

Title:	TSCB Business Plan Update		
Report to:	TSCB Executive		
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The TSCB Executive agreed the Business Plan on 30th July 2014. This report is an update on progress in terms of moving forward its priorities.

The Executive is asked to consider how some of the areas which have been graded red or amber might be moved forward. This is particularly so in terms of getting greater feedback from children and young people and their families in terms of shaping services

Listening to children and young people

There have been a number of discussions with commissioners about getting feedback from children and young people and families in respect to but as yet no tangible products arising from this. The commissioner for children's services in TSCB is attending the January meeting of the executive to update on progress.

We have requested the Reviewing officers to do some exit interviews with children, young people and families who have been subject to Safeguarding plans and are awaiting some indication of when this can commence.

We have consulted with parents, children and young people as part of our auditing process and most recently this is being done as part of our neglect audit by Checkpoint.

As chair I have requested to have a regular meeting with young people in Torbay for some themed discussions and would be looking to involve Board members in these.

In respect to looked after children, there has been a report from Checkpoint identifying some of the key issues for young people in care and this will inform the Boards work in this area.

We are keen to have feedback from children and young people through all partner agencies about how well we all work together to support them and their families and in particular are interested in young people accessing the CAMHS service and also receiving early help and support .

RATING FOR THIS AREA IS: **Red**

Early help

The early help strategy has been refreshed and the pathway revised. There is multi agency

agreement about the approach.

There are three joint funded Education social worker post established between the Local Authority and schools. There are also plans to set up a CAMHS tier 2 service. In addition there is recommissioning of the Children's centres and steps to link in CAMHS services more closely. There is work being undertaken to build capacity in specific communities and to enhance multi professional working.

A multi agency practitioners group has looked at the child's journey and threshold and these have fed into the review of the early help arrangements.

A best practice forum has been held to share the strategy re early help, and also raise awareness of the family information service and the resources that might be available

The training for early help will be delivered in 2015.

As yet there is no good information about the early help work and the participation of different agencies in this.

RATING FOR THIS AREA: **Amber**

Multi agency partner engagement

Work is underway in revising the standards and the process for undertaking assessment and the mutual, responsibilities of partners. There was a best practice event when frontline staff had a chance to look at and amend these documents.

There is a multi agency group revising the Child's Journey and ensuring some of the indicators of Child Sexual Exploitation are built into this document.

There needs to be a clear step down protocol which is monitored and has appropriate professional support.

There are clear arrangements to promote shadowing as part of the induction arrangements for all agencies through a joint programme.

The programme for case auditing and events to publicise it is in place and a draft programme has been devised. The migration to our new website gives us more possibilities for effective dissemination.

Work is underway about building stronger arrangements with Adult Services and a Think Family Protocol is coming to the January 2015 Executive to support this.

Work is underway in respect to the Signs of Safety Development and the Board has earmarked funds to support the roll out.

RATING FOR THIS AREA IS: **Green**

Looked after children

The Boards intention is to complement the work of the corporate parenting group rather than

duplicate it and it is focusing on Safeguarding issues for looked after children including exposure to Child Sexual Exploitation.

The Board has requested information about looked after children particularly in relation to those who are placed out of area, who go missing and also the level of restraints in the settings where they live.

It is proposed to run a themed event in June 2015 focusing on looked after children and as part of this we will be looking to engage with looked after children as well as undertaking a themed audit to inform this work.

RATING FOR THIS WORK: Amber

Neglect

The Board has undertaken an audit in respect to neglect and has identified that this is the area where it will focus on in its December meeting. The Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board has been invited to attend this event which will look at neglect in the context of the Torbay Poverty Strategy and some of the wider public health determinants of neglect.

There is training underway to promote the use of the graded care profile by professionals.

Consideration will be given to devising a summarised version of this which might be easier for frontline workers to use on a routine basis.

RATING FOR THIS: Amber