

# Preparing For the Future – Central Beds

- Understanding the needs and design of services delivered in Central Bedfordshire is key to how the voluntary sector steps up to be delivery ready
- This may require a some shift in your current working model
- It may require further skills development for the workforce
- Whatever it is, we want to be able to support you

# Early Help in Localities: Together we are Early Help

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# Early Help in CBC

- Ofsted have graded our Early Help work as good

# Background

- Children's Services transformation
- Reducing demand on statutory services
- Working closer with communities
- One worker, one plan approach

# What's changed?

- LA Early Help made up of lots of different teams
- Parenting, Young Carers, Outreach, Supporting Families and EH Social Work
- These teams have now merged into 5 locality teams
- Dunstable, Houghton Regis, Ivel Valley, Leighton Buzzard and Mid Beds

# Early Help Locality Teams

Core teams consist of:

- A Manager
- A senior family partner (SW)
- A community partner (Locality Co-ordinator)
- Family partners
  
- Leighton Buzzard has a dedicated youth work resource
- An Early Help CAMHS practitioner supports all areas

# The role of the teams:

- The team is focused on what we refer to as Early Help plus – cases on the edge of CIN
- Within our current caseloads staff are working with families facing eviction, young people at risk of CSE, domestic abuse, young people being discharged following mental health hospital intervention, physical assault on parents from their children, parental overdose, disclosure of historic sexual abuse

# Demand is increasing for EH support

- From families
- From carers (SGO, child arrangement orders)
- From professionals within the community
- From assessment teams – interventions and step downs
- From family support teams – interventions and step downs

# Managing demand

The Locality Model will enable us:

- To look at new ways of meeting increasing demand
- To focus on local need
- To be more aware of what each other are doing
- To use combined resource effectively

Early Help Managers and Community Partners will be key in working with you to explore and try out new approaches

# Summary

- The Local Authority is not Early Help
- Adults Services, Children's Centres, Health Services, Housing, Police, Schools and Community/Voluntary Services all have a role to play
- **Together we are Early Help**

# Recommissioning for Transformation

Central Bedfordshire Council

Children's Services

Linda Willis

# Background

- The Council is transforming the way it delivers services for children, young people and families
- As Fiona has already defined, we are moving to a multi-agency, locality-based and strengths-focused approach
- A number of commissioned services are due to end in 2018 – these services will form part of that offer
- Contracts will be tailored to the specific needs of communities, to offer help earlier, divert families from statutory services and deliver better outcomes
- All current contracts in scope will be extended to March 2019 to enable stakeholder engagement and integrated commissioning

# Contracts in scope

| Service                                  | Current provider                |
|--|---------------------------------|
| Children's Centres                       | Various providers               |
| Supervised Contact                       | Swanstaff                       |
| Independent Visitors and Mentoring       | Groundwork                      |
| Targeted Youth Work                      | Groundwork                      |
| Impartial Information, Advice & Guidance | 4YPUK                           |
| Medical Needs Teaching Service           | HAST                            |
| Visual Impairment Service                | HAST                            |
| Hearing Impairment Service               | HAST                            |
| Primary Alternative Education            | Jigsaw Centre/CBC               |
| Pupil Referral Unit                      | Academy of Central Bedfordshire |

# Timelines

Jan-Feb 2018: stakeholder engagement on outcomes and needs

Mar-May 2018: public consultation on delivery model(s)

Jun/Jul 2018: Exec sign-off

Aug 2018: Tendering will begin

Oct-Nov 2018: evaluation of bids

Dec 2018: contract award

Jan-Mar 2019: transfer of services

1<sup>st</sup> Apr 2019: contract commencement

This is a draft timeline at this stage. Some dates may move to allow more time for engagement and consultation

# Implications for providers

- We are not cutting services, but reviewing how they are delivered so that we can commission the best provision to meet local need
- These services are reaching the end of their contract term – this is a good time to review them so that we can ensure they are achieving good outcomes for service users and good value for money for the taxpayer
- We want to fully involve service users, providers and partners in the recommissioning using a co-production approach
- No decisions have been made yet – we want your feedback!

# Provider engagement events

## **Dunstable**

14<sup>th</sup> February 2018, 1-5pm  
Committee Room 1, Watling House

## **Chicksands**

23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018, 9am-1pm  
Council Chamber, Priory House

Booking link to follow

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# TABLE ACTIVITY- Beds Borough and Central Beds

1. How do you see your services working with Central Bedfordshire Council and Bedford Borough Council in the future?
2. Have you been commissioned by either LA in the past – what are your hopes for the future?
3. How does each LA work with you to achieve the best outcomes for identified priorities?
4. Do you have skills gaps that need to be supported and developed further?