

Gloucestershire Health and Wellbeing Board

Report Title	Child Friendly Gloucestershire: Children and Young People’s Wellbeing Coalition – Update Report.
Item for decision or information?	At the July meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board the Coalition was challenged to be more ambitious for the county’s young people and to further develop the work programmes to include targets and outcomes. This has now been progressed and the Coalition Brochure is brought to the Board for amendment/sign off.
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Key Issues:

The Coalition is rooted in Section 10 of the 2004 Children’s Act which gives responsibility to the County Council to co-ordinate partner activity for securing the health and wellbeing of all children and young people. In order to meet this responsibility, the Coalition must be meaningful: a forum for conversations between key actors about service effectiveness and significant change, which results in purposeful action and demonstrable impact for children and young people. It must be a driving force for the development of our collective endeavour rather than a point of reference after the fact.

It is important, therefore, that the Health and Wellbeing Board, as the parent body, gives the Coalition a clear mandate to progress in this manner. A range of work programmes have now commenced, with targets to determine impact either agreed or in development. Additionally, the Coalition anticipates that, over time, the Board will increasingly invite it to take forward work with partners to ensure that young people have the best possible start in life in the county.

The Coalition Brochure is a key element in embedding a shared appreciation of its role and purpose. A number of major changes to the document have been made since the July Health and Wellbeing Board, as follows:

- The name has been changed from the Child Friendly Coalition to the Gloucestershire Children and Young People’s Wellbeing Coalition – this is a more inclusive title and many young people in the 10 – 25-year age bracket has indicated that they object to being categorised as children
- A Case for Change has been added – Part 1
- The Vision and Mission Statement have been strengthened – Part 2
- The sections on Engagement and Priority Work Streams – Parts 3 and 4 have been strengthened
- The biographies (Part 6) have been amended.

In addition to the Brochure, the Coalition has been invited to become involved in the cross-sector discussions currently underway to explore a Family Hub model for the county, in response to the Leadson Report. This arose out a consultation exercise initiated by the Children's Commissioning Team around the recommissioning of the Children and Family Centres that evolved to consider the potential for this to support a Family Hub model.

The commissioning of the Children and Family Centres has a timetable determined by existing contractual arrangements which will require an incremental approach towards the development of a Family Hub model. As such, the initial piece of commissioning will be key and the Coalition, and its Best Start in Life Sub Group, are keen to be involved in developing exciting proposals and options with the Commissioning Team.

Recommendations to Board:

The Board is invited to:

1. Endorse the approach being taken by the Coalition
2. Sign off the Coalition Brochure, including the Vision, Mission Statement and Work Programmes – giving a delegation to the Chair of the Wellbeing Coalition to make any final changes.
3. Agree the name of the Coalition will in future be Gloucestershire's Children and Young People's Wellbeing Coalition
4. Welcome the involvement of the Coalition in the development of a Family Hub model for the county.

Financial/Resource Implications:

None currently.