

	<u>Agenda Item: 13</u>
Report to:	Birmingham Health & Wellbeing Board
Date:	17 March 2020
TITLE:	BIRMINGHAM FORWARD STEPS – PROGRESS REPORT
Organisation	Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS FT
Presenting Officer	Richard Kirby, Chief Executive

Report Type:	Presentation
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1. Purpose:
1.1 The paper provides a brief progress report on the work of the Birmingham Forward Steps service – the universal service provision for children aged 0-5 years and their families.

2. Implications:		
BHWB Strategy Priorities	Childhood Obesity	Y
	Health Inequalities	Y
Joint Strategic Needs Assessment		Y
Creating a Healthy Food City		N
Creating a Mentally Healthy City		N
Creating an Active City		N
Creating a City without Inequality		N
Health Protection		N

3. Recommendation
3.1 The Health & Wellbeing Board is recommended to note the progress report from the Birmingham Forward Steps service.

4.	Report Body
4.1	The attached report provides an overview of the purpose of the Birmingham Forward Steps service, the challenges it faces and the progress being made in addressing these.
4.2	Birmingham Forward Steps provides universal health and wellbeing services for children aged 0-5 years and their families. The service aims to support children to achieve the best possible start in life delivering the national child health programme and a range of supporting services and activities for children and their families. The service aims to be community-based and family-centred.
4.3	<p>The service faces a series of challenges in seeking to deliver a safe and effective early years service to the city including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the wide range of needs of children in the city; • health visitor staffing levels and workload pressures; • establishing the fully integrated service model on which Birmingham Forward Steps is based.
4.4	<p>The service is responding to these challenges through a range of actions taken with BFS partners, Clinical Commissioning Group input and support from Public Health and Children's commissioning at the Council. Key areas include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a programme of recruitment and training for 60 new health visitors by March 2021; • a focus on the children most at risk in the short-term; • an agreed improvement trajectory for the five nationally mandated visits; • progress towards the fully integrated universal service model.

5.	Compliance Issues
5.1	<i>HWBB Forum Responsibility and Board Update</i>
	Birmingham Community Healthcare has responsibility for delivering the Birmingham Forward Steps service as lead provider commissioned by the Council. There is a fortnightly oversight group involving all stakeholders to ensure progress with our improvement plan.
5.2	<i>Management Responsibility</i>
	<p>Chris Holt, Chief Operating Officer, BCHC</p> <p>Marcia Perry, Director of Nursing & Therapies, BCHC</p>

6. Risk Analysis

Risks relating to the successful delivery of the Birmingham Forward Steps service are included within the Corporate Risk Register and Board Assurance Framework for BCHC.

Identified Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Actions to Manage Risk
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Appendices

Birmingham Forward Steps Progress Report