

## Children and Maternity Sub-Group

Chair: Sharon Morrow, Chief Operating Officer, Barking and Dagenham CCG

### Items to be escalated to the Health & Wellbeing Board

- (a) Note that the Children and Maternity Group has been disbanded and will be replaced by a new Children's Partnership Board which includes the responsibilities of the Children's Trust

### Performance/Update

Barking and Dagenham's Children's Trust was established in 2006 as set out in the Children's Act 2004. The Trust is a partnership of organisations with the overall strategic responsibility for improving outcomes for children, young people, and their families. The Children's Trust is chaired by the Strategic Director of Service Integration and Development (who is the DCS) and Deputy Chief Executive of the Council. The Trust has partner agency representation from Health, Schools, Police, Voluntary Community Sector and Job Centre Plus, and comprises of 18 members and 12 advisers.

The Children's Trust forms one of several strategic partnerships that review key children's priorities; the Local Safeguarding Children Board, Health and Wellbeing Board and the Community Safety Partnership. There are also various sub-groups that cover the current CYPP priority areas and objectives, including the local Children and Maternity Group (CMG), a sub group of the HWBB.

During 2016/17 (between November and February), the Children's Trust has undergone a strategic review focusing on (i) effectiveness of current arrangements and (ii) preferred options for the future children's partnership commencing April 2017. The CMG was also a part of this strategic review of partnerships.

The review concluded that partners felt that future arrangements should involve streamlining membership, having a solution focused approach, being more strategic and that the new Children's Partnership Board should have a clear and effective link to the Health and Wellbeing Board. A workshop was held, feedback from which showed that the most popular option was to have a Children's Partnership sub-board, reporting to the Health and Wellbeing Board with an established governance framework in place.

The members of the Children's Trust have formally agreed to disband both the Children's Trust and CMG, replacing them with a new Children's Partnership Board. This new board will formally report into the HWBB as a sub-group and lead on a smaller number of agreed priority areas to ensure that the approach is solution focused and problem solving i.e. using partner agencies to unblock problems and issues.

Work is underway to set up the new Children's Partnership Board commencing May 2017/18.

### Meeting Attendance

N/A

**Action(s) since last report to the Health and Wellbeing Board**

- (a) Children's Trust / Children and Maternity Group review workshop held

**Action and Priorities for the coming period**

- (a) Set up the new Children's Partnership Board commencing May 2017, reporting to the HWBB

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