



**Service Delivery  
Committee**

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**Update and  
Information**

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## **1 Introduction**

Report for Services Delivery Committee on the progress of the Children's Centre Programme and the Locality Partnership Group across Oadby and Wigston

## **2 Recommendations**

Members are asked to note the report.

## **3 Information**

This Committee at its last meeting accepted the recommendation to oversee the governance of the Blaby, Oadby & Wigston LPG during its transitional period from April 2014 to March 2015.

The Blaby Oadby & Wigston LPG (BOW LPG) was set up in 2008 to improve outcomes for children and young people aged 0-19.

There are currently 36,393 children aged between 0-19 years with 14,061 (38.6%) who live in Oadby and Wigston.

Funding was devolved to the BOW LPG by Leicestershire County Council, from its ring-fenced Sure Start grant, to commission services for children age range of 0-5s who currently number 8,328 with some 2,9212 (34.6%) living in the borough of Oadby and Wigston.

In 2010, the Positive Activities for Young People (PAYP) funding for children aged 11 to 19 age group, along with Section 515 monies in 2012, was also devolved to the LPG and until now has been managed as a single funding stream covering both localities.

A range of partners representing 16 organisations/services, who work with children, and young people and parents, sit on the LPG and they are responsible for the identification of need in the locality, the commissioning of services to meet these needs and the scrutiny of the quality and impact of services provided.

Within Oadby and Wigston there are 3 children's areas (Oadby, Wigston and South Wigston) but only 2 children's centres, one in Wigston in Long Street and the other located within the South Leicestershire Bobbin factory building on Canal Street, South Wigston.

The Wigston children centre area serves the 2 reach areas of Wigston and Oadby and aims to reach out to a target population of 2002 children aged 0-5 years olds, whilst South Wigston centre serves and reaches out to some 901 in the same age group. The total 0-5 population of Oadby and Wigston is estimated at 2921.

Health Visitors now register all newborns with the Children's Centre Programme on their first visit if they haven't already been registered through "Tell Us Once". The Blaby, Oadby and Wigston programme has 77% of its 0-5 year old population registered but registration levels in Oadby and Wigston are higher than the wider locality at around 90%. Proportionally more under 2s are registered with the programme and we expect engagement levels to increase as these children reach 3 and 4.

The target for involvements (targeted work) is based around the numbers of children in poverty in the borough estimated at 368. The outturn figures for 2013-14 show we are working with 542 children of which some 100 (18.5%) of the children are under 5.

### Locality Partnership Group (LPG)

The commissioning budget in this year (2014/15) allows for the commissioning of services to various ages and target groups even though it saw a reduction of 7%

Of the total commissioning budget, in 2014-15, £509,890 was allocated to commission local services to meet local need. This has resulted in some re-configuration and reductions in services that we commission in order to balance the budget.

Most services are commissioned across Blaby, Oadby and Wigston but all services report by Children's Centre reach and we are able to capture data on activity in each Borough/District. The main exception to the joint commissioning arrangement is Oadby and Wigston therapeutic support for children in domestic abuse households where Women's Aid are commissioned to support this group, whilst Blaby operate in-house programme as part of their wider service provision.

Attached at Appendix 1 are the services commissioned for the 2014/15 and there is now a complex Performance Framework issued to each of the commissioners for delivery of services which are both visited by LPG members and scored for quality and value for money.

LPG meetings will continue to run as joint events across Blaby Oadby and Wigston but performance reporting is now by District /Borough reflecting locality and the reach areas identified above. The chair of the LPG, to ensure both localities are equally covered, now rotates between Head of Community for Oadby and Wigston and by the Director of People in Blaby.

In order to ensure that local needs are met there will be needs analysis event run in September which will include Blaby but will be structured in such a way that each reach area will be covered separately. Therefore we will be able to identify needs in South Wigston, Oadby and Wigston specifically from partners themselves too.

## Supporting Leicestershire Families (SLF)

The Local Partnership Group is also currently responsible for the Governance of Supporting Leicestershire Families programme and receives regular updates on progress is reported to this Council's SLF working Group which reports directly to full Council.

Members will be aware that SLF has seen its first year of completion and the following has been achieved in our locality

- Team recruited and operational by April 2013
- Council provided local co-location alongside Community Team officers
- An internal induction programme delivered by the SLF lead officer, Community and Safety Tenancy manager
- Support provided from HR on general office issues even though all SLF staff employed by County
- IT networks and other practical arrangements facilitated
- Attendance at the Meet and Greet programme and answered members queries
- Working practices and meetings established with key Housing and Community staff
- Assistance and close working and training on safeguarding issues
- Over

The following table shows what has been achieved by the locality as of end of March 2014

Supporting Leicestershire Families monitoring areas	Oadby and Wigston at March 2014	Leicestershire at March 2014	% of OWBC compared to Leicestershire
Number of SLF families being worked with	17	289	5.8%
Number of families monitored or assessed on the SLF programme	15	284	5.28%
Number of "complex" families	14	262	5.35%
Number of families "at risk"	1	20	5%
Assessment not complete enough to identify if family "complex" or "at risk"	0	2	0%
*Number of closed SLF cases	6	28	21.42%

### Glossary of above terms

Complex means 5 or more low risk issues or 2 or more high risk OR a child protection plan/reasonable cause for concern. At risk means 2 or more issues

Some examples of what issues fall within a category of:-

- Child Young person issues
  - Child has significant difficulties at or school and formal education
  - Children with violent or aggressive behaviour in the household
  - Child development concerns

- Risk of neglect or abuse to a child or children (Child protection plan)
- Parenting Issues
  - Difficulties looking after children
  - Lack of parenting is an issue in the family
  - Domestic abuse
- Individual Issues
  - Diagnosed mental health issues
  - Alcohol misuse
  - Drug misuse
  - At least one person of the family is or has been in care
- Family Risks
  - Family at risk of homelessness
  - Family in rent arrears
  - Family has financial difficulties
  - Family solely or heavily reliant on state benefits
  - Healthy lifestyle issues
- Influencing factors
  - Child has significant difficulties at school
  - One or more in family have a significant limiting disability
  - A teenager in the household is pregnant
  - Child is a carer
  - Single parent family

Attached at Appendix 2 are samples of case studies.

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<b>Implications</b>	
Equalities (KG)	An EIA assessment needs to be undertaken and clearly the protected category of age is the most relevant here. So the issue of accessibility of such service needs to be smooth, quick and easy.
Financial (PL)	The provision of SLF team in the locality is budgeted for in the 2014/5 budget. All commissioning work needs to be allocated and charged to appropriate budgets
Legal (KG)	It is recommended that any change in governance and working arrangements is secured by a robust agreement setting out terms and remit and reviewed by the Legal team.
Risk (APM)	CR1 Decreasing financial resources CR 4 Lack of credible governing body could lead to reputation risk CR6 Regulatory Governance