

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Children, Young People and Education Scrutiny Committee 5th January 2017

Report of the Head of Participation – Chris Millis

Matter for information

Wards Affected: All

Flying Start Report Card 2016-2017

Purpose of the Report

1. To inform Members of the progress of the Flying Start Programme in Neath Port Talbot.

Background

2. Flying Start is the Welsh Government's flagship early years programme for families with children who are under 4 years of age. The programme aims to make a decisive difference to the life chances of eligible Flying Start children in identified areas of deprivation.
3. The Flying Start programme has been operating since 2006 and consists of four key elements:
 - Free quality, part-time childcare for 2-3 year olds
 - An enhanced Health Visiting service
 - Access to Parenting Programmes

- Speech, Language and Communication

4. The large team consists of both Council and Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board staff.
5. The Flying Start Manager is employed by the Council and manages a core team consisting of 4 Flying Start Administrators (3.89 whole time equivalents); two childcare support staff, a Transition and Training Officer, a Parenting Manager who manages a parenting team consisting of 7 parenting workers (one specific Dad's worker) and 2.5 whole time equivalent Educational Psychologists, one of which 1.5 of which are internal secondments managed by the County Psychologist. The team sits within the Think Family Partnership.
6. The wider Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board staff team consists of a Health Visiting Manager, a Health Visiting Deputy Manager, 18 Health Visitor's, 10 Community Nursery Nurses, two Midwives, a Safeguarding Nurse Specialist, a Liaison Health Visitor based within the Single Point of Contact team, and a Health Visiting Practice Teacher who supports students.
7. Eligibility and Coverage

The Phase 1 eligibility was based on school catchment areas with a free school meal take up of 45% and above. The Flying Start programme has since expanded to cover a larger area of Neath Port Talbot, with 25% coverage achieved Wales wide. Neath Port Talbot Flying Start have exceeding the target cap of 1845 children benefitting, with the number of actual children engaging with the programme during 2015/16 reaching 2408. The programme is operating within the allowed "10% over target number" but the teams and budget are coping within the current scope, and currently covering 32% of Neath Port Talbot.

Financial Impact

8. There are no financial impacts in relation to this report but Members should note the source of the funding to implement this area of work. The programme is 100% funded from Welsh

Government, with £3.87 Million being awarded to the Council this financial year (2016/2017).

Equality Impact Assessment

9. Having considered the Council's screening assessment guidance produced to assist the Council in discharging its Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act 2010 it has been determined that the proposal within this report does not require an equalities impact assessment.

Workforce Impacts

10. There are no direct workforce or staffing issues in relation to this report.

Legal Impacts

11. There is no legal impact in relation to this report.

Risk Management

12. There is no identified risk to this report.

Consultation

13. Not applicable.

Recommendations

14. The report be noted.

Implementation of Decision

15. Not applicable.

Appendices

Appendix 1 - The Neath Port Talbot Flying Start Report Card 2016 / 2017

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Appendix 1 - The Neath Port Talbot Flying Start Report Card 2016 /
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