

<b>ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>	AGENDA ITEM No. 6
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020</b>	<b>PUBLIC REPORT</b>

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**TARGETED YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICE UPDATE**

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S	
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<p>It is recommended that Adult and Communities Scrutiny Committee</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review the achievements of the Targeted Youth Support Service during the first 18 months of operation</li> <li>2. Review the direction of travel for the Targeted Youth Support Service in the context of budgets for 2020/ 2021</li> <li>3. Note and comment on preparation for HMI Probation Youth Justice Inspection and Ofsted Inspection readiness</li> <li>4. Endorse Early Help and Adolescent Strategy outcome proposals</li> </ol>	

**1. ORIGIN OF REPORT**

1.1 This report is presented at the request of the Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee.

**2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT**

2.1 To raise the profile of and acknowledge achievements of the Targeted Youth Support Service (TYSS), the impact of budget proposals and brief members on continued Inspection preparation.

2.2 This report is for the Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee to consider under its Terms of Reference No. 2.1 Functions determined by Council:

8. Targeted Youth Support (including youth offending)

2.3 The TYSS priorities and objectives closely aligns with the Peterborough's Strategic Objectives in respect of the following priorities:

- Improve educational attainment and skills
- Safeguard vulnerable children and adults
- Keep all our communities safe, cohesive and healthy
- Achieve the best health and wellbeing for the city

2.4 This report links to the Children in care Pledge in respect of:

- support young people into **college and education**
- help encourage young people to be **healthy**
- support young people to have a **good education**

### 3. **TIMESCALES**

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	<b>NO</b>	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	N/A
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### 4. **BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES**

#### 4.1 ***Overview of Targeted Youth Support Implementation***

- 4.1.1 The Targeted Youth Support Service (TYSS) has responsibility for delivering services to adolescents from early help all the way through to edge of care through a multi-agency service. The service was created in September 2018 when the Youth Offending Service, Youth in Localities, NEET and Children’s Social Care Adolescent Service were re-structured and brought together under one Head of Service to work with young people aged 13-18 years old across Peterborough.
- 4.1.2 The new structure was embedded with two distinct teams: the Youth Offending Service and Youth and Family Team forming a TYSS Intensive Service in November 2019 to provide a service to young people at risk of offending, harm to others and those subject to a ‘Child in Need’ plan, and those at imminent risk of going into local authority care. The second team brought together Community, youth and NEET work within a TYSS Communities and Intervention Service to offer Early Help Support to young people and diversionary support for the higher risk cohort.
- 4.1.3 The TYSS includes professionals from different disciplines who work towards supporting young people to achieve better outcomes through a multi-disciplinary team approach. The service includes professionals from youth offending, social care, health, youth work, NEET, early help and police disciplines.
- 4.1.4 In December 2018 a TYSS Partnership Governance Board was formed to provide oversight, monitor performance and outcomes of this new multi-disciplinary service. The service and board created a vision to ‘work in partnership with young people and their families in Peterborough, to enable them to thrive and achieve their full potential. To ensure the right level of service is accessed at the right time and reduce the later demand on higher need services and Children’s Social Care’. A service specification was agreed between the TYSS and Children’s Social Care to clarify intended outcomes and support implementation of the new model.
- 4.1.5 The performance and outcomes agreed in the service specification have been monitored through an audit, a qualitative 6 month review of the service and a Performance Scorecard that has been overseen by the Governance Board. During the last 12 months we have been able to demonstrate that we have achieved and succeeded targets set by the Board:
- 21% reduction in young people being taken into care
  - Reduced number of young people subject to a Child Protection Plan by 46%
  - Reduced number of young people open to Children’s Social Care by 23% and number of Child and Family Assessment being completed by 32%
  - Increased young people ending early help episodes with positive outcomes by 6%
  - Stabilising and reducing NEET/ Not Known data for young people by 3%
  - Continued low levels of first time entrants to youth justice system
  - Reduced number of young people re-offending
  - Supported 25 families through Triple P Parenting programmes
  - £637k of external funding brought to the City for Youth Work in Communities

#### 4.2 ***Future Direction of Travel for TYSS***

- 4.2.1 Scrutiny Committee will be aware that some difficult decisions have been made to reduce the TYSS Budget by £516k from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020. This will mean continuing unaffected aspects of the service, reducing resource in some areas of service delivery and stop delivery in others. However, mitigations are being put in place, as the service is evolved to meet the changed resource envelope and the increasing focus on how we work differently with communities in the future.
- 4.2.3 The budget changes will reduce the number of dedicated roles in relation to NEET, Youth and Family and Young People Worker resource and some of the programmes working with young people and families at a preventative early help level. However, some community based and volunteering activity will be sustained through our ongoing partnership with the voluntary and community sector, with whom we are actively engaging to continue to develop the youth offer.
- 4.2.4 Investment for the Youth Offending Service and all Youth and Family Team statutory support and interventions are unaffected and will continue as they are currently delivered for the most vulnerable young people. The service will work with the partnership to mitigate budget reductions where possible. The TYSS Service Specification will be reviewed alongside how other agencies and young people can access the early help offer within the future TYSS model. Discussions with schools are ongoing about the potential for future collaboration, but at an early stage.
- 4.2.5 The TYSS has provided a blueprint for how multi-disciplinary support can be brought together to meet the needs of young people more effectively. Using this and other examples of best practice, work has started across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough to develop a new framework for our work with adolescents. This review is being led by the Corporate Director for People and Communities, and will see the creation of a partnership Early Help and Adolescent Strategy that will provide a model for delivery for the future to enable us to continue to strive to achieve positive outcomes for young people across a wide range of services and agencies.

The key objectives of this strategy capture our aspiration to ensure:

- **Young people are safe from harm and from harming others**
- **Young people are resilient and have an aptitude and enthusiasm for learning, training and employment**
- **Young people lead healthy and happy lives**

#### 4.3 ***Preparing for Inspection***

- 4.3.1 The service continues to prepare for HMP Probation Youth Justice Inspection readiness through an audit process, improvement plan and the development of a 'Story of Place' (position statement/self-assessment), which are monitored through the statutory Youth Justice Management Board. The service was last inspected in 2014 and anticipates either a short or full inspection during 2020. The inspection framework will focus upon **Organisational Delivery, Court Disposals and Pre-court Disposals** with a **Requires Improvement, Satisfactory, Good or Outstanding** rating in each of these areas.
- 4.3.2 The Youth and Family delivery area of the TYSS could also be inspected as part of the Ofsted Inspection for Local Authority Children's Services (ILACS) framework, which could include a focussed visit. This part of the service is subject to the same monitoring and inspection preparation as Children's Services, which is provided through the Children's Safeguarding Performance and Quality Insurance audit programme, Self-Assessment and Inspection Improvement planning process. Any Inspection would inspect the delivery of services to adolescent and would be rated as a **Requires Improvement, Satisfactory, Good or Outstanding**.

### 5. **CONSULTATION**

- 5.1 Consultation in respect of restructure to form the TYSS took place in May 2018. A consultation was also conducted in December 2019 in respect of £516k budget proposals and restructure.

**6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT**

6.1 Endorsement of the progress of the TYSS, impact and next steps in respect of Adolescent services priorities

**7. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION**

- 7.1
- Review achievements and outcomes of the Targeted Youth Support Service to date
  - Detail and raise awareness of the changes to the service as a result of budget reductions
  - Provide an overview of the progress towards HMI Probation Youth Justice Inspection and Ofsted Inspections and next steps in respects of partnership Early Help and Adolescent Strategy priorities.

**8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

8.1 N/A

**9. IMPLICATIONS**

**Financial Implications**

9.1 £516k budget savings to TYSS.

**Legal Implications**

9.2 N/A

**Equalities Implications**

9.3 N/A

**Rural Implications**

9.4 N/A

**Carbon Impact Assessment**

9.5 Neutral

9.6 The budget proposal will continue to see the same investment in Children in Care and Care Leavers and there will be no impact for this group of young people.

**10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

10.1 N/A

**11. APPENDICES**

11.1 N/A