

	<u>Agenda Item: 5b</u>
Report to:	Birmingham Health & Wellbeing Board
Date:	26th January 2016
TITLE:	BIRMINGHAM EARLY HELP AND SAFEGUARDING PARTNERSHIP
Organisation	Cross Agency Partnership
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Report Type:	Information

1. Purpose:

This report updates the Health and Wellbeing Board on the work of the Birmingham Early Help and Safeguarding Partnership (BEHSP).

2. Implications:

BHWB Strategy Priorities	Child Health	Y
	Vulnerable People	Y
	Systems Resilience	Y
Joint Strategic Needs Assessment		Y
Joint Commissioning and Service Integration		Y
Maximising transfer of Public Health functions		Y
Financial		
Patient and Public Involvement		Y
Early Intervention		Y
Prevention		Y

3. Recommendation

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note this update.

4.	Background
4.1	Please see presentation slides from BEHSP attached for information.
4.2	The Early Help and Safeguarding Partnership has delivered progress through the work stream sub-groups – the project plan included in the presentation identifies the key delivery dates with completion of most projects by August 2016.
4.3	The Partnership has engaged the necessary agency promoting joint ownership through its structure, plan and approach.

5.	Compliance Issues
5.1	<i>Strategy Implications</i>
	<p>The intention of the partnership is to provide effective help to families earlier – avoiding problems escalating and so the need for more intensive and more expensive interventions. This is being achieved by enabling parents and young people to access help directly, by offering an integrated pathway to service across partner agencies and sharing information/ responsibility across partners. The effective implemented early help strategy will result in better protected children and young people and building resilience in children and families.</p>
5.2	<i>Governance & Delivery</i>
	<p>The Partnership is co-chaired by Dawn Roberts, BCC and Richard Moore, West Midlands Police. Members of the partnership include Birmingham City Council People and Place directorates, West Midlands Police, NHS Commissioning and NHS Providers, Probation (NPS and CRC), Voluntary sector, DWP, West Midlands Fire Service, Schools, Birmingham Children's Safeguarding Board . The Partnership meets monthly, 7 work-streams have been established based on the priorities within the Early Help strategy and are co-chaired from partnership members- they report to the Partnership through the monthly meetings.</p> <p>To avoid duplication and to ensure synergy across the system BEHSP has subsumed the responsibilities of the Think Family and MASH Boards.</p> <p>There has recently been a MASH Sub-group chaired by the Head of Public Protection, where partners engaged in discussions around elements of the Children's operating model relating to MASH. This work will now be taken into the Front Door Workstream.</p> <p>The Think Family Operational Group still meet and report Think Family progress to the BEHSP.</p> <p>The Partnership reports to the Strategic Leaders Forum and Birmingham Safeguarding Children's Board.</p>

5.3 *Management Responsibility*

There has been good attendance and engagement at the Board and Work-streams and the tensions between business as usual and developing a more collaborative approach to early help is currently being managed well. It is acknowledging we are on a journey however we have made a positive start with all partners committed to the deliverables we have set ourselves.

6. Risk Analysis

Identified Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Actions to Manage Risk
Reduced funding for key partner agencies will impact disproportionately on the earlier intervention services.	Medium	High	Effective communication across partners Focussing investment on evidenced interventions Reducing duplication of service
The resources for the BEHSP infrastructure will diminish and as a result the Early Help offer will not be integrated.	Medium	High	Communication of progress. Ensure that the EH strategy reflects the diminishing resource and focusses on those areas that will have the most impact on outcomes and address the operational needs of the partner agencies.
There is a risk that the Partners in Birmingham do not develop and implement the Birmingham Early Help offer in the timeframe that the partnership has set itself and that external scrutiny might expect, leaving the partnership and the council open to criticism.	Medium	Medium	The Birmingham Early Help & Safeguarding Partnership (BEHSP) are building a strong base from which to develop a robust Early Help offer. The partners are coming together and taking collective ownership to ensure commonality of approach and narrative with clear timelines.

Appendices

Presentation: Birmingham Early Help and Safeguarding Partnership 2016

Signatures	<i>P. A. Hamilton</i>
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Chair of Health & Wellbeing Board (Councillor Paulette Hamilton)	
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