children Looked After (CLA) Nurse role this means that an increase in children's commissioning capacity

Identified slippage, issues and risks for the Somerset Children's Trust Executive to consider:

SLIPPAGE:

- NHS England has requested further clarification on Wave 2 bid for specialist Perinatal Infant Mental Health funding. Resubmission was made in July anticipating funding to be released August
- Programme 2 reports slippage in the development and implementation of a behavioural management / neurodevelopmental pathway, including strengthening the parenting offer across Somerset and uniting professionals behind key strategies to manage adolescent behaviour
- Better health inputs to Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP) is required; the pilot with primary care has stalled due to system incompatibility and capacity of the federations involved
- Programme 7 reports that the volume of internal workforce development activity has hampered their ability to extend the Workforce Board to include multi-agency partners. They have identified that there are pockets of good practice multi-agency working; however, this is not well promoted to enable expansion

ISSUES & RISKS:

- Programme 4 reports that work with teaching schools, academy trusts and the Local Authority as a collective school improvement force, remains a development need, as available funds for school improvement become ever more scarce and pressured
- The measures of impact around attendance, exclusions and elective home education have shown a steady rise nationally and this has been reflected within Somerset
- Lack of capacity to ensure the engagement with the recently launched Think Family strategy and action plan
- Key agencies are currently dealing with the severe financial situation that are diverting priorities and actions

Emerging work for next quarter:

- New Local Offer (Somerset Choices) website launch is planned for 18th July, and a communications strategy is currently under development to promote the new platform. Ten site testing events have been planned with parents, carers, children and young people to ensure the site is both useable and informative
- Team Around the School Service Level Agreement contract monitoring to be undertaken from September 2018
- Feedback from the Parenting Action Planning Event will be presented to the Children and Young People's Health and Wellbeing Group on 26th June to look at the approach for support for parents to create one approach across Somerset, and address training needs identified for professionals to support the implementation of this work
- A meeting has been planned with the VCSE Forum to engage on the new CYPP
- 4 perinatal mental health awareness courses are running in October and November 2018 for the wider workforce
- Resubmission of the Perinatal and Infant Mental Health NHS E bid
- Awaiting the outcome of an application to National Collaborative Outreach Programme for funding to provide additional activities for Year 11 Transition Panel students including college application support, visits to Further Education sites, 1:1 careers guidance and employability skills development support
- An application will be made in November 2018 to support the Year 12 transition panel students
- Pilot transition skills course is planned for Year 11 students at highest risk of Permanent Exclusion or Elective Home Education (EHE), to engage with a holistic programme of support
- The new Head of Service for the Family Support Service is due to start in July 2018
- Family Support Service staff engagement events have been planned to ensure teams are involved in developing the service offer going forward
- Workshop to be held 4th July to scope bases and service delivery bases for Family Support Service
- Continue conversation about provision for multi-agency input to Workforce Board
- Plans for input into next Roadshows/MAPIG in the autumn to support the good work already in place
- Continued conversation about joint working across Children's and Adults Safeguarding Boards to promote learning
- Identify areas of good practice that can be built on by seeking information through existing networks including maturity of partnership data obtained by the 'Children are the Future of Somerset: Is What We Do Good Enough for Children and their Families?'
- Collect Think Family Action Plans from partner agencies to identify links and conversations to be had
- Second planning event and consultation for the production of the next Children and Young People's Plan

Decisions Required:


That the Somerset Children's Trust Executive approves the progress for all Improvement Programmes at the end of Year 3, Quarter 1.

Governance Arrangements:


This is the first quarter of reporting against the third year of the plan and covers the period April to June 2018. The Action Plans for each Improvement Programme have now adopted an amended RAG rating to support reasons for status and future service planning. The new BRAG rating offers an opportunity to report that actions have not commenced without putting the action into a red status.



The second annual report of the progress and impact of Year 2 of the CYPP was published in July 2018. The Children's Trust Board has met once in 2018 with social media and poor mental health being discussed. The new chair for the Board in 2018 is Sandra Corry, Director of Quality and Safety for the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). A re-structure of elected member's responsibilities has meant that the Children and Families Scrutiny Committee has re-revised the champion members for each Improvement programme which strengthens the impact of the programmes and provide advocacy for each of the groups at point of scrutiny.


1. Supporting children, families and communities to become more resilient

Current Status:	GREEN	Status Trend:	
Reason for current status:	This quarter has already shown some positive actions with a successful parenting offer event held in April, getset Community Development Officers now in post to map parenting support services, and continued work towards the launch of the new Local Offer website is on target for July launch		

2. Promoting healthy outcomes and giving children the best start in life

Current Status:	AMBER	Status Trend:	
Reason for current status:	Progress is being made in many areas, but we need this year to fully embed some work and monitor the impact on outcomes for children		

3. Improving emotional health and wellbeing			
Current Status:	<u>Report not received</u>	Status Trend:	
Reason for current status:	<u>Report not received</u>		
4. Building skills for life			
Current Status:	AMBER	Status Trend:	
Reason for current status:	Reason for current status not reported		
5. Providing help early and effectively			
Current Status:	GREEN	Status Trend:	
Reason for current status:	This quarter shows some positive actions with work progressing with the implementation of the Family Support Services model, and the successful launch of the Think Family Strategy and promotion at the first of the 'Children are the future of Somerset: Is what we do good enough for our children and their families?' multi-agency roadshows		
6. Achieving effective multi-agency support for more vulnerable children and young people and developing an excellent children's social work service			
Current Status:	<u>Report not received</u>	Status Trend:	

Reason for current status:	<u>Report not received</u>		
7. Embedding a think family approach across the workforce			
Current Status:	AMBER	Status Trend:	
Reason for current status:	Multi-agency journey in Somerset is not fully developed. Continued work is needed to promote awareness of good practice and increase confidence and trust between partner agencies		