

**Title:** Children and Young People's Plan

**Wards Affected:** All

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## **1. Purpose**

- 1.1 This report provides an overview of the discussions held at the first Health and Wellbeing Seminar Session which was held on 31 July 2014.

## **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 That the Children and Young People's Plan and the Early Help Strategy be endorsed.
- 2.2 That the points raised at the Seminar be highlighted through the Pioneer process and that the Health and Wellbeing Board assure itself over the coming months that appropriate action is being taken.

## **3. Supporting Information**

- 3.1 The purpose of the Seminar Session was to enable debate around the Board's intended outcome of "Children have the best start in life". Board members and invited guests discussed the following documents/issues:

- Draft Children and Young People Plan
- Early Help Strategy
- Special Educational Needs
- Troubled Families
- Children's Community Hub

As background, invitees also had a copy of the final report of the Torbay Child Poverty Commission "Torbay Gains".

- 3.2 Throughout the discussion, the themes that emerged included:

- There is still too much evidence of services and organisations working in silos. Whilst there is a need for dedicated key workers this could be provided differently if there was more "thinking outside the box".

- Communication is vital – we need to be sharing what is happening.
- Given the pressures within each organisation, there needs to be whole system change with particular attention paid to data sharing and planning and analysis to focus on the right things.
- There also needs to be flexibility within and between organisations so that the right step down arrangements can be put in place. There needs to be recognition of the risks within the system.

3.3 During the course of the discussion, some specific points were identified:

- GPs continue to play a vital role and their relationship with other parts of Children's Services needs to be encouraged.
- Data sharing within the Troubled Families agenda continues to be a challenge which needs to be addressed.
- The link between early intervention and reducing demand needs to be remembered.

3.4 The Seminar ended with a discussion about the Community Hub and how this could lead to a new configuration of services. Whilst the concept of a hub is not innovative how we operate from it needs to be – being a Pioneer needs to actually be "pioneering".

## **Appendices**

Appendix 1: Children and Young People Plan

Appendix 2: Early Help Strategy

### **Background Papers:**

The following documents/files were used to compile this report: