



Children and Young People's Plan **2014 - 2017**



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Address by the Chair of the Children and Young People's Partnership

On behalf of Warrington's Children and Young People's Partnership, I am delighted to introduce the Children and Young People's Plan for 2014 – 2017

Under Section 10 of the Children's Act there continues to be a requirement for the council to have a Children's Trust Board in Warrington which is known as the Children and Young People's Partnership. The partnership brings together services to jointly improve the way in which we can meet the needs of children, young people and families living in Warrington. The Children and Young People's Partnership Plan takes into account the borough-wide priorities and strategies identified to ensure integrated service delivery. We have made great progress since the last plan but we still have more to do

The intention is to deliver a plan that is realistic and ambitious for the future with a particular focus on integrating services to address the needs of children and young people, where priorities can be addressed across services. The plan is to address old and new challenges that require closer collaboration, imagination and innovation through working together to maximise resources. We strongly believe that working together is the best way to meet needs and achieve the priorities identified. This plan sets out how the partnership will work together to improve outcomes for children and young people.

We are proud of our children and young people and believe there is much to celebrate. We are aware that not all children and young people enjoy the same opportunities and positive outcomes and we are, therefore, determined to address these inequalities.

We invite you to join us in ensuring success and improving outcomes for children, young people and families in Warrington.

Jean Carter

Cllr Jean Carter - Chair of the Children and Young People's Partnership



Foreword

The Warrington Strategy for Wellbeing is the over-arching high level strategy for all partner organisations in the borough. It highlights the vital role that all services have to play in promoting the wellbeing of communities in Warrington.

The strategy sets out a vision to make Warrington a place where we can all be proud to live, work and do business, supported by a commitment to promote fairness, equality and strong communities and to ensure decision making and resource allocation foster long term wellbeing for communities and individuals. It highlights the need to work together in partnership more than ever before to develop integrated working, focus on prevention and ensure full involvement of the community in the development of services.

Priorities in the Wellbeing strategy are set out under a series of themes as follows. However, there are strong interconnections between them all:

- Closing the gap (an underpinning principle demonstrating the strong commitment to reducing inequality)
- Building safe sustainable communities (covering physical environment, housing quality, community safety and feeling connected to your community)
- Ensuring the best start in life and transition to adulthood
- Living and working well
- Promoting wellbeing for older people

In addition, four cross cutting priorities are highlighted, either because they came out of the analysis as a priority across all stages of the lifecycle or because of the scale of the challenge they potentially represent for services. These themes are:

- Alcohol
- Mental health, wellbeing and promotion of personal resilience
- The ageing population and the need to ensure ageing well is a lifelong process
- The need to reduce demand on services by focusing on, and investing in, prevention.



Introduction

This is Warrington's Children and Young People's Plan for 2014 – 2017 which outlines how the Children and Young People's Partnership contributes to the service delivery for Children and Young People in Warrington. The Children and Young People's Partnership plan sets out the core themes and priorities for provision of services for children and young people. The themes and priorities identified are based on meeting the needs of children and young people by focussing resources, building on the strengths we have and working collaboratively to address the challenges we face. It is important that the Children and Young People's Partnership reflects and supports the priorities identified in the overarching Warrington Borough Council Wellbeing Strategy. Our aim is to ensure that Warrington continues to develop as a place where children and young people have the opportunity to reach their full potential, be healthy and active, and a vital part of the community.

The Partnership brings together the local organisations responsible for services to children, young people and families. Each member of the Partnership shares a commitment to improve the lives of children in Warrington.

The Partnership is responsible for:

- Identifying the key priorities for children and young people in Warrington
- Developing plans to address any gaps in services and support
- Reviewing and monitoring the success of the work of the Partnership.
- Contributing to the preparation of an annual report on the progress made in delivering the priorities of the partnership.
- Having an overview of the annual reports and business plans for:
 - Health and Wellbeing Board
 - Warrington Partnership.
- Securing the delivery of the Children and Young People's Plan

This plan reflects the priorities identified by the Children and Young People's Partnership through evidence gathered from a variety of sources including key strategies such as Warrington Borough Council's Wellbeing Strategy; the Youth Strategy; Warrington Youth Council Manifesto; contributions made to these strategies through consultation with young people and data collected by services. These identified priorities will guide the work programme for the Children and Young People's Partnership over the next three years. All services for Children and Young People in Warrington should be clear about how they and others can and will contribute to these priorities. We want Warrington to be a place where children and young people can be proud to live and where they are able to make positive lifestyle choices promoting their own wellbeing and the wellbeing of the community in which they live.

This vision sets the background to the focus of the plan against the priorities and needs identified. We hope that everyone who has an interest in improving outcomes for children and young people will find this plan a helpful guide to the key priorities for the Children and Young People's Partnership.

Partnership between agencies and integrated working is key to providing improved outcomes for children and young people. The aim of the plan is to clearly identify the issues and priorities on which services need to focus in order to improve the lives of children, young people and families. It is recognised that in the current economic climate the challenge remains to maximise opportunities to meet the needs of children, young people and families in Warrington.

In Warrington, we already have a good foundation to build upon from the previous Children and Young People's Plans. Recent research suggest that most children and young people enjoy good access to services; educational attainment levels are higher than the regional averages; crime rates continue to fall; Warrington is generally a healthy place to live.

However, a number of challenges remain, particularly around health and social inequality between some children and young people, reducing resources and changes to national policy. These are likely to have the greatest impact on our most vulnerable children and young people and therefore a targeted partnership approach with a focus on prevention and early intervention wherever possible will be a focus

This plan, therefore, sets out ...

Our vision for 2014 – 2017

Our purpose

Our principles

Our themes

Our priorities

Priorities for action have been identified; in the review of the previous Children and Young Peoples Plan; JSNAs; the Youth Survey; the voice of Children and Young People has been identified through consultations which have informed the Youth Manifesto and the Youth Strategy; information from partners and intelligence gathered within partnership; partners local knowledge and data; and reviews of services. Appendix 1 contains data which informs the priorities.

Purpose of the Children and Young People's Plan

The purpose of this plan is to set out the core themes and priorities for services to provide for the Children and Young People as agreed by the Partnership. The Partnership has agreed that the 2014 – 2017 Plan would be based on themes led by two strategy groups; Attainment and Ambition; and Healthy Children and Young People.

A joint plan is essential for partnership working to have an impact on service provision for children and young people and to bring together a common core of priorities, national frameworks and locally agreed need. Whilst all partners focus on providing high quality and responsive services for their own lead area, the Children and Young People's Partnership provide the focus for joint strategies, collaborative working and approaches where no single agency can make progress independently of others to improve outcomes. The Partnership will also be able to challenge and monitor the impact of the services provided.

The Partnership is committed to developing an approach which recognises and builds on the strengths and assets within the community and individuals; this will increasingly be reflected in the development of our action plans to meet our priorities. In Warrington we recognise and celebrate diversity and the richness this brings to our town. We commit to challenging and responding to inequality and to ensuring that the core themes of this plan promote fairness and support those who may be discriminated against. No child, young person or family should be denied access to support because of their age, race, gender, disability, sexual orientation or beliefs.

In Warrington, fairness and equality means that no child, young person or family is denied access to support because of their age, race, gender, disability, sexual orientation or beliefs. The Children and Young People's Partnership is therefore committed to recognising and celebrating diversity and responding to inequality. The Partnership will ensure the core themes of this plan therefore consider and challenge issues of equality and diversity.



Underpinning principles and processes

Partners are committed to:

- putting children, young people and families at the centre of developing key values for decision making
- ensuring that children, young people and families are listened to and involved in the development of services
- working together to ensure best use of resources – including sharing resources and trying out new ways of doing things
- being honest and open with each other
- targeting resources where there is most identified need
- “Narrowing the gap”
- target vulnerable children and families who are ‘at risk’ of poorer outcomes and life chances;
- target communities (by place or type) that have higher concentrations of need and vulnerable groups
- Safeguarding children and young people
- focus around those issues where the Partnership can add ‘significant collective value’;
- focus on prevention and early intervention.

‘If we intervene early enough, we can give children a vital social and emotional foundation which will help to keep them happy, healthy and achieving throughout their lives and, above all, equip them to raise children of their own, who will also enjoy higher levels of well-being.’ (Allen, 2011)



Vision

At the heart of Warrington's Children and Young People's Plan is the vision of 'ensuring that every child and young person in Warrington has the opportunity to reach their potential'. To fulfil this vision, it is the Partnership's aim to improve outcomes and reduce inequalities for the children and young people of Warrington, by delivering services and interventions in partnership focusing around core themes and on identified priorities and needs.

Partnership arrangements

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- Contributing to the preparation of a report on the progress made in delivering the priorities of the children and Young People's Partnership
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Safeguarding

Safeguarding the health and wellbeing of children and young people is key to ensuring they achieve to the best of their ability, make a positive contribution to our communities and make a positive transition to adult life. Safeguarding children and young people in its widest format, (from preventing road accidents, to tackling bullying and homophobia, to child protection and developing clear actions from recommendations from serious case reviews) underpins and cross cuts every aspect of this children and young people plan. We know that if children and young people do not feel or are not safe, then they will not be able to fulfil their potential.

Safeguarding in this context is used to mean both child protection services and other activities designed to make children safer at home, at school, in their communities or using public services. It is crucial that the Children and Young People's Partnership focuses on how best to improve those outcomes through excellent services, effective frontline practice, well supported and confident capable staff, and through investment in early intervention and prevention.

Warrington Safeguarding Children Board (WSCB) is the key statutory mechanism for agreeing how the relevant organisations in Warrington will co-operate to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, and for ensuring the effectiveness of what they do for the purpose of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people in Warrington.

Warrington Safeguarding Children Board provide an annual report to the Children and Young People's Partnership which outlines successful outcomes and highlights any areas of risk or vulnerability which may need to be considered by the Partnership when considering commissioning priorities.



The WSCB Business Plan 2014-16 is a key document that highlights priorities locally that we all need to consider when keeping our local children and young people safe. These priorities are

- Neglect: harm to children and young people who experience neglectful parenting is identified responded to and reduced.
- Vulnerable groups: Impacting on the progress and experience of vulnerable groups of children and young people in Warrington so that they are able to reach their full potential.
- Child and Young person's voice: The voice of our children and young people and their lived experience informs and influences single and multi-agency practice and the core functions and business of the WSCB.
- Early help: Impacting on the progress and experience of children and young people early before needs escalate, to ensure they are reaching their potential and are primary and secondary school ready.

When we take forward the priorities in the CYPP we will always ensure that we are able to evidence that the vulnerable groups highlighted in the WSCB Business Plan, children and young people in our emerging communities and disadvantaged communities and those receiving early help are recognised and considered.

The Children and Young People's Partnership will work with the Warrington Safeguarding Children's Board to ensure that children and young people are kept safe from harm. The Children and Young People's Partnership will work together to ensure that children and young people are protected from violence, abuse and neglect and that families, parents and carers are supported when they most need it. The Children and Young People's Partnership and Warrington Safeguarding Children Board will ensure that we not only listen to the voice of children and young people but can evidence how listening to the voice of children and young people has informed our practice.

Context

National and local context

Nationally and locally, we are experiencing a period of considerable changes in policy, accountability and funding. All partners are experiencing changes in the way services will be organised, funded or governed in the period which this plan covers; for example:

- Police forces are governed by directly elected authorities, responsible for determining local policing priorities.
- The Coalition Government's agenda has seen major changes for the community and voluntary sector
- GPs will begin to commission more and more health services on the behalf of their patients, reflecting local needs.
- Wide-ranging reform of the NHS continues and many health improvement functions have become the responsibility of the local authority – along with the duty for strategic needs assessment and joined-up commissioning arrangements.
- Local Strategic Partnerships will be subject to review, and Health and Wellbeing Boards will be required by statutes to promote integration and partnership with health, social care and other services.
- The inspection regimes and reporting responsibilities of all partners will be reformed and reviewed, with a change in the way targets are set and performance monitored. In addition the focus on outcomes for service users will be increased.
- There will be considerable change in public services, with many elected and unelected bodies subject to review or reform.
- An expectation that schools will develop their capacity for school to school support, in line with increasing autonomy of schools and sector-led improvements

Some changes will be short-term but many, such as those as a result of changes to public health services, benefits and schools, will create new systems and change relationships. It is all the more important, therefore, to have a clear view of the priorities for children and young people to ensure that services across Warrington are best targeted and able to meet needs, maximise operational efficiencies and improve, where necessary, effectiveness of service delivery.

Current picture: Where are we now?

Warrington is a place of stark inequalities between the most and the least deprived, as demonstrated by the fact that , whilst 20 of our local areas now fall in the 20% most deprived in England, 39 local areas are in the least deprived. There is overwhelming evidence which shows that deprivation is a key factor in determining life chances and quality of life. Deprivation has been defined using the English indices of deprivation, which uses a broad range of measures from across a number of domains, thus deprivation refers to unmet needs caused by a lack of resources of any kind, not just financial.

Living in poverty means more than just having a low income. Research and data shows that children who grow up in poverty are, in relation to their peers: less likely to succeed at school; more likely to suffer from poor health; less likely to secure a good job as an adult; more likely to offend; less likely to access a range of cultural and leisure activities; more likely to be taken into care. This in turn limits their potential in later life and a cycle of poverty is created. Latest data available suggests that there are 5,985 children and young people under the age of 20 classed as 'living in poverty' in Warrington, equivalent to 13.5% of the under-20 population.

Therefore, a commitment to closing the gap in equality remains as a priority across all areas. To achieve this we must continue to work effectively in partnership, to learn about our communities' needs and target resources to effect change.

Warrington performs well in a number of areas; there are generally lower rates of child poverty compared to the national average and better school attendance, educational outcomes and participation in exercise. Historically Warrington also has had lower than the national average of people aged between 18-24 claiming benefits or classed as NEET.

To realise our vision for all children and young people in Warrington to reach their full potential, we have identified two broad themes:

- **Attainment and Ambition**
- **Healthy Children and Young People**

These aspirations are supported by data that sets out where we are, in terms of performance and where we aspire to be.

Our current priorities are set out under these main headings with a commitment to Safeguarding Children and Young People running throughout these themes.

Within the remit of the specified priority each strategy group has responsibility for:

- Overseeing the development, review and refresh of the joint strategic needs assessments
- Developing a comprehensive work-plan which is based on need
- Prompting strategy development around emerging priorities and gaps in integrated service delivery
- Establishing task and finish groups to progress time limited pieces of work as required
- Reviewing the progress of the current and new strategies which the children and Young People's Partnership has responsibility for overseeing
- Support children in care and care leavers to take part in recruitment and selection process of senior staff within the council.



The Warrington Picture (April 2014)

48,779 children and young people

The 0-19 year old group makes up nearly a quarter of Warrington's total population.

- There are 12,519 under 5s; 11,811 5 to 9 year olds; 14,661 10 to 15 year olds and 9,788 16 to 19 year olds.

School improvement and pupil support

- 85 schools (1 Nursery, 65 Primary schools, 2 Infant schools, 2 Junior schools, 6 Secondary schools, 6 Academies (including 1 Free school), 1 Pupil Referral Unit and 3 Special schools, 1 Studio school from September 2014 and a UTC from September 2015).
- 50% of secondary schools (including Academies) are judged good or better
- 83% of primary schools are judged good or better
- 66% 5+ A*-C (including English and maths) which is above England Average which is 59%
- 80% L4+ (reading writing and maths combined) is above national comparator of 76%
- 3,848 children and young people in Warrington receive free school meals
- Secondary school persistent absence rate is 5.1% compared to 6.4% nationally
- Primary school persistent absence rate is 2.8%, compared to 3% nationally
- The absence rate in secondary schools is 5.9% compared to 5.8% nationally
- The absence rate in our primary schools is 4.4% compared to 4.7% nationally
- 295 of our 16 and 17 year olds not in education, employment or training receiving direct support from our Careers Service.
- At Key Stage Four the gap in performance has narrowed to 34.3 percentage points compared with a national figure of 27 percentage points.
- At Key Stage Four nationally the gap in performance is higher in higher performing authorities but in Warrington FSM pupils perform below the national average (34.6% against 38.1%) whilst non FSM pupils perform above the national average (68.9% against 64.8%).

Early years

- 13,671 under 5s served by 12 Children's Centres and of these 11,869 (86.8%) are registered with their local Children's Centre
- 242 registered child minders and 75% are judged as good or better by Ofsted
- Numbers of providers on non-domestic settings are 129
- 75.6% childcare on non-domestic settings received good or better from Ofsted
- 98% of 3 & 4 year olds taking up their Free Early Years Childcare entitlement
- 455 eligible 2 year olds in Free Early Years Childcare placements
- In Warrington 45% of all children achieve Good Learning Development (GLD) in Early Years compared to a national average of 55.2% - this represents a gap of 19%
- In Warrington 17% of children on free school meals (FSM) achieved a GLD in Early Years compared to a national average of 36.2%. This represents a gap of 28%
- The gap in performance for FSM children in Warrington when compared to all other children is 28% compared to a national average of 19%

Youth services

- 1 x Localised Youth Base & Youth Café in the Town Centre
- 2,700 young people have used the Youth Service and we have had 20,000 attendances over the past 12 months

Children in need/safeguarding

- 1,665 referrals to Children's Social Work Services
- 170 children at risk of harm who are supported by a Child Protection Plan
- 1069 Children In Need
- 398 families supported by the Family Support Service
- 712 referrals to the Independent Domestic Violence and Abuse Services. More than half of the victims have children.
- 133 young carers being supported by WIRED Young Carers Service.

Children in care

- 233 children and young people in care.
- The main reason for entering care is as a result of neglect or abuse - affecting 166 young people.
- 6 residential homes accommodating 8 children in care and offering 4 short breaks placements for children in need.

- 34 purchased placements for children and young people in foster care, 97% of these have been judged as good or better.
- 25 purchased placements for children and young people in residential care, 76% of these have been judged as good or better.
- 8 are in independent living.
- We currently offer an average 195 hours of supervised contact per week and on average 12 families attend each day.

... for every 100 children and young people in Warrington:

- 10 are from a black or minority group.
- 5 speak English as an additional language
- 18 have been eligible for free school meals in the past 6 years.
- 3 have an identified special educational need (school aged children).
- 14 need extra help with learning.
- 1 is registered disabled (0 to 19 years).
- 9 are receiving intensive support (13 to 19 year olds).
- 14 are considered 'children in need' (0 to 19 year olds).
- 1 is a carer for a family member.
- 15 are living in poverty (under 16 years).
- 10 are living in a household claiming jobseekers allowance.
- 1 is living in family in receipt of Child Tax Credit & Working Tax Credit.
- 22 are overweight or obese (reception aged children – 4/5 years)
- 32 are overweight or obese (year 6 children – 10/11 years)
- 7 were born weighing less than 2,500g (babies born during 2012)
- 64 were breastfed at delivery (babies born during 2013/14)
- 34 were breastfed when aged 6 to 8 weeks (babies born during 2012/13)
- 41 were tested for chlamydia (aged 15 to 24 tested during 2012) 4 had chlamydia (ages 15 to 24 diagnosed during 2012)

Themes and priorities

Our identified themes and priorities

Attainment and ambition

In general educational attainment is better than the national average in Warrington; however, the data shows that those children living in deprived areas continue to attain at a lower level, and those eligible for FSM do worse in Warrington than elsewhere in the early years and at KS4. This brings challenges in ensuring that the whole population has the skills and qualifications for the future to access employment opportunities.

Priorities:

- **Early years focus on school readiness**
- **Narrowing the gap in progress for vulnerable groups**
- **Improving the quality of learning provision for children and young people**
- **Positive destinations for children and young people**

Healthy children and young people

Pre-natal and infant care compared to other North West areas, shows that Warrington has lower levels of smoking during pregnancy, low rates of underweight births and a good record of childhood immunisations.

In Warrington overall mortality rates are above the England average but there is a significant gap in life expectancy between the most and least deprived. There is a need for a greater understanding of the mental health and emotional wellbeing requirements of children and young people. There are lower levels of childhood obesity than the national average but prevalence is increasing. Alcohol and related health conditions and social impacts have been identified as a major challenge in the area for adults; therefore, the impact on the health and wellbeing of children and young people needs to be a focus of attention. Teenage conception reduction rates are better than national and regional averages. However significant challenges remain.

Priorities:

- **Tackling health inequalities**
- **Risky behaviours**
- **Emotional health and wellbeing**
- **Healthy weight including breastfeeding**

Areas highlighted within these identified priorities include:

- Reducing inequalities in outcomes for children and young people from the most deprived areas and vulnerable groups
- Improving positive outcomes of pupils eligible for free school meals and Children in Care
- High engagement in education employment and training
- Improvements in infant mortality, breastfeeding, birth-weight of term babies and smoking in pregnancy rates in the most deprived areas
- Healthy weight in 4-5 and 10-11 year olds and reduced teenage conceptions
- Emergency hospital admissions for those conditions that Warrington compares poorly on for fewer than 18 year olds, such as self-harm, alcohol and unintentional injuries
- Emotional well-being of children
- Improving children and young people's experience of health, social care and learning
- Maintaining low levels of First Time Entrants to the Youth Justice system
- Reduce re-offending rates and custody rates of those in the Youth Justice System

Outcome and need information are not fixed and we will continue to improve and build upon our assessments and involve stakeholders in shaping the services that will have positive outcomes on their lives.



How we have developed our priorities

The services we commission must be focussed on demonstrating that they are delivering key priority outcomes that will improve the health and wellbeing of children and young people lives.

We have reviewed a range of evidence to determine the priorities to focus on to improve the lives of children and young people in Warrington. This included:

- The joint strategic needs assessment (JSNA)
- Public Health Outcome Framework
- The NHS Commissioning Outcomes Framework
- Ofsted Social Care Data Analysis Tool
- Broader improvement indicators relating to targeted and universal services
- What children and young people and their families are saying matter most to them

and evidence gathered from consultations included in:

- Warrington Borough Council Wellbeing Strategy
- Warrington Youth Council Impact Manifesto
- Warrington Borough Council Youth Strategy

It is clear that we have some good outcomes for children and young people in Warrington but there remain some important challenges and unacceptable variations. Close attention will be paid to addressing inequalities in outcomes across the town.

Infant mortality, school achievement, obesity, childhood accidents and teenage pregnancy all affect more children and young people from disadvantaged backgrounds. Children who have a disability, who are in care, are not in education, training or employment or are in the criminal justice system face even poorer outcomes.

We are determined to drive improvements in these areas and will ensure that our collective resources are focussed to impact on them, through the themes and priorities identified.

Current data used to identify priorities is included in Appendix 1

How will we know if we have been successful?

Success measures for each priority will be identified; the progress being made including the impact of the Partnerships' activity on these outcomes will be monitored. The focus will be on processes and activities to improve outcomes for children and young people. The commissioning model of Analyse, Plan, Do, Review will be used to monitor progress against the plan. We will use clear indicators and targets to measure progress and drive improvement. Case studies will be used as appropriate to further demonstrate record and reflect our success where appropriate. We have sought to agree meaningful and locally-measured targets which are relevant, time-limited and appropriate, reflecting our vision and aspirations.

Performance management and reporting

The Children and Young People's Partnership's structure has been designed with a view to ensuring critical review and continuous improvement. The key features of the performance management and reporting framework are:

- presentation of performance management data which is timely and allows trends and issues to be identified across a range of indicators, services and partner agencies
- clear accountability for performance management within the governance structure to ensure that issues are owned and action is pursued.

Annual review and planning cycle

The Children and Young People's Partnership have overall responsibility for the production, evaluation and monitoring of this plan. The plan will be subject to annual review, to reflect needs and priorities with due regard to changing policy, financial and service issues.

Key partners and stakeholders; including children and young people, their families and bodies representing specific vulnerable groups will monitor implementation of the plan, evaluate its impact and help to inform future planning.

Case study

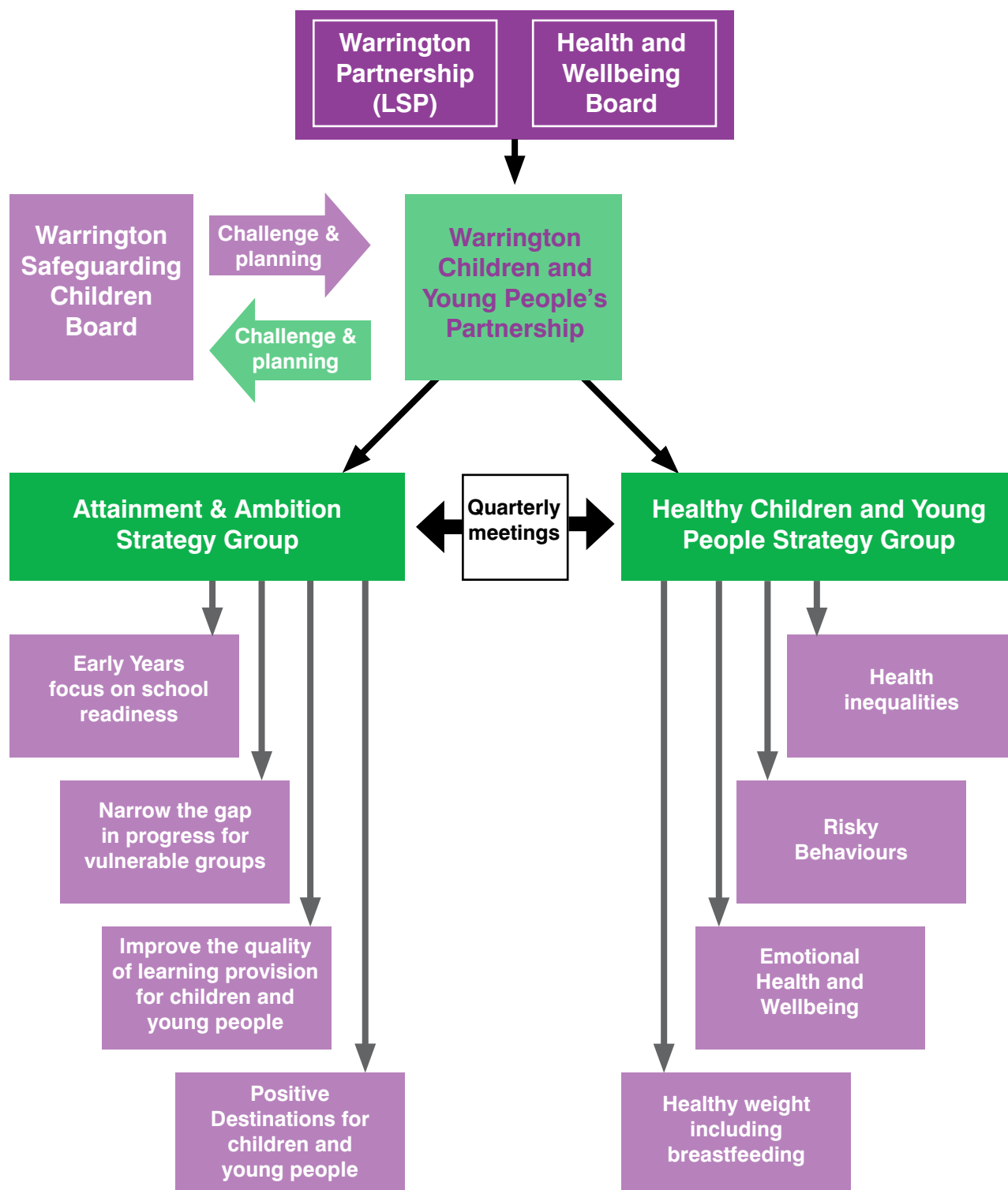
Child A began accessing the two year funding in April 2013, accessing three hours daily. Child A was often very distressed upon arrival at the setting each morning which continued throughout most of the session. He cried continuously and got angry, often lashing out at staff who tried to console him and encourage participation in routines and activities. As a result, parents were worried and were often unsure about whether to return the following day as it was upsetting for them to see their child distressed. The key person worked with the family, offering daily encouragement regarding the benefits of continued attendance. Over the coming weeks Child A and his family began to settle and form relationships with his key person, with Child A beginning to participate in group activities with the support of his key person.

The child is now coming to the end of his two year placement and confidently runs into the setting before his parents each day. He actively seeks out his key person and is often observed shouting “hello” to all practitioners. Child A is very confident to join the play of others independently which in turn has improved social skills. Parents comment positively on all aspects of the time he spends at the setting, the advice and support provided by staff and are highly appreciative of the two year programme and the impact this has had on their child’s development.



Governance arrangements

The Children and Young People's Partnership Governance, Themes and Priorities



Action plan

Priority	Where we want to be
Early Year focus on school readiness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased percentage of children achieving a good level of development, • Reduced gap between the lowest 20% and the rest, • Targeted provision of childcare, including 2 year places in early years provision and Children's Centre offer to meet the needs of the most vulnerable, • Improved health and wellbeing of all children, • Well managed supply and quality early years provision, • 80% take up of the 2 year old funded places in the first year of the offer
Narrow the gap in progress for vulnerable groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved attainment of pupils eligible for free school meals and a resulting reduction in the gap in performance at all key stages, • Improved attendance of pupils eligible for free school meals, • Reduced exclusions for pupils eligible for free school meals, • Narrowing the gap champions established in schools, • Services for 0-19 delivered closer to home and in community settings where possible, safe and appropriate.
Improve the quality of learning provision for children and young people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All children and young people in Warrington attend a good or outstanding school, • 100% of Warrington schools and learning provision achieving good or better in Ofsted inspections, • Enhanced Parental engagement, • Structured sharing of performance and best practice. • School to school support systems and structures developed and operational
Positive destinations for children and young people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No 'not known' in Warrington, • Maintain the high levels of participation, • Greater engagement of young people in shaping the service, • Increased local provision for young people with learning difficulties/disabilities, • Education, Health and Care Plans in Place where appropriate, that incorporate robust and early transition planning • Increase in the number of children in care accessing higher education

Priority	Where we want to be
Health inequalities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced numbers of women who smoke at time of delivery in the most deprived 20% SOAs, • Increased number of families who are supported to provide a smoke free environment for their family in the most deprived 20% SOAs, • Increased numbers of women who breastfeed from the 20% SOAs, • Narrow the gap in developmental outcomes for 0-5 year olds between the most deprived and most affluent wards in the town, • Children and young people/families will have access to healthy lifestyles support or a child weight management service for those in greatest need.
Emotional Health and Wellbeing (including self-harm)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be increased capacity at Tier 1 and 2 levels to address Emotional Health and wellbeing (EHWB) issues, which will include the delivery of solution focused EHWB programmes by a range of partners, to support young people monitored through commissioned specifications, • Prevent unnecessary and avoidable urgent care attendances and unplanned mental health admissions for the 0-19 age group, • Reduce Tier 3 CAMHS referrals where safe and appropriate and increase the number of children and young people managed in Universal and Targeted Services.
Risky Behaviours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All schools have an annual health profile & public health delivery plan; to ensure partnership delivery is both universal and targeted to meet school/health needs, • Secondary schools will be signed up to the Alcohol and Drug Aware Initiative. Education and Health staff will have increased knowledge and skill development in the delivery of risk taking behaviour sessions; at key stage 3 and 4, • Secondary schools will have access to a standardised and evidence based approach to the education and support offered to local young people to help prevent or minimise the impact of a range of risky behaviours, • Increased levels of reported positive emotional health & wellbeing (EHWB) among young people, • Increase in number of young people who receive support related to alcohol, drugs, smoking and sexual health, • Young People who attend A&E or who are admitted with drug and/or alcohol poisoning are followed up and offered community assessment and support using the ratified pathway.

Priority	Where we want to be
<p>Healthy Weight (including breast feeding)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased initiation and continuation (6-8 weeks) breastfeeding rates across Warrington, • Increased numbers of frontline staff trained in the Making Every Contact Count (MECC) level 2 modules: 'Raising the Issue of weight', 'Infant feeding' Basic Nutrition and Change4Life principles and delivery of Change4Life cookery course, • A Healthy Weight in Pregnancy Care Pathway will be in place; with detail of weight maintenance support available during pregnancy and weight management interventions post pregnancy, • A children and young people's Healthy Weight Care Pathway will be in place which will detail support available for children and young people who are underweight, overweight or obese, • National Obesity Observatory (NOO) Self Evaluation Frameworks (SEF) are routinely used within work programmes, to ensure a standardised approach to the commissioning of initiatives and their subsequent evaluation, • Continue to roll-out Change 4 Life approach and encourage the adoption of its principles.



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