

Report of Head of Democratic Services
Report to Scrutiny Board (Children and Families)
Date: 25th November 2020
Subject: Future in Mind: Leeds Strategy Refresh

Are specific electoral wards affected? If yes, name(s) of ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Has consultation been carried out?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Will the decision be open for call-in?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, access to information procedure rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 This report presents information surrounding the refresh of the Future in Mind: Leeds Strategy and provides an opportunity for the Children and Families Scrutiny Board to input into the draft priorities proposed for the refreshed strategy, as developed from local data and the insight of children, young people and families.
- 1.2 During today's meeting, the Board will also receive a presentation from the NHS Leeds Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) on how the future healthcare needs of children in relation to mental health, have been impacted by changes made to meet COVID-19 demand.

2. Background information

- 2.1 In November 2019, the Children and Families Scrutiny Board received an update on the Future in Mind: Leeds Strategy and Local Transformation Plan (2015-2020) setting out the city's vision, progress and next steps to improve the social emotional, mental health and wellbeing of children and young people aged 0-25.
- 2.2 At that stage, the Board acknowledged that during 2020/21, informed by the NHS Long Term Plan and the Leeds all age Mental Health Strategy, a new 5-year strategic plan would be created to continue the city's journey to improve children and young people's mental health and wellbeing in the city.

- 2.3 The importance of good mental health and wellbeing has continued to be acknowledged linked to the Scrutiny Board's ongoing focus surrounding the work of the Council and its partners in supporting all children and their families, especially the most vulnerable, during the Covid-19 pandemic.

3. Main issues

- 3.1 The appended report from the Strategic Lead Commissioner, Children and Maternity, NHS Leeds CCG, provides information surrounding the refresh of the Future in Mind: Leeds Strategy and invites the Children and Families Scrutiny Board to input into the draft priorities proposed for the refreshed strategy.

4. Consultation and engagement

- 4.1.1 The appended report outlines the continuous engagement of children, young people, families, and key clinicians and partners in the city, in planning and developing children and young people's mental health strategy, resources and services.
- 4.1.2 Representatives from the NHS Leeds CCG and the Children and Families Directorate will be attending today's meeting to address questions from the Scrutiny Board.
- 4.1.3 The Board will also receive a presentation from the NHS Leeds CCG on how the future healthcare needs of children in relation to mental health, have been impacted by changes made to meet COVID-19 demand.

4.2 Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration

- 4.2.1 The appended report acknowledges that several key groups of children and young people have been identified as being at risk of experiencing poorer outcomes than the rest of the population. Whilst all of the priorities will ensure that these issues are addressed within the system developments, the identification of reducing health inequalities as a distinct priority area within the strategy will drive the particular focus on this.

4.3 Council policies and the Best Council Plan

- 4.3.1 The Leeds Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2016-2021 and Children and Young People's Plan 2018-2023 remain the blueprints for how the Council and its partners will put in place the best conditions in Leeds for people to live fulfilling lives – a Child Friendly, healthy city with high quality services. Linked to this, improving social, emotional, and mental health and wellbeing for children and young people is one of the eleven priority areas of work identified within the Children and Young People's Plan.

Climate Emergency

- 4.3.2 There are no specific climate emergency implications linked to this report.

4.4 Resources, procurement and value for money

4.4.1 Details of any specific resource implications are set out within the appended report.

4.5 Legal implications, access to information, and call-in

4.5.1 This report has no specific legal implications.

4.6 Risk management

4.6.1 Details of any specific risk management implications are set out in the appended report.

5. Conclusions

5.1 In November 2019, the Children and Families Scrutiny Board acknowledged that during 2020/21, informed by the NHS Long Term Plan and the Leeds all age Mental Health Strategy, a new 5-year Future In Mind strategic plan would be created to continue the city's journey to improve children and young people's mental health and wellbeing in the city.

5.2 The appended report from the Strategic Lead Commissioner, Children and Maternity, NHS Leeds CCG, provides information surrounding the refresh of the Future in Mind: Leeds Strategy and invites the Children and Families Scrutiny Board to input into the draft priorities proposed for the refreshed strategy.

5.3 In addition, the Board will be receiving a presentation from the NHS Leeds CCG on how the future healthcare needs of children in relation to mental health, have been impacted by changes made to meet COVID-19 demand.

6. Recommendations

6.1 Members are asked to note the content and recommendations set out within the appended report.

7. Background documents¹

7.1 None.

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.