

Reviewed April 2016 and Agreed by the Children's Trust Board June 2016

Rutland Children's Trust
(Subgroup of the Rutland Health and Wellbeing Board)

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Purpose

1.1. The Rutland Children's Trust through a collaborative partnership approach supports the development and improvement of services for children and young people 0 – 19 years, including to the age of 25 years for some vulnerable young people. The agreed vision and priorities are set out in the Children, Young People and Families Plan (CYPFP) 2016 to 2019.

1.2 The Children's Trust will report to the Rutland Health and Wellbeing Board to ensure that the needs of Children, Young People and Families in Rutland influence planning for health and wellbeing improvements across all public services.

1.3. The Children's Trust aims to ensure that all children and young people in Rutland are healthy, safe and are able to enjoy and achieve, so that they will make a positive contribution throughout their lives. This will be achieved through a focus on intervening early to avoid problems escalating as set out in the Early Help Strategy.

1.4 The Trust is responsible for delivering the priorities outlined in the Rutland Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2013-2016, particularly the theme "giving children and young people the best possible start". Priority areas for the group to focus on include:

- Vulnerable Families
- Vulnerable Teenagers
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1.5 The Trust will produce and oversee the delivery of Children and Young People and Families Plan and the Early Help Strategy. These documents will be informed by the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), national and local evidence for interventions and other relevant local data and reports

2 Objectives

2.1 Identify and understand the health and wellbeing needs of the community, contributing to the refresh of the Rutland Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, and the creation of the Children, Young People and Families Plan; the needs identified in these key documents will drive the





development of the Rutland Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and the groups future work programme.

- 2.2 Monitor and manage the performance of delivery plans that support the strategic priorities assigned to the Children's Trust.
- 2.3 Review and evaluate local programmes in order to ensure quality, equity and value for money.
- 2.4 Communicate and engage with local people in the development of programmes to improve health and wellbeing, the quality of life of children, young people and their families and support personal choice and control.
- 2.5 Provide expertise to advise the Health and Wellbeing Board and influence local activity and investments.
- 2.6 Ensure that there is an emphasis on both provision and empowerment in health improvement.
- 2.7 The scope of the Children's Trust extends beyond the work for the Rutland Health and Wellbeing Board. The *'Protocol in support of the relationship between the Rutland Health and Wellbeing Board, the Leicestershire and Rutland Local Safeguarding Board (LRLSCB) and the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adults Board (LRSAB)'*, sets out the distinct roles and responsibilities of the Boards, the inter-relationships between them in terms of safeguarding and well-being and the means by which effective co-ordination and coherence between the Boards is ensured. It is critical that there are processes in place to ensure effective cross-working, scrutiny and challenge between the safeguarding boards and other partnership forums, including the Children's Trust, to ensure that all agencies working with children are applying effective processes and the highest possible standards to keep children safe from harm.

3 Membership

3.1 The Membership of the Board will consist of:

- Portfolio Holder for Safeguarding Children and Young People
- Director for People, Rutland County Council
- Head of Service Safeguarding and Improvement
- Head of Service Early Intervention Rutland County Council
- Head of Learning and Skills, Rutland County Council
- Manager – Programmes and Partnerships Rutland County Council



- 2 Head teachers – representing primary and secondary education provision
- Leicestershire Constabulary
- Healthwatch Rutland
- Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB)
- Public Health Lead, Rutland and Leicestershire
- NHS East Leicestershire and Rutland Clinical Commissioning Group
- NHS Leicestershire Partnership Trust (Families, Children & Young People Division)
- University Hospital Leicester (UHL)
- Voluntary & Community Sector (Citizens Advice Rutland and Voluntary Action Rutland))
- Youth Offending Service (YOS)

The members of the Children's Trust will act with the necessary delegated responsibility from their organisation and where responsibility is delegated; take decisions on behalf of that organisation in relation to the work of the Children's Trust. They will promote to their own agencies, and to the public, the advantages of partnership working, and the benefits to children and young people and families. Members of the Children's Trust will represent their parent organisation and/or their sector constituency.

4. Governance and Administration

4.1 Accountable to the Rutland Health and Wellbeing Board.

4.2 The group will meet bi-monthly, where possible in advance of each Health and Wellbeing Board meeting.

4.3 To meet quorum, at least half of the group's membership must be in attendance.

4.4 Decisions will be made by a simple majority vote.

4.5 The group will be administered by an officer of Rutland County Council.

5. Chair

5.1 The chair of the Children's Trust will be the Portfolio Holder for Safeguarding Children and Young People.

6. Review Date

6.1 These Terms of Reference will be reviewed as and when circumstances require.

