

Staffordshire Health and Wellbeing Board – 10 December 2020

Family Strategic Partnership Board – Wider Governance Arrangements

Recommendations

The Board is asked to:

- a. Note the proposition outlined in paragraph 3 of the report; and
- b. Consider any potential impacts for the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB)

Background and Context

1. In 2015 we established the Families Strategic Partnership (FSP) as a vehicle to consider the needs and outcomes for children and their families as a delegated sub-group of this HWBB
2. Since that time, there have been a range of changes and additions to the wider children's governance landscape (to highlight a few):
 - a. The SEND Code of Practice (2014) which requires the partnership to work with young people until the age of 25 and a Local Area Review inspection (2018) which resulted in a Written Statement of Action with the resulting formation of the SEND and Inclusion Group
 - b. The change in legislation and guidance in the Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018 and how this has now encompassed three statutory partners in a local Safeguarding Partnership: CCGs; Police and Local Authority and their equal role in assuring statutory safeguarding functions
 - c. The developing role and function of the Sustainable Transformation Programme (STP) governance arrangements and the connectivity across the broader partnership
 - d. More latterly, the increased awareness and identification of contextual safeguarding issues for young people and the connection this activity has with the community safety agenda
 - e. Many of the issues for young people experiencing mental health issues are exacerbated by the transition between the children's statutory agenda and the move into the adult safeguarding remit
3. It has been recognised that the current governance arrangements for the wider children's partnership agenda is complex whilst potentially creating gaps and duplication. With all partners experiencing challenges around resources and making best use of capacity, it has been agreed by the various multi-agency

partnerships to conduct a round table discussion to attempt to streamline and simplify the current arrangements.

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