

Barnsley Best Start Partnership

TERMS OF REFERENCE - OCTOBER 2021

1. Purpose

Reducing health inequalities and delivering improved health and social outcomes for children, young people and families will be the primary goals of the Barnsley Best Start Partnership; ensuring that every child living in Barnsley has the *best start in life* and develops well, to become a happy and healthy young adult, striving to achieve their full potential.

The Group will provide a focal point for system leadership at Place level to set a clear vision and ensure the co-ordinated delivery of Health and Social Care services across Barnsley, with the aim of delivering improved outcomes for children and families.

It is critical to recognise that the system is complex and delivering at the front line is where the difference in quality and efficiency should be maximised. A focus on making the best use of collective resources, addressing health and social inequalities while supporting the development of resilience and resourcefulness of children and families will be paramount.

2. Objectives

- Develop a joint understanding of our collective priorities at Place level; those that we share and those that are delivered by our individual services.
- Support the delivery of the Barnsley Place-based Health and Care Plan, to promote the best possible outcomes for pregnancy, children, young people and families to reduce preventable adverse outcomes.
- Review, monitor and highlight workforce challenges and priorities.
- Use data and intelligence to inform service delivery and monitor health outcomes
- Monitor and mitigate the impact of health crises on child health and development (e.g., Covid-19).
- Reduce duplication and ensure the most effective use of combined resources.
- Ensure engagement with service users to co-produce services that are fit for purpose is central to service delivery.
- Ensure families recognise what services are being provided, why and by whom.
- Improve the sharing and use of data across the Place-based system.

3. Governance

The Best Start Partnership will be part of the delivery structure for the Children's Trust Executive Group (TEG), and thus contribute to the delivery of the Children and Young Peoples' Plan (2019-2022) in particular – "Supporting all children, young people and families to make healthy lifestyle choices" and "Encouraging positive relationships and strengthening emotional health".

The Best Start Partnership will report to the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Children and Young Peoples Executive Commissioning Group as required.

Sub groups of the Best Start Partnership will undertake topic specific work and feed back.

- Maternal and Infant Feeding Implementer Group

- Safe Sleep & ICON Implementer Group
- Children and Young People's Emotional Health and Wellbeing Group

With links also to other relevant groups across the Borough.

4. Membership

The group will consist of the following members:

| Organisation | Service | NOMINATED MEMBER | DEPUTY |
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| Barnsley Council (BMBC) | Public Health | Alicia Marcroft Amy Baxter Lindsay Andrews | Alicia Marcroft Amy Baxter Lindsay Andrews |
| | 0-19 Public Health Nursing Service | Tracy Letchford | Karen Clayton |
| | Early Start and Families Service | Laura Hammerton | Shelley Shaw |
| | Education | Anna Turner | |
| | SEND | Amber Burton | Bev Bradley |
| | Children's Social Care | Liz Stenton | Keely Boud |
| | Targeted Youth/Substance Misuse Service | Julie Hammerton | |
| | Children's Commissioning | Steve Harrison | |
| Barnsley Clinical Commissioning Group (BCCG) | Safeguarding and Looked After Children | Angela Fawcett | |
| | Children's Commissioner (exc EHVB) | Vivienne Williams | |
| | Children's EHVB Commissioner | Patrick Otway | Lauren Nixon |
| | Children's Complex Health Needs | Hermoine Rostron | |
| | GP CYP Lead | Jamie McInnes | |
| Barnsley Hospital Foundation Trust (BHNFT) | Midwifery | Rebecca Bustani | |
| | Paediatrics & Community Nursing | Tracy Taylor | |
| South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (SWYFT) | Children's Community Services | Denise Donnelly | |
| | Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) | Kate Jones | Laura McClure |
| | Perinatal Mental Health Service | Claire Lowe | |
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| CVS | Third Sector | Vicki Sexton | |

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| Healthwatch | Service User Feedback | Mark Smith | |
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Additional members will be co-opted/invited to attend meetings as appropriate.

5. Members Responsibilities

- Members are expected to have prepared for the meeting in advance by reading papers, etc.
- All members will be accountable for timely delivery of actions as agreed.
- Active participation by all members of the group.
- Members will identify a named deputy to attend in their absence.
- Members will be responsible for communicating project meeting feedback and progress to their respective teams.

6. Meeting Frequency Schedule & Administration

- To be chaired by the Head of Public Health, Children and Young People or a nominated deputy.
- All meetings will be minuted with notes and actions from the meeting produced and circulated to the group within one week of the meeting taking place.
- Meetings will be deemed *quorate* if 4 members of the group are present.

7. Review

These terms of reference will be reviewed annually.

Date of Inception:

Review Date: