

Subject:	Progress Report: Commissioning services to children and young people		
Date of Meeting:	19th July 2010		
Report of:	Director of Children's Services		
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Key Decision:	No		
Wards Affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

1.1 The Children and Young Peoples Plan (CYPP) makes a commitment to develop a commissioning model that encompasses strategic, operational and individual commissioning arrangements. This report provides an update on developments in relation to the CYPP Strategic Improvement Priorities:

- Promote health and well being, inclusion and achievement (Priority 3)
- Develop the CYPT partnership and drive integration and value for money (Priority 4)

1.2 The report will focus on the two commissioning reviews for Youth Services and Services for Disabled Children and also summarises relevant developments across the local public sector. The issues are also addressed in separate reports to the Board in respect of Joint Strategic Needs analyses, Child Poverty and Workforce Development.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

2.1 (1) The Children's Trust Board is asked to note the report and to consider further opportunities to improve commissioning arrangements for services to children, young people and their families.

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

The Children and Young People's Plan:

3.1 The CYPP makes the following commitments:

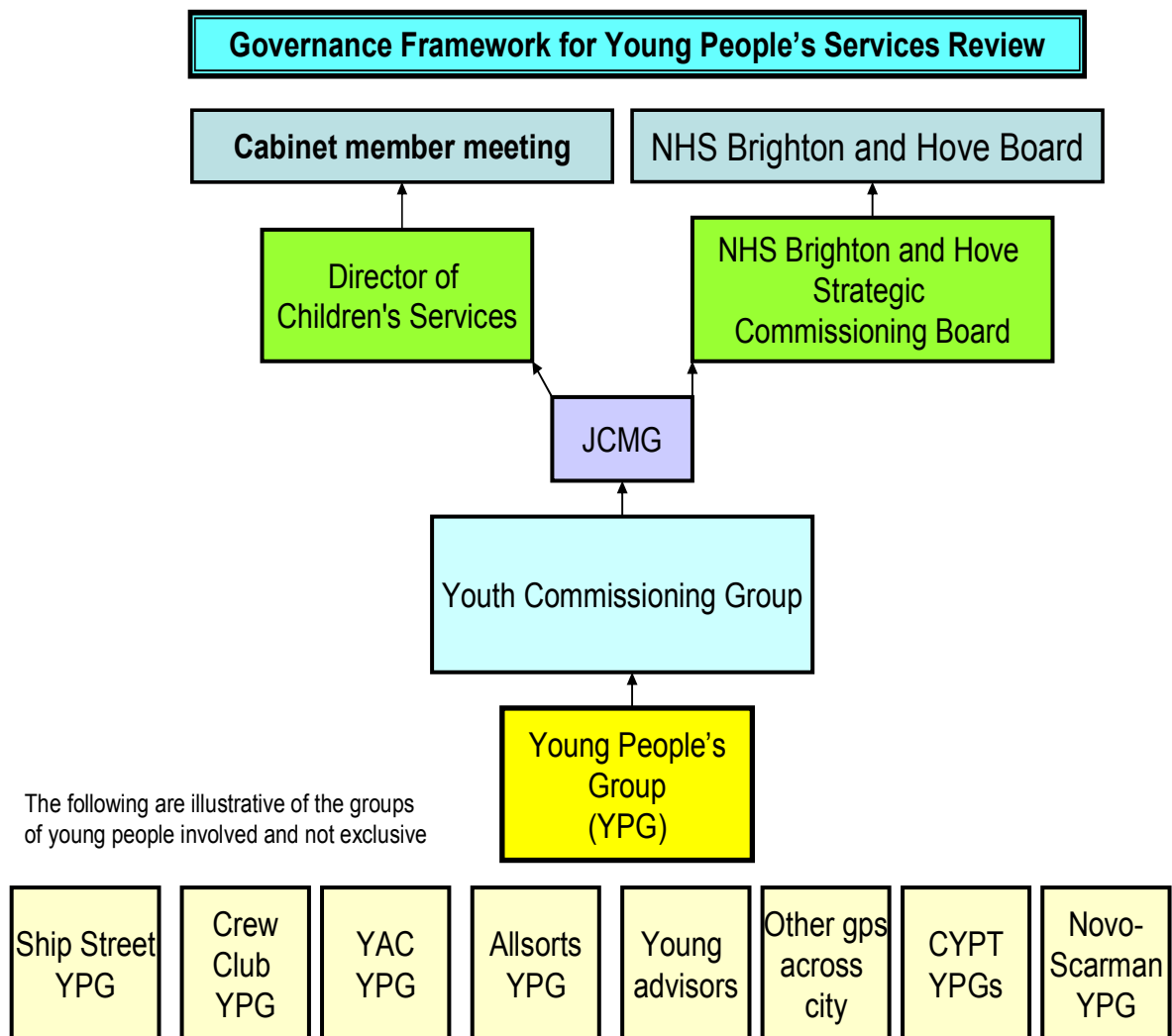
Strategic Improvement Priority 3: Initiative 3a Maximising life chances:

- Implement the Aiming Higher agenda for children with a disability, special education needs or complex health needs
- Review and commissioning services to reduce levels of smoking and alcohol and drug abuse among children and young people
Strategic Improvement Priority 3: Initiative 3c Pathways to success:
- work with partners to ensure local youth provision, including opportunities to volunteer and participate in community activities, sport and leisure activities are accessible to all children and young people
Strategic Improvement Priority 4: Initiative 4b Organisational development:
- Develop and publish a children and young people’s commissioning framework and put in place clear governance arrangements aligned with World Class Commissioning competencies and strategic commissioning across the city

Youth Services Review

- 3.2 The Youth Services Commissioning review has been initiated under the auspices of the Section 75 Agreement between the council and NHS Brighton and Hove (PCT) ‘to review and enhance the design of youth service provision across the Partnership’.
- 3.3 The review aims to ensure that the provision of youth services, meets statutory responsibilities and promotes the wellbeing of young people aged 13 -19 and up to 25 with additional needs. This will support young people to be as self sufficient and as independent as possible reaching their full potential by providing appropriate access to structured, leisure time activities that promote skills acquisition and personal and social development.
- 3.4 The review will focus on universal prevention and first level intervention services for young people aged 13 -19 and up to 25 with additional needs in Brighton and Hove including:
- services commissioned as part of Integrated Youth Support Service and provided by the council’s children’s services and local third sector organisations
 - services funded externally, predominantly through grants drawn down by third sector partners
- 3.5 In order to establish roles and functions for the Youth Commissioning Review Group two consultation meetings were held with Community and Voluntary Sector (CVS) partners and with managers from the council’s Integrated Youth Support Service (IYSS). As a result Review Group represents both statutory and CVS partnerships and has the capacity to ensure on going participation and engagement with all stakeholders throughout the process.
- 3.6. In addition a young people’s reference group called the Brighton Young Voices Group meets monthly and nominates two representatives to attend the Youth Services Commissioning Group. The Young Voices group is supported jointly by the CVS and IYSS.

3.7. Governance Framework:



3.8. The Review is on track:

- A scoping paper has been signed off by the S75 Joint Commissioning Management Group (JC/MG), the Directorate Management Team (DMT) and the Commissioning Review Group.
- A draft of an audit questionnaire has been circulated to partners on Commissioning Group
- The Commissioning Group has initiated: a needs analysis; service mapping; and financial analysis

The review will be monitored through the JC/MG, presented to DMT in August for sign off in October by the council and PCT.

Review of Services for Disabled Children:

3.9. The review of services for disabled children has also been initiated under the auspices of the Section 75 Agreement to improve support to children and young people with a disability or complex health needs and their families.

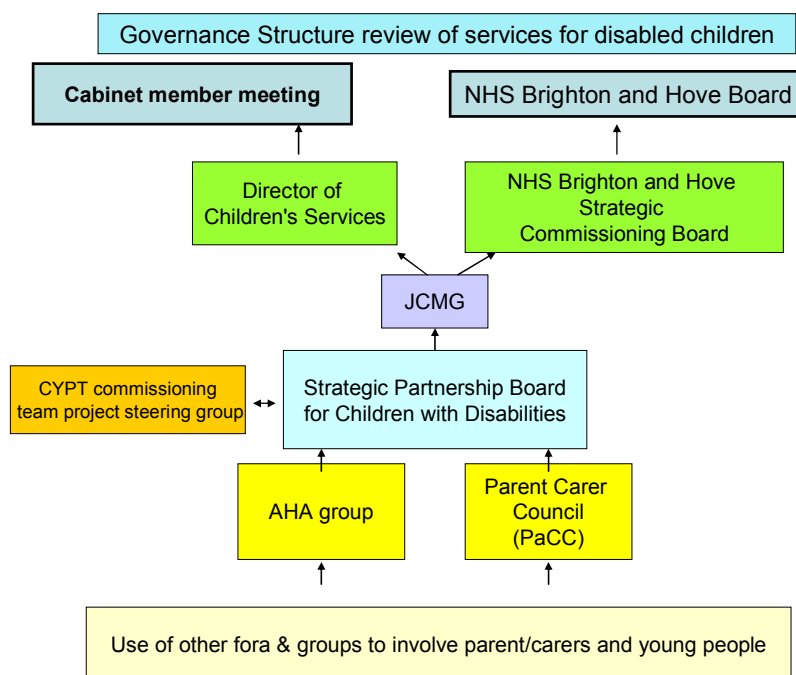
3.10. The review aims to ensure the provision of services which promote and help children and young people become as independent as possible and to reach their full potential; to develop resilience in parents and carers; and to deliver the integrated strategy set out in the children and young peoples plan.

3.11. The review will focus on:

- Children and young people with disabilities and associated complex health needs 0-19 (to 25 if appropriate)
- Reviewing the system of services and pathways of child/young person and family through services
- How services are delivered by all providers including with and by independent and third sector

3.12 The review of services for disabled children will be managed through an existing Stakeholder partnership Group jointly chaired by the council and 3rd sector and including arrangements to involve children and young people and their parents and carers.

3.13 Governance Framework:



3.14 The review is on track:

- A scoping document has been produced and signed off by the Joint Commissioning and Management Group (JCMG), Directorate Management Team (DMT) and the Stakeholder Partnership Group.
- the Stakeholder Partnership Group has initiated a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment,; service mapping and financial analysis

The review will be monitored through the JC/MG, presented to DMT in October/November for sign off in December/January by the council and PCT.

Policy and Strategy Development:

- 3.15 The city's Public Service Board (PSB) has initiated a range of projects to support more effective joint working which relate directly to the delivery of the Strategic Improvement Priorities in the CYPP addressed in this report (paragraph 3.1) i.e.
- Needs Analysis - including 'total investment' resource mapping and financial analysis
 - Partnership Delivery - including 2 'Intelligent Commissioning' pilots and a review of the city's strategic partnerships
 - Strengthening Communities Review
 - Shaping the role of the 3rd sector in Intelligent Commissioning
- 3.16 Children's Trust Board Partners will already be involved in the PSB projects. The separate papers to this Board in respect of Joint Strategic Needs Analysis and Child Poverty underline this involvement. Partners have also been fully involved in initiating the 2 Intelligent Commissioning Pilots for Domestic Violence and Alcohol and Drug Misuse which directly affect outcomes for children and young people.
- 3.17 In addition, the Service Improvement Plan in the S75 Agreement between the council and the PCT includes actions to develop the model of commissioning described in the CYPP which directly support the PSB projects i.e.
- Improving the operation of commissioning for NHS and Local Authority health related functions: by publishing and implementing a strategic commissioning framework to embed a consistent approach to commissioning for children and young people's services
 - Improving early intervention and prevention in community based health care services for children and young people and their families: by supporting the PCT transformational change program for children's and young people's services, including the review of engagement between primary care with Acute, community and integrated front line services provided for children and young people

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 Consultation is integral to the commissioning methodology which underpins the review of youth services and services for disabled children as described in paragraphs 3.5, 3.6, and 3.12.
- 4.2 The projects initiated by the PSB (paragraphs 3.15 and 3.16) focus on consultation and participation, especially through the review of strategic partnerships, the Strengthening Communities Review and the development of the role of the third sector in Intelligent Commissioning.
- 4.3 Lead Cabinet member for Children's services briefed and aware of reviews.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 Whilst there are no financial implications directly resulting from this report, the commissioning reviews detailed, are integral to the CYPT value for money programme and medium and long term budget strategy. It is anticipated that a strong commissioning function will have a key role in ensuring value for money in the provision of services to children & young people, including the efficient and effective use of resources.

Finance Officer Consulted: David Ellis

Date: 25/06/10

Legal Implications:

- 5.2 The reviews of youth services and services for disabled children aim to ensure that the provision of those services meet statutory responsibilities and promote the wellbeing of young people per the Children Act 2004, and pursuant to the elements of the CYPP described.

Lawyer Consulted: Natasha Watson

Date: 06.07.10

Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 Equalities Impact Assessment will be completed for the review of youth services and the review of services for disabled children.

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 It is expected that the outcome of the reviews of service will enhance community sustainability, increasing resilience and independence in children, young people and their families and thus promoting economic wellbeing.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 It is expected that the outcome of the review of the youth service will lead to appropriate and accessible positive activities for young people thus reducing tendency to offend.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.6 Risks identified in summary reports of review progress to date.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.7 The report addresses strategic Improvements within the CYPP which in turn support the council's key priorities.

6. EVALUATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S):

6.1 The Board has a statutory responsibility to monitor the implementation of the CYPP.

7. REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 To comply with responsibilities placed on the CYPT board to collectively develop, deliver and monitor the CYPP and how it is improving outcomes for children and young people

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

None

Documents In Members' Rooms

None

Background Documents

None

