

Camden Local Strategic Partnership

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Purpose: This report presents the LSP with an update on the work of the Children's Trust Partnership Board for 2008/9.

Recommendations: The LSP is asked to note key achievements and ongoing areas of focus for the Children's Trust Partnership Board.

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Children's Trust Partnership Board (CTPB- formally called the Children and Young People's Partnership) is one of the four thematic partnerships of the Local Strategic Partnership. The CTPB sets the strategic vision and direction to improve outcomes for children and young people and to develop and improve services for them and their families. Camden's Children and Young People's Plan (C&YP Plan) is the strategic, overarching plan which sets out how partners will work together to do this.
- 1.2 Camden's first C&YP Plan was a three year Plan from 2006-9 and Trusts are required to review their Plan on an annual basis to determine where progress has been made and identify ongoing areas of focus. Section two sets out the key achievements of the CTPB in the last year in delivering improved outcomes for children and young people.
- 1.3 The next C&YP Plan for 2009-12 is in the final stages of preparation and will be available in September 2009. These timescales mean that the C&YP Plan will be in place to inform budget setting and commissioning cycles in the local authority and NHS Camden. The CTPB is taking a different approach to the next Plan, with ten broad outcomes to achieve for all children and young people, and actions focusing particularly on areas where we still need to make progress. Appendix one sets out further details of the structure and outcomes for the next Plan.
- 1.4 The C&YP Plan and the 'change for children' programme have been overseen by 5 "Every Child Matters" sub-boards and strategic groups reporting to the CTPB. Alongside the development of the next C&YP Plan, these governance arrangements have been reviewed to ensure that they are fit for purpose, and the CTPB recently agreed a more streamlined set of arrangements. This has included expanding the membership of the CTPB, and developing a children's trust management group to drive forward work on improved use of resources across the partnership to meet priorities, performance management and development of integrated services and processes. Where there is overlap of function of some of our ECM sub boards, these will be combined.

2.0 ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2008/9

Key achievements of the Partnership in 2008/9 include:

- Continuing progress on the Building Schools for the Future programme, including approval of the outline business case and outline planning permission for the new academy and the developments at South Camden Community School. Pupils at all schools have completed 'pupil briefs'

which will ensure that their views about developments are taken into account in the procurement process.

- More pupils achieving level 4 or above at Key Stage 2 in English & Maths (from 68% in 2007 to 74% in 2008)
- Young people achieving the best ever results at GCSE in 2008, with 62% gaining 5 or more GCSEs at grades A*-C. Our performance also improved at A Level, with a higher proportion of students gaining grades A or B in 2008.
- An exciting range of play facilities being developed through the Play Pathfinder, with £2.68m funding. 12 play areas have been refurbished, with 16 more to be developed, as well as development of a new adventure playground in Kilburn Grange. NHS Camden provided additional funds to support food production on the year one sites, integrating the planting of fruit, berry and nut trees and bushes within the designs for playable landscapes.
- Improvements in looked after children's attendance at school, and more looked after children going on to university than ever before. Our 'virtual academy' provides a range of tutoring and additional support and should continue to have an impact on achievement for this group. More looked after children are also being placed with adopters and special guardians.
- Ongoing development of our 14-19 strategy, to ensure that all pupils can access a range of qualifications to suit their needs. This has included the launch of the Young Apprenticeship Programme in September 2008, with approximately 50 young people participating from 5 schools. Initial feedback from students is very positive. Diplomas in hospitality, creative and media and information technology will be starting in September 2009, and a submission has been made to deliver a further 5 diplomas from September 2010.
- Developing our Integrated Youth Support Service, which provides universal activities, information and guidance for all young people; targeted support for those at risk of getting involved in anti-social behaviour and crime; and specialist support for young people in the criminal justice system, through the Youth Offending Service.
- A range of good progress to support healthy lifestyles and tackle health inequalities:
 - Nearly all schools have now achieved healthy schools status, which promotes healthy eating, physical activity and emotional wellbeing for pupils.
 - Sustained low rates of teenage pregnancy (3rd lowest in inner London)
 - Improvements in immunisation rates for Measles, Mumps and Rubella for two year olds

3.0 LOCAL PUBLIC SERVICE AGREEMENT (LPSA) UPDATE

- 3.1 A Local Public Service Agreement (LPSA) is an agreement between central government, a local authority and its partners, to deliver improved performance against a negotiated set of stretching targets that, if met, attract a reward grant.
- 3.2 Camden entered into discussion on its second LPSA in March 2004 and following detailed negotiations the agreement was signed, covering the 3 year period 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2009. 13 priorities were agreed, with a total of 34 performance measures in place across the set. The potential reward grant available if all stretch targets were met totalled £8,126,075.60.
- 3.3 As part of the LPSA negotiations, challenging stretch targets were set for each performance measure, setting out the additional progress the authority and

partners were expected to make as a result of targeted use of the priming grant. Many of the stretch targets set out in the LPSA demanded performance well beyond national and statistical neighbour rates of progress.

- 3.4 Final 2008-09 performance information is still in the process of being compiled as a number of targets do not come to an end until later in 2009. Therefore at this stage, our position with regards to overall achievement remains provisional and subject to verification by internal audit. Appendix two sets out the targets we anticipate claiming full rewards against, plus additional measures where performance to date suggests targets will be achieved once the final data comes in. We estimate submitting a reward claim of between £2.5 and £4 million.
- 3.5 The claim for LPSA reward grant will be submitted late Autumn 2009 in accordance with DCLG guidance with the first of two equal payments being received early in 2010 (the second coming in 2011).
- 3.6 The CTPB has agreed that the reward grant will be split between capital and revenue funding. It is therefore likely that the first payment will be £998k capital and £998k revenue but this will not be confirmed until mid January 2010. It is proposed that the capital funding should be allocated as grants through an open bidding process against agreed criteria in line with priorities in the C&YP Plan and award would be subject to the Council's standard grant conditions. These would be one-off payments for capital works ring-fenced to support voluntary and community sector organisations. It is proposed that the first capital payment is allocated to youth facilities. Making a positive contribution" is a key outcome in the Children and Young People's Plan e.g. to promote young people taking part in positive activities they enjoy and young people choose not to take part in anti-social behaviour. Applications will be requested for a maximum of £100k.
- 3.7 It is proposed that the revenue funding should be a commissioning process open to all Camden internal and external providers and partners. The outcome of this process would be two-year contracts with service specifications for 1st April 2010 to 31st March 2012 with an agreed set of outcomes and outputs. This will enable a clear focus on what the priority outcomes should be for each contract - based on evidence of need. The revenue funding will focus on priorities within the other ECM outcomes or on cross-cutting themes/issues from the C&YP Plan.

4.0 KEY AREAS OF FOCUS FOR THE CTPB IN 2009/10

Key areas of development over the next year include:

- A continued focus on safeguarding to ensure early identification and protection for vulnerable children, working with vulnerable families where there may be safeguarding risks. We have robust safeguarding processes in place in Camden and our multi agency working has been identified as a strength. Audits assessing the quality of services provided to families across all agencies working with children are carried out on an ongoing basis. This will mean increased training and support as all frontline staff are more anxious about risks which are part of child protection work. New senior practitioner staff have been recruited to provide additional skills and expertise. Recruitment of social workers continues to be a challenging area and a new recruitment campaign has recently been launched.
- The re-design of community health services for children, which will improve access to health services for all children and families; create more joined up services between NHS Camden and CSF services; and put children's centres, schools and new health centres at the heart of service delivery so that care and health advice is part of everyday life in child friendly and family settings. The re-design will improve support for children requiring

universal services, through to those with complex and enduring health needs.

- Developing a borough wide Integrated Parenting and Family Support Service for parents of children age 5-19 (or up to 25 with learning difficulties/disabilities), building on an extensive review of provision.
- Developing more locality based services to better meet children and families needs. From September 2009 we will work to develop locality hubs of services in the north and south of the borough, based around clusters of schools and children's centres.
- Assuming responsibility for the commissioning of post 16 education in Camden from April 2010, this follows the abolition of the Learning and Skills Council. As part of the CTPB's response to this new duty, officers within the CSF Directorate are developing commissioning arrangements and a strategic commissioning plan. This new responsibility presents opportunities to further develop and improve the learning offer across Camden's institutions. As the commissioning arrangements develop, there will be scope to further improve outcomes for children and young people, particularly with a view to increasing staying on rates in Camden.
- Further developing our strategy to tackle child poverty, building on the strong work to date. Developments will need to respond to the child poverty bill currently going through Parliament, which will place a duty on the government to eradicate child poverty and for local authorities and their partners to have a child poverty strategy in place, supported by a detailed assessment of needs.

Report ends

APPENDIX ONE

Vision and broad outcomes for Children and Young People's Plan 2009-12

We want every child and young person to have opportunities to fulfil their potential, and we want to make sure that no child is left behind. The needs and views of children, young people and families should be at the centre of everything we do.

This means ensuring that all children, young people and their families can:

- *Be Healthy*
- *Stay Safe*
- *Enjoy and Achieve*
- *Make a positive contribution*
- *Achieve economic wellbeing*

We know that children's opportunities, outcomes and prospects can vary depending on background and circumstances. To achieve this vision for all, we must continue to focus on **reducing inequalities and closing the gap** between those who do well and those who may need some extra support to thrive. We know that by focusing on making things better for all children and young people that we will make the most impact on those who don't do so well.

10 outcomes for all children and young people

- Babies and young children have a healthy start in life
- Children and young people live free from poverty
- Children and young people enjoy learning and achieve to the best of their ability
- Children, young people and families make healthy choices
- Children and young people are emotionally and mentally healthy
- Children, young people and families take part in positive activities they enjoy
- Children and young people are protected from harm and neglect
- Children and young people live in safe and nurturing communities
- Children and young people choose not to take part in anti social behaviour or crime
- Young people have the skills they need to achieve economic wellbeing in adulthood

Summary of the targets for which we can claim reward (or portion of reward)
(black text = figures known; red text = good LoD but awaiting confirmation)

Outcome	Ref	Indicator	Achievement required	Achievement made	Amount to be claimed
Increase young people's involvement in democratic processes	4.1	Number of new volunteers aged 14-24 from BME communities who volunteer for at least 45 hours a year, as measured by Youth and Connexions Service data	An increase of 100 volunteers over and above expected performance. Equates to a cumulative 3 year figure of 310 or more	515 achieved by end of 08/09	£93,500.00
Increase the number of children attending primary in Camden's LA who lead healthy and active lives in and outside schools	6.2	Percentage of primary schools in Camden that achieve the national healthy schools standard	A 20% point improvement over and above expected performance. Equates to 95% of primary schools having status by end of academic year 08/09	95% achieved by Spring 2009	£453,705.90
Increasing childhood immunisation rates in Camden	7.4	The percentage of children aged 5 or under from homeless families recorded on the CHIA	A 25% point improvement over and above expected level. Equates to 85% recording as at 31 March 09	100% recording achieved	£101,576.00
	7.5	The percentage of children aged 5 or under from homeless families from recorded families whose immunisation status is recorded on CHIA	A 6% point improvement over and above expected level. Equates to 95% recording as at 31 March 09	100% recording achieved	£101,576.00
Reduce the numbers of people killed or seriously injured on Camden's roads	8.1	The number of people killed or seriously injured (KSI) in road traffic collisions in Camden, as measured by STATS 19 (excludes slight injury)	An average of 10 fewer people killed or seriously injured each year compared to expected performance; equates to 127 KSI on average per year (2005, 2006 and 2007)	3 year average works out as 120: 131 in 2005 123 in 2006 105 in 2007	£616,260
	8.2	The total number of children (aged under 16 years) injured in road traffic collisions in Camden, as measured by STATS 19 (inc killed & seriously injured)	An average of 3 fewer child casualties each year compared to expected performance; equates to 71 on average per year (2005, 2006 and 2007)	3 year average works out as 42: 52 in 2005 36 in 2006 38 in 2007	£154,065
Reduce homelessness	10	Number of 16 & 17 year olds accommodated under the homeless legislation in B+B for more than 6 weeks	51 less cases than expected performance; this equates to 0 being accommodated by 31 March 2009	0 achieved; no young people were accommodated in B&Bs during 08/09	£677,173
Improving attainment levels for underachieving groups	12.3	Gap in progress between KS2 and KS3 in maths by Black African pupils and all other pupils measured by the difference between average point scores	Point score to increase by 0.5 more than expected in both summer 07 and summer 08; equates to point score gap of no more than -0.1 in 2007 and 0 gap in 2008	Gap overturned in 2007 - results 0.5 higher Gap overturned in 2008 - results 0.3 higher	£67,717.30
	12.7	Average point score at GCSE of Bangladeshi pupils	Point score to increase by 6 more than expected in both summer 07 and summer 08; equates to point score of 349 in 2007 and 351 in 2008	358 in 2007 370 in 2008	£135,434.60
	12.8	Average point score at GCSE of Black Caribbean (inc white and Black Caribbean mixed) pupils	Point score to increase by 6 more than expected in both summer 07 and summer 08; equates to point score of 318 in 2007 and 320 in 2008	336 in 2007 323 in 2008	£67,717.30
	12.9	Average point score at GCSE of Black African pupils	Point score to increase by 6 more than expected in both summer 07 and summer 08; equates to point score of 340 in 2007 and 342 in 2008	340 in 2007 368 in 2008	£135,434.60
	9.1	No. of young people with an ABA that go on to receive a substantive outcome		mid year estimate was positive	£169,293.00
	11.1	No. of convictions of PPOs		Yr 1 achieved; 6 month figures positive	£138,142.00
	11.2	Reduce the number of 'acquisitive crimes' recorded		6 month figures were well under target	£674,464.00
	13	No. of lone parents helped into sustained employment		EYSS anticipate trigger 60% element	£406,304.00

Known

£2,604,159.70

Including extras

£3,992,362.70