

## REPORT FOR THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S TRUST EXECUTIVE GROUP

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### 1. Purpose of report/ Introduction/ Background

Consultation with partners across the Borough in preparation for the November 2019 Joint TEG/BSCP event stakeholders highlighted the ambition of partners to:

- Develop strong partnership arrangements and collaborative strategies (including comms)
- Enabling of multi-agency working - systems approach
- Develop a shared understanding of challenges
- Ensure Safeguarding of vulnerable children
- Improve engagement of CYP and families in service development and delivery
- Joint commitment to workforce development and recruitment and retention challenges
- Celebrating successes with partners

A 'Connect and Collaborate' event was planned for June 2020 with the aim of establishing a partnership group (Best Start Partnership) to bring together Senior Commissioning and Delivery Leaders from across the system to explore how we could collectively achieve the above ambitions. Recognising that the health and social care system is complex and delivering at the front line is where the difference in quality and efficiency should be maximised it was crucial to engage leaders who had a thorough understanding of service delivery with the ability to influence or make decisions to improve and develop services collectively. It was envisaged that this group would feed in to/report to TEG, ECG and the Health and Wellbeing Board as appropriate.

As a result of the Covid pandemic the June event was unable to go ahead, however, to endeavour to minimise the impact of COVID-19 to children, young people and families in Barnsley and support recovery, a Bronze CYP Cell was established reporting to the Health and Social Care Integrated Covid response Silver Group with the below objectives:

- Monitor the impact of coronavirus/COVID-19 of services delivered to CYP and Families
- Support a co-ordinated approach to service delivery across the Borough
- Identify and minimise risk for CYP and families
- Communicate the priorities and work together to provide mutual responses and actions
- Respond to issues logged by Barnsley Gold and Silver Tactical Health and Social Care Groups and organisational Gold and Silver groups to deliver mitigation strategies across Barnsley

The CYP Bronze group was effective in providing a Boroughwide overview of the impact on delivery of services and to provide a co-ordinated communication to CYP and Families. As the Covid command structures changed it was agreed to morph the group into the Best Start Partnership Group and the first meeting commenced in December 2020 (see attached Dec 2020 Terms of Reference).

	<p>Subsequently as part of the development of the Integrated Care System/Partnership a Boroughwide Commissioning review was undertaken to consider whole population requirements covering both adults and children, which led to the development of the Barnsley Health and Care Plan which includes child and maternal health priorities. At the same time South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw ICS began bringing organisations and systems together across SYB to establish a CYP Transformation Programme. The Best Start Partnership has provided an opportunity for system partners to be informed of and influence the development and implementation of these plans in the early stages.</p> <p>As a result of the above developments the BSP has emerged as a vehicle for Senior Operational engagement in the delivery of the Boroughs strategic plans such as the Children and Young People's Plan and Health and Care Plan. Therefore, the BSP have revised the Terms of Reference to reflect the development of the Integrated partnership structures and plans.</p>
2.	<p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <p>Members are asked to:</p> <p>2.1 Approve the Best Start Partnership as a subgroup to TEG to support the delivery of the Child and Maternal Health element of the Health and Care Plan.</p> <p>2.2 Review and comment on the amended Terms of Reference and Membership and endorse the objectives of the group.</p> <p>2.3 To advise on reporting mechanisms of BSP into TEG i.e., standard update agenda item, TEG to receive minutes of BSP etc.</p>
3.	<p><b>Conclusion/ next steps</b></p> <p>For the Trust to provide continued commitment and engagement with the Best Start Partnership.</p>
4.	<p><b>Risks/ barriers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to ensure appropriate representation</li> </ul>
5.	<p><b>Financial Implications</b></p> <p>None identified</p>
6.	<p><b>Co-production/ stakeholder engagement</b></p> <p>Key stakeholders have been involved in the development of the BSP from inception.</p>
7.	<p><b>365 The Barnsley Children Young People 's Trust Offer</b></p> <p>Please tick as appropriate to identify the related CYP Trust Strategic Priority(s) and CYP Plan Priority(s) covered in this report.</p> <p><b>6 Strategic Priorities:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Keeping children and young people safe</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Improving education, achievement and employability</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Tackling child poverty and improving family life</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improving staff skills to deliver quality services</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporting all children, young people and families to make healthy lifestyle choices</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Encouraging positive relationships and strengthening emotional health</p> <p><b>CYP Plan Priorities</b> (if applicable).</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Early Help</p>

- Emotional Health and Wellbeing including access to Therapeutic Services
- Improved Life Outcomes for CYP with SEND & Transitions at all key life stages
- Inclusion & Engagement
- Youth Council key issues & Local Campaign Priorities

**8. Appendices/ background papers**



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