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FOR HIGHLAND'S CHILDREN 3 - UPDATE

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Summary

This report provides a further update on the drafting of FHC3 with detail on current developments in key sections of the new Integrated Children's Plan.

1. Alignment of FHC3 with the Single Outcome Agreement

- 1.1 An earlier report advised that there could be a significant reduction in the number of high level Key Outcome Targets (KOs) in FHC3 compared to the 50 KOs in FHC2.
- 1.2 It was noted that there was still duplication in reporting against detailed targets particularly with the introduction of the Single Outcome Agreement with the Scottish Government.
- 1.3 However the initial drafting of the second generation of the Single Outcome Agreement (SOA2) seeks to avoid duplication by providing links to other high level plans including FHC2/3 for supporting evidence rather than include these detailed measures within SOA2. It may therefore be appropriate for FHC3 to continue with a broad range of Key Outcome Targets.
- 1.4 The list of KOs from FHC2/3 currently included in the draft SOA2 is shown below.

Key Outcomes:

- Increase the percentage of Looked After Children in P3, 4, 6, 7 & S2 stages achieving or exceeding the appropriate 5-14 level relevant to their stage in reading, writing and maths.
- Increase the percentage of Looked After Children attaining at SCQF level 3 by the end of S4 in English and Maths.
- Increase the average tariff of Looked After Children in S4.
- Increase the percentage of young people ceasing to be Looked After Away from Home attaining awards at SCQF Level 3.
- Increase the percentage of young people ceasing to be Looked After at Home attaining awards at SCQF Level 3.
- Reduce the number of low birth weight babies born.
- Reduce the proportion of women smoking in early pregnancy.
- Increase the proportion of mums breastfeeding at 6-8 weeks after birth.

- Achieve and maintain a 95% uptake of the pre-school immunisation programme.
- Improve the oral health of young people.
- Sustain a downward trend in the number and rate of teenage pregnancies.
- Reduce the proportion of 13 and 15 year olds misusing alcohol, and drugs and smoking regularly.
- Reduce suicide and recorded self harm in under 19 year olds.
- Reduce child injuries and fatalities for accidents relative to the total population.
- Increase the proportion of Looked After Children with an appropriately reviewed health plan.
- Substantially increase the number of vulnerable families of 0-3 year olds accessing services supported by Surestart funding stream.
- Increase the number of parents participating in funded parenting programmes.

2. Approval by Joint Committee

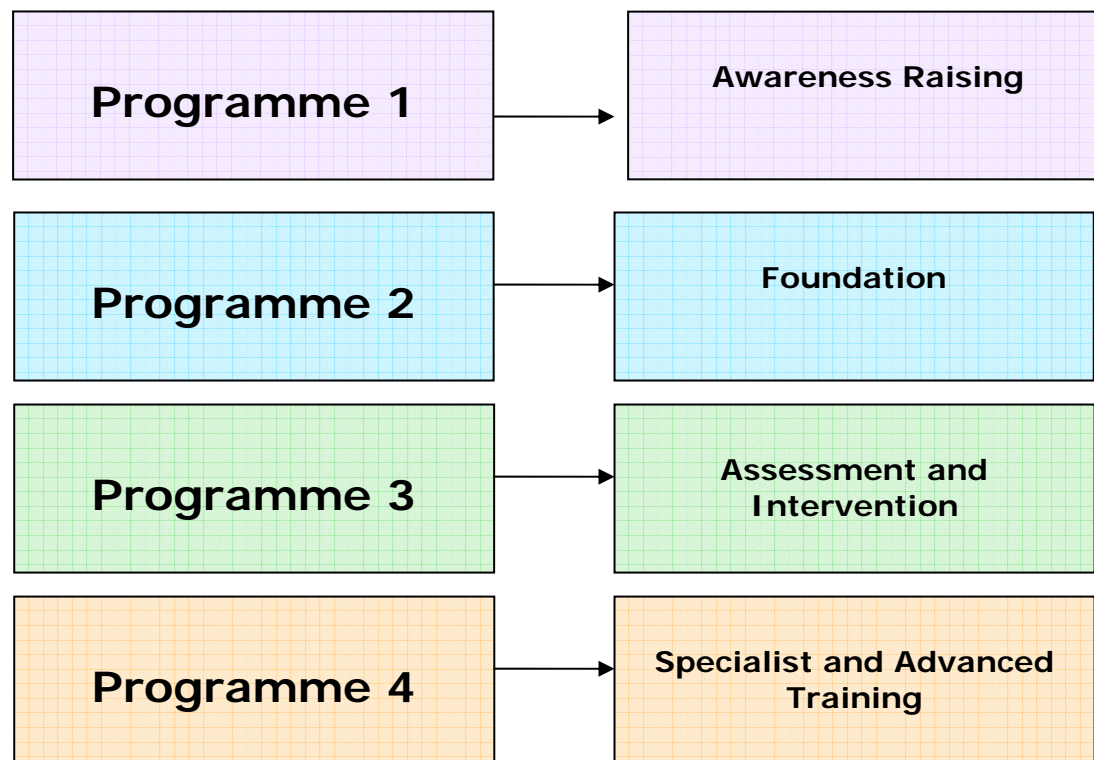
- 2.1 The Joint Committee agreed the phased formal approval of each strategic theme on a phased basis with the presentation of proposals by individual strategy groups.
- 2.2 Discussion is ongoing to determine a programme of presentation to Committee of the work of each strategy group. Specific negotiation has taken place with the Disability Strategy Group and it is recommended that the Committee invite this group to present their strategy at the first available meeting. The disability strategy will form a key part of For Highland's Children 3.
- 2.3 The Joint Committee may also wish to prioritise presentations from the Youth Action Service, Early Years and Looked After Children groups
- 2.4 Preliminary information on the disability strategy is as follows:

Key outcome target(s) – disability

- FHC2 has only a single KO which directly relates to disabilities. This was a target to provide a Key Worker for disability services in every local area. While the service did develop well this was not a satisfactory measure.
- Because of the diversity of need under the general term of disability, and the difficulty of ensuring that robust data is obtained, a satisfactory high level measure remains elusive. A number of possible measures are being considered and the Committee may wish to comment on these.

3. Training Framework for Integrated Children's Services

- 3.1 Following the successful development of a framework for multi-agency child protection training a similar approach is being used in developing other training programmes within integrated children's services.
- 3.2 The training framework uses a staged approach which typically follows the sample diagram shown below.



- 3.3 A pragmatic decision has been taken to adopt the framework for Violence Against Women, Children in Distress (suicide & self harm) and Looked After Children Mental Health training. The use of this framework provides an opportunity to develop a coordinated and sustainable approach to training across children and families services.
- 3.4 The Joint Committee is asked to consider endorsing the continued development of an integrated training framework and for these proposals to be incorporated into FHC3.

4. Demographics

- 4.1 The Highland Council Planning Department has provided new demographics for FHC3 and we are exploring additional information to provide the context for existing services and data that helps forward planning and development.
- 4.2 A very helpful initiative is the provision of a range of statistics for each Associated School Group (ASG). Increasingly services for children and families are being centred on ASGs. This breakdown of numbers and

trends is essential for service planning and analysis. We are hopeful that in addition to age based figures for each ASG it will be possible to provide information on particular vulnerable groups where appropriate.

5. For Highland's Children Web Site

- 5.1 It is planned to have a major re-refresh of the FHC web site. Along with the planned development of a new web site for joint services for adults, it is intended that the FHC and child protection web site will be adapted and modernised in time for the completion of FHC3 through the summer of this year.
- 5.2 FHC3 will be predominantly a web based Plan using the web site facilitates to achieve the phased approval of detailed strategies across all sectors of children's services.
- 5.4 Additionally this will enable:
- regular updating of all Key Outcome Targets (many are updated quarterly)
 - progress reports routinely required against all Actions (there were over 400 separate actions in FHC2)
 - significant new information such as evaluation reports posted as they become available.

Recommendations

The Joint Committee is asked to note that the number of Key Outcome Targets in FHC3 may be greater than originally planned and to agree:-

- the early presentation of the FHC3 Disability strategy to the JCCYP;
- to endorse the proposal to develop an Integrated Children's Service Training Framework; and
- to support the proposal to improve and modernise the FHC web-site.

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