

# **REPORT FOR: HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

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**Date of Meeting:** 3 October 2013

**Subject:** **INFORMATION REPORT – Our Plan: Children & Families**

**Responsible Officer:** Catherine Doran – Corporate Director, Children and Families, Harrow Council and Javina Sehgal – Chief Operating Officer, Harrow Clinical Commissioning Group (Joint LA and CCG)

**Exempt:** No

**Enclosures:** Our Plan: Children & Families

## **Section 1 – Summary**

### **Our Plan: Children & Families**

We are pleased to introduce the new joint plan for children and family services.

Our Plan: Children & Families is based on the commissioning intentions outlined by the Health and Wellbeing Board. This is a joint declaration with parents and partners to improve outcomes for all children and young people in Harrow, to work in collaboration, prepare for the next transformation programme, and to join up the system of services and support across the Borough.

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## Section 2 – Report

### Our Plan: Children & Families

We are pleased to introduce the new plan covering the whole children and family system in Harrow. The plan replaces the previous Children and Young People Commissioning Plan 2011-2014. The new plan extends to 2018 and will be refreshed following a wide consultation with partners, professionals and families in six months.



This new plan comes at a time of much greater austerity and challenges of demand and system leadership for statutory partners. We have therefore deviated from a traditional children and young people plan and the following points are highlighted for your consideration:

1. This is a plan for all stakeholders in Harrow, including statutory partners, frontline professionals, external providers (including 3<sup>rd</sup> sector), community groups, children, young people and their families / carers.
2. The plan is deliberately branded 'Harrow' rather than favouring any one or more statutory partners.
3. Artwork is by children from Harrow schools, the final version is A5 sized as a more accessible booklet. The needs assessment includes "Harrow Village" which is accessible for children to understand needs of their classmates and can be used in lessons.
4. The plan covers a longer period of 2013 to 2018 to align with the Council's transformation programme. The concept of commissioning is explained, to help the Council to become more commissioning led (following in the footsteps of the CCG). In the Council we have developed outcome based service level agreements and service plans for each team which align directly to Our Plan. Specifications for external providers also align.
5. We have been much stronger on emphasising the outcomes for children, young people and families as this will help services to improve efficiency. We have also brought in the concepts of co-production with families to help move towards this culture change, as again this will be one of the foundations of more efficient services in the next few years. The burning platform for change is also articulated to support future service redesign.
6. The final section sequences service areas for recommissioning and explains how this activity will follow the new Strategic Commissioning Framework process. The activities cover the majority of children and family services and add up to a full transformation of services over the next five years. All joint CCG – Council service areas referenced are from the Joint Commissioning Intentions agreed by the Health and Wellbeing Board.

## **Section 3 – Further Information**

The plan will be refreshed in six months following consultation. Consultation will include parents, front line staff, young people, partner and provider organisations. We are disseminating hard copies of the Our Plan to GP Surgeries, Children's Centres, Nurseries, Schools and consultative groups such as the Looked After Children Council and Youth Parliament.

Note that commissioning intentions described in the plan are likely to change over time based on capacity, new priorities and pressures.

## **Section 4 – Financial Implications**

There are no direct financial implications from Our Plan. However, the culture change signalled by the plan and the commissioning activities listed will form the majority of the efficiency improvements anticipated over the next five years for the Council and other statutory partners.

## **Section 5 - Equalities implications**

An equalities impact assessment (EqIA) is not required for the plan, but is required for each commissioning change and service redesign.

Assessment of equalities is built into the Strategic Commissioning Framework process referenced in Our Plan, and equalities are considered at the outset of all commissioning.

## **Section 6 – Corporate Priorities**

Commissioning activities in Our Plan support all Council corporate priorities:

- Keeping neighbourhoods clean, green and safe
- United and involved communities: a Council that listens and leads
- Supporting and protecting people who are most in need
- Supporting our town centre, our local shopping centres and businesses

Priorities and the Community Strategy were considered in writing the plan, although most of the detail about this level of priorities and planning were excluded from the text for the sake of simplicity and accessibility.

## **STATUTORY OFFICER CLEARANCE (Council and Joint Reports)**

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Chief Financial Officer

Date: 24 September 2013

### **Section 7 - Contact Details and Background Papers**

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#### **Background Papers:**

Our Plan: Children & Families, [www.harrow.gov.uk/children](http://www.harrow.gov.uk/children)