

Slough Borough Council

Report To:	Slough Wellbeing Board
Date:	15 th March 2023
Subject:	Update on Priority One: Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2021-2026
Chief Officer:	Sue Butcher Director of Children's Services
Contact Officer:	Sue Butcher (as Chair of Children and Young People's Partnership Board).
Ward(s):	All
Exempt:	-
Appendices:	None

1. Summary and Recommendations

- 1.1. This report sets out the progress made against Priority One in the Health and Wellbeing Board 2021-2026. 'Starting Well'.

Recommendations:

The Slough Wellbeing Board is recommended to note the contents of this report.

2. Report

- 2.1. Starting Well focuses on the health and wellbeing of children and young people. The evidence tells us that when children start school with a good level of health and development, they are more likely to go on to succeed in later stages of education. Tackling health and wellbeing issues at an early stage in life prepares our young people for their future.
- 2.2. Over the five years covered by the strategy, the ambition of the work covered by this priority is to:
 - Decrease the attainment gap between all children and the bottom 20% at Early Years Foundation Stage.
 - Reduce the number of Reception and Year 6 aged children classified as obese.
 - Improve immunisations rates amongst young people in Slough.
 - Improve oral health amongst children in Slough.

- 2.3. The Starting Well priority is led by the Children and Young People's Partnership Board (CYPP Board) chaired by the Director of Children's Services (DCS).
- 2.4. The current DCS took up post on 16 January 2023 and chaired CYYP Board for the first time on 6 March 2023, having included an agenda item requesting updates from partner agencies on the Starting Well priority.
- 2.5. Through discussion, it was established that the work of this Board over the last year has been to focus on the development of the Early Help Strategy, which in itself supports the Starting Well priority areas as set out above. This was particularly evident as the strategy itself was presented to the same meeting; it was well received and is recommended to the Slough Wellbeing Board. As the strategy is on the agenda for this board the details are not rehearsed here.
- 2.6. This update does not mean that there has not been any work on the priority areas in partner agencies but that there has not been a focus on them via the CYYP Board.
- 2.7. In 2023/24 the CYYP Board will focus on the Starting Well priority. This will include reviewing the CYYP Board's Terms of Reference and written updates at each meeting.

3. Background Papers

- 3.1. None