

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD			
Report Title	Children & Young People's Health Commissioning Intentions		
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Strategic Context	Sustainable Community Strategy Lewisham Children & Young People's Plan 2012-2015 Lewisham JSNA		

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report is to inform the Health & Wellbeing Board of the health commissioning intentions for children and young people.
- 1.2 Under a Section 75 agreement, the Joint Commissioning team, based at Lewisham Council commissions children's services on behalf of both the London Borough of Lewisham and NHS Lewisham Clinical Commissioning Group.
- 1.3 The attached presentation highlights the intentions of Joint Commissioners for the commissioning of community health services for children across 2014/15.

2. Recommendation/s

- 2.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to note the commissioning intentions as outlined in the attached presentation.

3. Policy Context

- 3.1 The commissioning intentions directly link to the priority objectives of *Shaping our future* – Lewisham's Sustainable Community Strategy, specifically '*Healthy, active and enjoyable – where people can actively participate in maintaining and improving their own health and wellbeing*' and '*Ambitious and achieving – where people are inspired and supported to fulfil their potential.*'
- 3.2 The commissioning intentions also align with the ambitions of the *Children & Young People's Plan 2012-2015*, specifically the areas of "Be Healthy" and "Stay Safe", as well as the priorities outlined in Lewisham's Health and Wellbeing Strategy to improve health, care and efficiency.
- 3.3 The 2014/15 health commissioning intentions are developed in line with the Lewisham JSNA.

4. Background

4.1 The CYP Joint Commissioning team work with all local partners to improve outcomes for children and young people. By commissioning jointly and by pooling and aligning resources effectively, the team is able to develop interventions that are high quality, good value-for-money and build upon our existing areas of high performance.

4.2 The main health provider of children's community health services in Lewisham is Lewisham & Greenwich NHS Trust, from which the following services are commissioned:

- Community Nursing - £402,957
- Community Paediatrics - £2,292,997
- Family Nurse Partnership - £400,853
- Health Visiting - £5,773,461
- Immunisations - £250,763
- Occupational Therapy - £625,618
- Physiotherapy - £964,945
- Safeguarding - £586,391
- School Nursing - £1,612,901
- Special Needs Nursing - £570,813
- Speech & Language Therapy - £1,727,279

5. Commissioning intentions

5.1 Through the Children & Young People's Plan and the Lewisham JSNA there are certain areas that have been highlighted to be of particular significance in Lewisham. This may be in terms of inequity across the Borough, value for money or quality of service, but result in the need for a review of care pathways and the ways in which service are commissioned and subsequently provided.

5.2 The commissioning intentions for health services target these specific areas in an attempt to commission services that are available to children and young people in the Borough at a low cost and that are provided at a high degree of quality. They are not an exhaustive list, but instead aim to identify the priority areas across the Joint Commissioning team at a time when there continues to be increased financial pressure on services and the level to which interventions can be delivered within the wider budget.

5.3 **School Nursing Strategy** - The Department of Health School Nursing Strategy released in March 2012 charted the importance of a school nursing workforce to delivering the outcomes of their Healthy Lives programme and it is the intention of Joint Commissioning to seek investment to implement the strategy locally, in particular:

- Access to youth centre based school aged nursing
- Outreach for young people at risk (youth offenders and children excluded from school), as well as children who are outside of statutory mainstream schooling
- A named school nurse acting as a co-ordinator of the Healthy Child Programme
- Targeted health promotion for children at risk of underachievement

We will provide a full-time nurse, or the equivalent, to every secondary school in Lewisham in the Borough as well as each of the primary school collaboratives and the Pupil Referral Unit. It should be noted that this development is proposed to take place in the context of a school aged population that has experienced a rapid increase over recent years, putting increased pressure on the existing service.

- 5.4 **Health Visiting Expansion** - The Health Visiting Expansion programme sets out a clear service development in which to increase and strengthen health visiting services across the country by 31st March 2015.

Reported and managed through the Health Visiting Commissioning Programme Board, LGT are tasked with increasing to a full team of 72.4 Health Visitors at band 6/7 in post by April 2015.

- 5.5 **Children's Community Nursing Team Review**

The CCNT is currently provided across Lambeth, Southwark & Lewisham with commissioning arrangements led by Lewisham. The service aims to:

- reduce hospital admissions through improved access to a community nursing service
- Reduce length of stay in hospital through acute paediatric nursing care provided at home
- Prevent re-admission to hospital through management of long-term conditions

Partnership working across the 3 commissioning Boroughs as well as the 3 provider trusts referring into the service (LGT, Guys & St Thomas's and Kings) will aim to produce clear recommendations for the service based on information surrounding the current caseloads, effectiveness of the service and areas of unmet need.

- 5.6 **Therapies Review**

Therapies services in Lewisham are currently in need of review to determine the most appropriate pathway and distribution of resources, especially with regards to speech and language therapy (SLT). Occupational therapy (OT) and physiotherapy are also of high

importance and therefore an exercise in which all 3 services are reviewed is essential.

5.7 **Review of other services** - The main focus for Commissioners for the beginning of the 2014/15 contract is the reviews of both the CCNT and Therapies services, however, it is also recognised that further work is required to ensure that the remaining services as part of the LGT contract are appropriate and in line with the needs of the Borough. It is anticipated that a review of each of the service lines will commence in 2014/15 with the following aims:

- Determine the outcomes of community services for children in Lewisham
- Evidence the most appropriate use of resources within each service line to improve ways of working
- Compare service delivery against clinical need, emphasising areas of unmet need
- Highlight alternative distribution of budgets for a wider target audience

6. **Financial implications**

6.1 It is recognised that the NHS QIPP requirements, Local Authority savings and the provider Cost Improvement Plans (CIPs) are likely to have an effect on children's services over the coming years and therefore these are considered as part of the wider commissioning intentions for children's health services.

7. **Legal implications**

7.1 Members of the Board are reminded that under Section 195 Health and Social Care Act 2012, health and wellbeing boards are under a duty to encourage integrated working between the persons who arrange for health and social care services in the area.

8. **Crime and Disorder Implications**

8.1 There are no direct crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

9. **Equalities Implications**

9.1 Certain areas of inequality across the Borough have been highlighted as significant and therefore the implications as a result of the commissioning intentions will in fact be positive as reviews of different care pathways will look to reduce inequity of provision.

10. **Environmental Implications**

10.1 There are no direct environmental implications arising from this report.

11. Conclusion

- 11.1 Members of the Health & Wellbeing Board are asked to note the commissioning intentions for children's community health services.

Background Documents

CYP Plan 2012-15

<https://www.lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/socialcare/children/Documents/CYPP2012-15.pdf>

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