

Children's Leadership Board

Terms of Reference

Statement of purpose

1. The Children's Leadership Board provides strategic leadership to improve the health and wellbeing of children and young people in Central Bedfordshire.

The Board has the following functions

2. The Board will ensure a joint strategic approach to integrating services and jointly commissioning services that reflect local priorities and needs.
3. The Board will lead on determining the key priorities to improve outcomes for children and young people and developing the Children and Young People's Plan.
4. The Board will agree and co-ordinate major service development with relevant stakeholders to shape services that impact on the health and wellbeing of children.
5. The Board will endorse the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment relating to Children.
6. Co-operation arrangements and responsibilities include:
 - a. developing and promoting a local vision to drive improved outcomes for local children, young people and their families;
 - b. achieving this through better integrated services
 - c. establishing robust arrangements for interagency governance;
 - d. developing better integrated strategies, processes and frontline delivery.

Membership

Core Membership

7. The Children's Leadership Board shall include senior leaders from the following organisations:
 - a. Central Bedfordshire Council - Director of Children's Services and Director of Public Health
 - b. Bedfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group – Director of Children's Commissioning
 - c. Bedfordshire Police - Assistant Chief Constable
 - d. A School representative from Partnership Vision for Education Board.

Other members

8. The Board may invite additional members as they think appropriate including:
 - a. Senior Representatives from Adult Services - Housing, Social Care, Domestic Abuse
 - b. A Senior Officer from the East London Foundation Trust
 - c. A Senior Manager from the 0-19 Team
 - d. Work stream leads

Chair

9. A Chair and Co-Chair will be nominated annually.

Decision making and accountability

10. The Children's Leadership Board supports the Health and Wellbeing Board to deliver the priorities for children that are set out in the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
11. The Children's Leadership Board will influence and shape the Health and Wellbeing Board Strategy, ensuring the Health and Wellbeing Board is made aware of the priorities relating to children and young people through the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Children and Young People's Plan.
12. The Health and Wellbeing Board, the Children's Leadership Board, the Stakeholder Forum and task and finish groups or workstreams provide the arrangements to deliver statutory duties to co-operate to improve children's wellbeing as set out in Section 10 of the Children's Act 2004.
13. The decision making of the Children's Leadership Board will operate on the basis of the consensus achieved through those members attending the Board. Decisions may also require agreement by partner organisations' own political or executive leadership or the Health and Wellbeing Board.
14. The Children's Leadership Board will ensure the Health and Wellbeing Board maintains an overview of critical children's health and wellbeing issues and major service redesign that impacts on children in Central Bedfordshire. The Children's Leadership Board will oversee the implementation of agreed recommendations to improve integrated care delivery
15. Task and Finish Groups and Workstreams will make recommendations to the Children's Leadership Board in relation to the key priorities.
16. The Task and Finish Groups or Workstream Leads have responsibility for engaging key stakeholders to shape and design plans and provide complete six weekly highlight reports for the Board with any risks identified and any decisions required.

Frequency of meetings

17. The Board will initially meet every six weeks. The frequency of meetings will regularly be reviewed.

Stakeholder Forum

18. A Stakeholder Forum will be made up of interested parties and will meet annually to engage and highlight key issues for children and young people in Central Bedfordshire.
19. Existing mechanisms will be used to ensure effective engagement and co-production of service design with children, parents and carers.

