

## **DRAFT CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLES PLAN 2010 – 2013**

### **REPORT ON CONSULTATION RESPONSE**

#### **Recommendations:**

- To note the consultation response;
- To agree the establishment of a short life multi agency working group to redraft the plan in light of the consultation;
- To agree membership of the above group;
- To confirm that there will be 3 area Children and Young People's Plans drawn up via the Area Trust Boards in the New Year and thereafter monitored by them.

#### **Background**

During October the draft Children and Young people's Plan was subject to a consultation exercise. Responses were received via an online questionnaire (see Annex 1) or individual responses (see Annex 2).

This paper outlines the key themes emerging from this consultation and makes recommendations with respect to the next steps in finalising the plan.

The majority of responses supported the vision, principles and priorities.

#### **On Line Response**

The consultation questionnaire contained questions about the vision, underpinning principles, priorities and intended outcomes for each of the priorities in the draft plan. There were 55 responses from a wide range of organisations including schools. The majority of responses agreed with the vision, principles and priorities. A detailed breakdown is available in Annex 1.

Specific comments about change to the working and/or content of sections of the plan have been collated separately and will be referred to when re-drafting the plan.

## **Individual Responses**

As well as the online responses a number of organisations, partnerships and individuals responded directly to the consultation. Their responses on the whole were positive and again agreed with the vision, underpinning principles, priorities and intended outcomes. The details of their response and the names of the organisations and partnerships who responded (25 to date) can be found in Annex 2.

## **Children and Young People and Parent and Carers**

Separate arrangements were made via the OCYPT Participation Sub-Group to ensure that the voice of children and young people and parent and carers were heard as part of this consultation. The outcome of this consultation has been drawn together in Annex 3 and 4.

## **Themes**

Taking all the comments, the following outlines the key areas for suggested changes:

- Style and layout issue to make it more readable and accessible to all;
- Needs to be more focus on play and enjoyment as well as achievement;
- Greater emphasis needed on the role of families and support to help them;
- Preschool and colleges need to be more visible;
- Needs to be more 'upbeat' at times rather negative;
- Greater emphasis needs to be given to housing and transport.

As well as general themes emerging from the consultation, certain groups of respondents had areas of common focus as follows:

### Children and Young People:

On the whole there was a very positive response from children and young people, the following lists the areas where they feel more should be done/actioned:

- Bullying, including cyber bullying are still major issues and more needs to be done;
- Health issues, particularly getting support for mental health issues earlier;
- Provision for children and young people with LLD, particularly if they are in special schools \*\*\*\*\*
- Information lacking and not easily accessible.

- School based issues e.g. lack of facilities, need for supported learning, more alternatives to exclusion.
- More support needed regarding financial money management.
- Problems of accessibility for those in rural areas; felt they were being ignored.

### Parents and Carers

- Need to be more weekend opening youth centres;
- Needs to be more emphasis on enjoyment and play;
- School based issues around communication. Some schools need to be more approachable and communicate better;
- More activities needed for teenage children;
- "Respect" needs to be a greater emphasis;
- Support for parents e.g. homework classes for parents;
- Role of the wider community;
- Need for early intervention.

### Partners

- Needs to be more recognition of the differences in the areas;
- Housing strategy needs to be included;
- Accessibility issues missed;
- Role and engagement, adult focuses services and voluntary sector;
- The role of and support for parents and families needs to be more prominent;
- The role of play needs a greater emphasis.

### Other Professionals

- Provision for young children is lacking – childminders, children's nurseries;
- Family focus lacking;
- Voluntary Sector engagement support needs strengthening;
- Housing action needs to be greater, including the role of the registered social landlord;
- Methods of increasing aspirations for some youngsters needs including;
- Engagement with the wider community;
- Be more innovative.

The Delivery Plan is still out for consultation; a verbal update will be given at the Board meeting.

### **Next Steps**

The draft Children and Young People's Plan needs to be amended to reflect the key messages from the consultation response.

To enable this to happen, in a focused multi agency way, a short life multi agency group should be established to meet on one occasion for a half-day workshop before the end of November. (25<sup>th</sup> November 9 -1 at County Hall).

A redrafted plan will be circulated to all members of this Board by early December.

Any further comments to the Executive Board by the end of December and final sign off by the OCYPT Board at the January meeting.

### **Area Plans**

To reflect local needs, three area plans are to be drawn up in the New Year. The Area Trust Boards will have delegated responsibility for drawing up and monitoring these plans.

### **Recommendations**

The OCYPT are asked to note the findings of the consultation and agree the establishment and membership of a short life multi agency group to redraft the plan and to agree that there will be three area plans each with delegated responsibility for drawing up and monitoring these plans to the Northern, Central and Southern Area Trust Boards.

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