

**SUNDERLAND HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

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**SHAPING SUNDERLAND'S FUTURE TOGETHER - STATEMENT OF INTENT:  
INTEGRATED STRATEGIC COMMISSIONING FOR 0–25 YEAR OLDS IN  
SUNDERLAND**

**Report of David Gallagher, Chief Officer Sunderland CCG and Jill Colbert, Chief Executive, Together for Children**

**1.0 Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present for information, the Shaping Sunderland's Future Together - Statement of intent: integrated strategic commissioning for 0-25 year olds in Sunderland.

**2.0 Introduction**

- 2.1 Bringing together health and social care to provide high-quality and sustainable services to improve health and wellbeing outcomes has been a policy theme for the past decade. Together for Children (TfC), Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group (SCCG) and Sunderland City Council (SCC) have been discussing and exploring ways to work together more closely, as research shows that through integrated commissioning, there is real potential to transform outcomes for local people.
- 2.2 In July 2019, the integrated children's commissioning function was established. Since this date, much effort has gone into building strong foundations including: strengthening commissioning relationships, creating a shared vision, shared priorities and establishing strong collective leadership and governance. This has culminated in the creation of 'Shaping Sunderland's Future Together', a document which sets out the intent of the Children's Integrated Commissioning Group. The document sets out the foundations for working together and starts to articulate a vision for future arrangements and priorities for the commissioning of services for children at a local level.

**3.0 Background**

- 3.1 The children's integrated commissioning function was established in July 2019. This team is hosted by TfC and funded by both SCCG and TfC. The Children's Integrated Commissioning function has been established initially for 12 months (July 2019 – end June 2020) to test out ways of working across the two organisations and to establish the foundations for children's integrated commissioning.
- 3.2 The integrated commissioning function has a clear governance framework and the Children's Integrated Commissioning Group has been revitalised to oversee the work of the integrated commissioning function. The Children's Integrated Commissioning Group meets approximately every six weeks and has agreed terms of reference in place. Membership of the Children's Integrated Commissioning Group includes TfC,

SCCG, SCC and Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust (as specialist commissioners).

#### **4.0 Main Issue**

- 4.1 This paper introduces Shaping Sunderland's Future Together - Statement of intent: integrated strategic commissioning for 0-25 year olds in Sunderland. This document has been developed on behalf of the Children's Integrated Commissioning Group.
- 4.2 Shaping Sunderland's Future Together sets out the high level plan as to how TfC and SCCG, together with key partners, will deliver an integrated commissioning function for 0-25 year olds in Sunderland. The document sets out key terms, principles, and aspirations. The document also outlines the governance framework for children's integrated commissioning. Shaping Sunderland's Future Together sets out the agreed current priorities of the Children's Integrated Commissioning Group, which are:
- Mental health
  - Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)
  - Individual placements.
- 4.3 Shaping Sunderland's Future Together has been developed via an iterative process, working with members of the Children's Integrated Commissioning Group, including Dave Gallagher (Chief Officer, SCCG) and Jill Colbert (Chief Executive, TfC).
- 4.4 The statement of intent reflects the current point in time, and it is anticipated that there will be future iterations of the document as members of the Children's Integrated Commissioning Group work through how best to deliver, embed, and demonstrate the impact of the children's integrated commissioning function in Sunderland.
- 4.5 The statement of intent will be reviewed in summer 2020.
- 4.6 The statement of intent can be found in appendix 1.
- 4.7 Next steps are:
- Set up task and finish groups as required
  - Present the Shaping Sunderland's Future Together document at the Health and Wellbeing Board to raise the profile of the work and to highlight the governance arrangements
  - Complete, and deliver, the detail of the Children's Integrated Commissioning Group work plan.

#### **5.0 Recommendation**

- 5.1 Receive the Shaping Sunderland's Future Together - Statement of intent: integrated strategic commissioning for 0 – 25 year olds in Sunderland.
- 5.2 Invite a future report to the Board on the impact of the pilot.