



Report To:	Inverclyde Alliance Board	Date:	2 October 2017
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Subject:	INTEGRATED CHILDREN'S SERVICE PLAN		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Inverclyde Alliance Board of the updated Integrated Children's Service Plan, and accompanying Outcome Delivery Plan. The plan is informed by Inverclyde's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment of Children.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 is the most significant legislation in relation to children and young people since the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 and is a key part of the Scottish Government's strategy in respect of children and families introducing to statute key policy objectives in respect of matters such as corporate parenting, kinship care orders, continuing care and GIRFEC.

- 2.2 Part three of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 asserts the requirement for the local authority and its relevant health board to produce an Integrated Children's Services Plan in respect of a three year period. Scottish ministers specified 1st April 2017 as the date that the first three year Children's Services Plan required to be in place.

The Act also requires a corporate parenting plan to be developed and this is subject to a separate report. A report to Scottish ministers outlining how the local area is progressing the development of children's rights is also a new statutory requirement and work on this has commenced and will be presented at the appropriate juncture.

- 2.3 The Plan has been developed by the Best Start In Life Outcome Delivery Group of the Community Planning Partnership and informed by a comprehensive Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

- 2.4 The Integrated Strategic Needs Analysis, along with other associated documents, has strongly informed our priorities for this Plan (2017-2020). The Plan underscores our collective aspiration that every child, citizen and community will be safe, healthy, achieving, nurtured, active, respected and responsible and included. We have identified three overarching strategic priorities,

These are:

- Access to early help and support
- Improved health and wellbeing outcomes
- Opportunities to maximize their learning, their achievements and their skills for life

The Inverclyde Corporate Parenting Strategy 2016-2019 has the same three strategic priorities but adds a fourth in recognition of the particular needs of our care experienced young people and this is:

Accommodation and Housing.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Alliance Board:

- a. Notes that an Integrated Children's Services Plan has been developed along with an Outcome Delivery Plan, in line with the statutory requirements of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014.
- b. Notes the Integrated Children's Services Plan and accompanying Outcome Delivery Plan.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 In line with the draft statutory guidance provided by the Scottish Government in relation to the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014, each Local Authority and associated Health Board are required to produce a joint 3 year Children's Services Plan to be published no later than 1st April 2017 and running till 1st April 2020.
- 4.2 Section 3 of the statutory guidance states that the Children's Services Plan must align with existing strategies, legislation and plans such as:
- The Community Planning Partnership Local Outcome Improvement Plan
 - Inverclyde's Health and Social Care Strategic Plan
 - Corporate Parenting Plan
 - Community Empowerment Act
 - Children's Rights.
 - Community Justice Act
- 4.3 The Integrated Children's Services Plan has been developed by the Community Planning Partnership Best Start in Life for Children and Young People Outcome Delivery Group. The Best Start in Life Group is responsible for the strategic planning of services for children, young people and families. This is delivered within the "Nurturing Inverclyde" framework, which provides a set of values, partnerships and practices that deliver integrated child focused services for all our children, young people and families.
- 4.4 The Plan sets out our joint vision and agreed approach to improving outcomes for children across Inverclyde. It is based on local strategic priorities identified through the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and consultation with young people, parents and partners. The new Children Service Planning Cycle should be the driver towards the development of a local commissioning strategy based on robust information about needs, costs and quality, and ongoing engagement with service users and the wider community.
- 4.5 The development of a joint strategic needs assessments has enabled "the best start in life delivery group" to make an appraisal of what are the current needs of the children, young people and their families, what achievements we have made and what we need to do now and in the future. The exercise has been critical in identifying the priorities that the best start in life delivery group has agreed to focus on going forward.
- 4.6 The Integrated Strategic Needs Analysis, along with other associated documents, has strongly informed our priorities for this Plan (2017-2020). The Plan underscores our collective aspiration that every child, citizen and community will be safe, healthy, achieving, nurtured, active, respected and responsible and included. We have identified three overarching strategic priorities including the additional corporate parenting priority.

These are:

- Access to early help and support
 - Improved health and wellbeing outcomes
 - Opportunities to maximize their learning, their achievements and their skills for life
 - Housing and accommodation as part of the Corporate Parenting Strategy
- 4.7 These four strategic priorities also frame our integrated commissioning intentions and will form the basis of our future joint commissioning strategy, and are broadly aligned with the Joint strategic commissioning themes of the HSCP Strategic Plan "Improving Lives". As our Child Protection Committee Annual Review and Business Plan becomes due for renewal in 2017, this will be directly aligned to these and our other key plans, providing a strong, coherent and integrated suite of plans to guide our service improvements over the next planning cycle. Each priority is underpinned by a

shared commitment to a relentless focus on improving outcomes for all children, reducing inequalities and narrowing the gap between those who are vulnerable or disadvantaged and their peers.

5.0 PROPOSALS

- 5.1 Inverclyde's Children and Young People's Delivery Plan is the outcome performance management framework for Children's Services. Our outcome performance management framework informs this process.
- 5.2 Although at an early stage through the restructuring of SOA 6 in 2016, the purpose of the outcome performance management framework is to enable the SOA 6 delivery groups to:
- have a planned approach in scrutinising and challenging the quality and effectiveness of our Partnership to deliver services;
 - performance monitor outcomes for children, young people and their families; and,
 - report annually on the Integrated Children and Young People's Services Plan informed by need identified by national and local data and information.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 **Legal:** There are no legal issues within this report.
- 6.2 **Finance:** There are no specific financial implications from this report. All activity will be contained within existing budgets.
- 6.3 **Human Resources:** There are no human resources issues within this report.
- 6.4 **Equality and Diversity:** There are no equality and diversity issues within this report.
- 6.5 **Repopulation:** There are no repopulation issues within this report.
- 6.6 **Inequalities:** There are no inequality issues within this report.

7.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1 This report has been prepared by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) after due consultation.

8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 Integrated Children Service Plan 2017 – 2020
Integrated Children's Services Outcome Delivery Plan 2017 -2017
Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2017

The website link is:

<https://www.inverclyde.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/support-for-children-families/joint-childrens-services-planning>