

DECISION-MAKER:	HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD		
SUBJECT:	TRANSITION OF HEALTHY CHILD PROGRAMME 0-5 YEARS TO SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL		
DATE OF DECISION:	1 ST OCTOBER 2014		
REPORT OF:	DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY			
N/A			

BRIEF SUMMARY

In October 2015, commissioning of the Healthy Child Programme (0-5 years) will transfer from NHS England to Local Authorities. This briefing provides early information in relation to transition arrangements and suggests a mechanism to take this forward.

A local transition group, led by Sarah Stringer, NHS England, has been set up under the Integrated Commissioning Board to take forward transition arrangements on behalf of Southampton City Council. The Integrated Commissioning Board will be informed by the pre-birth to 19 commissioning strategy group (see appendix 1 for membership), which will oversee details of transition.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) That the Health and Wellbeing Board acknowledges and welcomes the Local Authority's Healthy Child Programme (0-5 years) new commissioning responsibility from October 2015
- (ii) That the Health and Wellbeing Board considers the 0-19 strategy and its role in ensuring its successful delivery at a future meeting.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Health and Wellbeing Board should have due regard to the new responsibility for commissioning this programme and the opportunity this provides to better integrate the Healthy Child Programme from 0 to 19 years in Southampton City

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

2. There are no alternative options.

DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

3. The Healthy Child Programme is the early intervention and prevention public health programme that provides a universal service for children and families

at a crucial stage of life (see appendix 2 website link for more details). Furthermore, it provides an important opportunity to identify families that are in need of additional support and children who are at risk of poor outcomes. Transition to parenthood and the first 1001 days from conception to age 2 is widely recognised as a crucial period, impacting and influencing the rest of the life course.

4. The Programme offers every family a programme of screening tests, immunisations, developmental reviews, and information and guidance to support parenting and healthy choices. These are services that children and families need to receive if they are to achieve their optimum health, well-being and best life chances.
5. The Healthy Child Programme (0-5 years) is currently commissioned through NHS England as part of the section 7a mandate of the Health and Social Care Act (2012). The programme includes health visiting and the family nurse partnership programme. Commissioning of Child Health Information Systems will continue to be provided by NHS England until 2020 when it is expected that this responsibility will also be transferred to Local Authorities.
6. Health visiting is a workforce of specialist community public health nurses who deliver the universal 0-5 Healthy Child Programme. They provide advice, support and interventions to families with children in the first years of life, and help empower parents to make decisions that affect their family's future health and wellbeing. This service is led by health visitors and supported by a skill mix team. The service is central to delivering public health outcomes for children.
7. Family Nurse Partnership is an intensive, evidence based, structured, home visiting programme, which is offered to first time parents under the age of 20. A specially trained family nurse visits the mother regularly from early pregnancy until the baby is 2 years old and builds a close, supportive relationship with the family.
8. The Healthy Child Programme (5-19 years) is already commissioned by Local Authorities. Southampton City Council commissions the school nursing service to lead this programme. Responsibility for commissioning this service transferred across with Public Health responsibilities in April 2013. In October 2015, commissioning responsibilities for the healthy child programme (0-5 years) will transfer across to Local Authorities from NHS England. This transfer will enable Local Government to integrate commissioning for 0-5 year olds with commissioning for 5-19 year olds, improving continuity for children and their families and to closely align outcomes to the overall Children's Services Transformation programme.

9. The Wessex Area Team (local area team for NHS England) have recommended that local transition groups are formed with each Local Authority and partners to plan and execute the safe and effective transfer of these commissioning arrangements (appendix 3).
10. Nationally, arrangements have already been developed through a task and finish group of the Children's Health and Wellbeing Partnership, of which both NHS England and Department of Health (DH) are members. The DH will retain responsibility for system assurance and due diligence for the transfer of responsibilities to local government.
11. A series of events run by the LGA will take place in September and October this year, providing an opportunity for further debate and questions on transfer. Details of these events can be found at:
www.local.gov.uk/childrens-health
12. The proposal in this briefing is that transition arrangements will be overseen by the Integrated Commissioning Board on behalf of Southampton City Council. The Integrated Commissioning Board will be informed by the pre-birth to 19 commissioning strategy group, which will oversee details of transition.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

13. Service value agreement for 2015/16 from the current provider and the Local Authority is scheduled for 12th September 2014. The Department of Health will negotiate re-allocation with each Local Authority between October 2014 and December 2014 with allocation being finalised as part of Local Authority allocation received in December 2014.
14. Only the commissioning responsibility is being transferred. Health visitors will continue to be employed by their current provider. In Southampton, this is currently Solent NHS Trust.

Property/Other

15. N/A

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

16. Subject to parliamentary approval, the Government intends to mandate certain elements of the 0-5 Healthy Child Programme namely: Antenatal health promoting visits, new baby review, 6-8 week assessment, 1 year assessment and 2-2.5 year review (appendix 4 website link provides further details).

17. Subject to parliamentary approval, the aim is that regulations will be in place by May 2015, with a 'sunset clause' at 18 months. A review at 12 months, involving Public Health England, will inform future arrangements.

Other Legal Implications:

18. There will be legal implications in transfer of responsibilities.

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

19. The Healthy Child Programme is the National universal programme for children and families from pregnancy to 19 years of age

KEY DECISION? No

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	All
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices

1.	Pre-birth to 19 years Commissioning Board membership list
2.	Healthy Child Programme: Pregnancy and the first 5 years: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/167998/Health_Child_Programme.pdf
3.	Letter from NHS England
4.	Factsheet: Commissioning the national Healthy Child Programme: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/transfer-of-0-5-childrens-public-health-commissioning-to-local-authorities

Documents In Members' Rooms

1.	None
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Equality Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) to be carried out.	No
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Other Background Documents

Equality Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:

Title of Background Paper(s)	Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)
1. None	