

**HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
CHILDREN, SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES
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CHILDREN, SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES AND HEALTH

Report of the Director of Children, Schools and Families

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1. Purpose of report

This report was requested by County Councillor David Billing in order to provide Members with information about: -

- Current arrangements for liaison and work between CSF and health;
- Possible structural changes within health and the impact on CSF;
- Future developments between CSF and health.

2. Summary

- The 18 months since the start of CSF have been a time of change for Health services.
- CSF (and ACS) have been involved by health colleagues in the various working groups.
- Positive working relationships have sustained work through this period of uncertainty, although inevitably with the change of systems and personnel some momentum has been lost.
- The principle of joint working has been adhered to and the joint strategy for the Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) and Disability has been produced.
- There are good working relationships at Primary Care Trust (PCT) / Quadrant / Trust level as well as Countywide.
- The final structure of Health service reconfiguration and filling of posts is not yet complete.
- Work to finalise the health structures is underway as is joint work to develop joint planning and commissioning for children's services.

3. Conclusion

Members are invited to consider the report and comment on the appropriateness of a scrutiny process later in 2003.

4. Background

Since CSF became operational in April 2001 there has been continuous change within the health service. This has included the moves from Primary Care Groups to Primary Care Trusts and the creation of the new Hertfordshire & Bedfordshire Strategic Health Authority. The process of considering structural options for Children's health services continues through the Hertfordshire Children's Services Review which has involved both CSF and ACS. The process consists of work on :-

- ***A model of care for acutely ill children*** : This has informed the wider work on acute services outlined in Investing In Your Health.
- ***A model of care for well children and children at risk*** : Each PCT has developed an initial action plan to address local priorities.
- ***Management arrangements for Children's Services*** : This report has been forwarded to the Strategic Health Authority and will inform the work being undertaken on the configuration of mental health and learning disability services.
- ***Commissioning of children's services***: The Chief Executives of the PCTs are due to meet to agree a way forward for health so that joint arrangements for commissioning can be developed with CSF.
- ***Configuration of Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire Community NHS Trusts***: This work looked at possible benefits from changing the organisation of Mental Health and Learning Disability services provided by Bedfordshire and Luton Community NHS Trust and Hertfordshire Partnership NHS Trust.

Formal proposals for Health Service development are contained in the Investing in Your Health publication which proposes formal consultation early in 2003.

5. Current Situation

Positive links exist between CSF and health in a wide range of settings. The chart at Appendix 1 sets out the current services and organisation by health organisation.

Key achievements over the time from April 2001 are :-

- ***Area Child Protection Committee: Excellent*** working relationships and work to ensure key staff identified as lead officers in all Trusts, representation on ACPC and work to develop the new procedures and streamline referral systems.
- ***Disability*** : Joint work following members' scrutiny to develop a joint disability strategy. Further good work with health is part of their involvement with the current Autism Scrutiny.

- **Joint Commissioning: Consideration** is being given to joint arrangements to enable greater efficiency and effectiveness in commissioning services across all 8 PCTs.
- **Child and Adolescent Mental Health: Work** to devise and begin implementation of a strategic plan for improving services.
- **Extended Schools and Healthy Schools** : Support by a range of health professionals to the successful Healthy Schools programme and the active involvement of PCTs in the extended schools pilot.
- **Hertfordshire Children and Young Peoples Strategic Partnership (HCYPSP)** : The HCYPSP has drawn key, cross cutting, local health objectives and targets from the Health Improvement Plans for the 8 Primary Care Trusts in the County and from the following documents:
 - Hertfordshire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) Strategy 2002-2007
 - Children's Palliative Care Strategy for Hertfordshire 2002-2005 and beyond, prepared by the Hertfordshire Children's Palliative Care Forum
 - CSF Plan 2003/04, Early Years Development and Childcare Plan and other partners' plans including District Councils and Connexions.
- **CSF Plan** : Last year and this, health colleagues took an active part in the consultation and development of the plan. The specific contributions from Health colleagues are to be found in appropriate sections within areas 1,3,4 & 5 of the current plan and draft CSF Plan 2003/04.
- **Youth Offending Teams, Drug Action Teams** : Health staff are seconded to, and play an active part in the work of YOTs and DATs.
- **Teenage Pregnancy Partnership Board** : Positive work by health, CSF and schools has delivered successful joint plans and initiatives working with young people to reduce teenage pregnancy.
- **Health Improvement and Modernisation Plans (HIMPS)** : CSF staff are involved locally in the process of agreeing HIMPS. Members of the Multi Agency Task Group to draft a local PCT HIMP included :
 - CSF Quadrant Manager
 - Community Strategy Officer, Herts CC
 - Area Manager Adult Care Service Herts CC

CSF is represented on and contributes to PCT executive committees. The HIMP reflects national priorities and the CSF Service Plan and Adult Care Plans.

Priority elements reflected in the HIMP include the Herts CC CSF Plan (and Adult Care Services Plan), CSF Strategy Leads (disability strategy, substance misuse strategy etc) and others interested in health issues (Community Education Development Officers, early years/childcare leads etc) have attended and contributed to PCT workshops on the draft HIMPS and on well and vulnerable children. In turn, the HIMPs influence the CSF Plan and Quadrant Unit Plans.

Health representatives have attended workshops on the CSF plan and contributed ideas. Our shared priorities are now being brought together to enable closer strategic planning and working.

6. Key Issues

The current focus for children and young people is on, screening, immunisation, health inequalities, mental health, infant mortality, teenage pregnancy and vulnerable children.

However, the work on the new National Service Framework (NSF) for Children, together with the Inquiry by Lord Laming into the death of Victoria Climbié will set new standards and Key Performance Indicators for both health and social care.

The Laming Inquiry is due to report in January 2003 and the NSF will report on its 6 aspects of service (Acute & CAMH, Health of all children, disability and long term illness, children in specialist circumstances, maternity) throughout 2003.

We will need to review aspects of our services in the light of these two major pieces of work.

7. Summary

The pace of change in health over the last 18 months together with funding pressures and an emphasis more on targets for adult services (waiting times, NSF elderly, Cancer and heart disease) have tested the resilience of all concerned.

The structural, staffing and process changes of the new systems have meant that at times lines of communication have been stretched.

The development of the new structures, people in posts and government processes have been time consuming.

The enhanced expectations of the NSF and the report of the Climbié Inquiry will require more of systems, people and resources.

8. Proposal for Scrutiny

The process of change will continue for another three to six months. The final outcomes will be subject to formal process via JCPB and HCC health scrutiny process. Service development proposals will be subject to HCC/CSF formal reporting mechanisms to elected members.

Members may wish to receive an update in the autumn and consider any detailed scrutiny then, when the change process for health may be complete and we will have more information from the NSF and Laming report.

9. Financial Implications

The work set out in the CSF Plan 03/04 is funded. The requirements of the NSF and Climbié Inquiry are not yet clear. When the details are available adjustments to the budget will need to be made to support this work. It is not clear if central government will release funding for these initiatives.

The ongoing liaison and development work, while time consuming, is accounted for within CSF and Health core business.

Background information used by the author in compiling this report.

- HCC 19/11/07 Scrutiny arrangement report of County Secretary.
- JCPB – constitution/Terms of Reference
- CSF Plan 02/03 and 03/04
- National Service Framework [document on nsfweb@doh.gov.uk]
- Investing In Your Health – discussion paper October 2002 Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire Strategic Health Authority

APPENDICES

1. Grid showing Health structures and CSF links.

MAP OF CURRENT SERVICES AND THEIR ORGANISATION

Service Types	Dacorum	Hertsmere	Watford and Three Rivers	St Albans and Harpenden	North Herts and Stevenage	Royston, Buntingford and Bishops St'fd	South and East Herts	Welwyn Hatfield
Primary Care (GPs, Health Visitors)	Dacorum PCT	Hertsmere PCT	Watford and Three Rivers PCT	St Albans and Harpenden PCT	North Herts and Stevenage PCT	Royston, Buntingford and Bishops Stortford PCT	South and East Herts PCT	Welwyn Hatfield PCT
School Nurses	Hertfordshire Partnership Trust	Hertfordshire Partnership Trust	Hertfordshire Partnership Trust	Hertfordshire Partnership Trust	North Herts and Stevenage PCT	Royston, Buntingford and Bishops Stortford PCT	South and East Herts PCT	Welwyn Hatfield PCT
School nurses in special schools	Hertfordshire Partnership Trust	Hertfordshire Partnership Trust	Hertfordshire Partnership Trust	Hertfordshire Partnership Trust	East and North Herts NHS Trust	East and North Herts NHS Trust	East and North Herts NHS Trust	East and North Herts NHS Trust
Community children's services (child development teams)	Hertfordshire Partnership Trust Heath Lane Child Development Centre	Hertfordshire Partnership Trust Peace Children's Centre, Watford	Hertfordshire Partnership Trust Peace Children's Centre, Watford	Hertfordshire Partnership Trust St Albans Child Development Centre	East and North Herts NHS Trust Danestrete Child Development Centre, Stevenage	East and North Herts NHS Trust Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow	East and North Herts NHS Trust No Child Development Centre locally	East and North Herts NHS Trust No Child Development Centre Locally

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Speech and Language Therapy	Hertfordshire Partnership Trust Heath Lane Child Development Centre	Hertfordshire Partnership Trust Peace Children's Centre, Watford	Hertfordshire Partnership Trust Peace Children's Centre, Watford	Hertfordshire Partnership Trust St Albans Child Development Centre	North Herts and Stevenage PCT	North Herts and Stevenage PCT	North Herts and Stevenage PCT	North Herts and Stevenage PCT
Child and Adolescent Mental Health	Hertfordshire Partnership Trust Marlowes Health Centre, Hemel	Hertfordshire Partnership Trust Elstree Clinic, Borehamwood	Hertfordshire Partnership Trust Peace Children's Centre, Watford	Hertfordshire Partnership Trust St Albans Child Development Centre	Hertfordshire Partnership Trust Danestrete Child Development Centre, Stevenage	Hertfordshire Partnership Trust Danestrete Child Development Centre, Stevenage	Hertfordshire Partnership Trust Hoddesdon Health Centre	Hertfordshire Partnership Trust QEII Hospital, Welwyn Garden City
Child and Adolescent Mental Health (tertiary care)	Hertfordshire Partnership Trust Harper House Forest House Adolescent In-Patient Unit, Harperbury	Hertfordshire Partnership Trust Harper House Forest House Adolescent In-Patient Unit, Harperbury	Hertfordshire Partnership Trust Harper House Forest House Adolescent In-Patient Unit, Harperbury	Hertfordshire Partnership Trust Harper House Forest House Adolescent In-Patient Unit, Harperbury	Hertfordshire Partnership Trust Harper House Forest House Adolescent In-Patient Unit, Harperbury	Hertfordshire Partnership Trust Harper House Forest House Adolescent In-Patient Unit, Harperbury	Hertfordshire Partnership Trust Harper House Forest House Adolescent In-Patient Unit, Harperbury	Hertfordshire Partnership Trust Harper House Forest House Adolescent In-Patient Unit, Harperbury

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Respite Care	Nascot Lawn	Nascot Lawn	Nascot Lawn	Nascot Lawn	Some use of Tadworth Court	Some use of Tadworth Court	Some use of Tadworth Court	Some use of Tadworth Court
In-Patient Services	Hertfordshire Partnership Trust Hemel Hempstead Hospital	Hertfordshire Partnership Trust Watford General Hospital (plus Barnet Hospital run by Barnet and Chase Farm Trust)	Hertfordshire Partnership Trust Watford General	Hertfordshire Partnership Trust and East and North Herts Trust Watford General Hospital QEII, WGC	East and North Herts Trust Lister Hospital	East and North Herts Trust Lister Hospital plus Princess Alexandra, Harlow	East and North Herts Trust Lister Hospital plus Princess Alexandra, Barnet and Chase Farm (North Middx)	East and North Herts Trust QEII, WGC
Acute Tertiary Services	Specialist hospitals in London or Cambridge	Specialist hospitals in London or Cambridge	Specialist hospitals in London or Cambridge	Specialist hospitals in London or Cambridge	Specialist hospitals in London or Cambridge	Addenbrookes Cambridge	Specialist hospitals in London or Cambridge	Specialist hospitals in London or Cambridge