

Member Briefing

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Title: Introducing the new 0-19 Starting Well Service from 1 January 2018

Summary: To update members on progress with the project following the decision to appoint Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust as the preferred provider for the Starting Well Service.

Background

Last year Cabinet approved recommendations to re-configure children's centres into a main and linked site model and to commission an integrated 0-19 year's single service. Following a tender process, Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (CWP) was appointed as the preferred provider for the new Starting Well Service. Cabinet granted approval on 3 May 2017.

Starting Well Service

CWP has developed a new logo for the Starting Well Service. The separate images represent the different age groups within the service: early years 0-5, primary school 5-11, secondary school 11-16 and 16+.

The new service will bring together:

- 0-5 years Healthy Child Programme – health visiting
- Family Nurse Partnership
- children's centre services - early years workers
- oral health promotion
- Bookstart
- 5-19 years Healthy Child Programme
- school-age immunisations and vaccinations programme.



The Starting Well Service will cover the three Council districts – Chester and Rural, Ellesmere Port, Winsford and Northwich – with eight starting well teams based around the eight main children's centres: Blacon, Lache and Handbridge, Frodsham, Portside, Stanlaw Abbey, Victoria Road Northwich, Greenfields and Wharton.

The main children's centres will have linked sites that will provide further services tailored to meet the needs of local children. There will be seven linked sites: Chester Victoria, Kingsway and Upton, Chester Rural, Neston, Parklands, Barnton and Weaverham and Leftwich.

We continue to work with the Department for Education (DfE) and schools across the borough to look at how the linked sites can support our two, three and four year old childcare offer. The aim is to utilise the centres for part or all of the week to support the school readiness element of the children's centre core offer.

Dates for your diaries

Communication to share details of the new service with the public are planned over the coming months and the Early Help and Prevention Service will be facilitating stakeholder events. These are planned in January and we'd love to see you there to find out more about the service.

Northwich and Winsford

Friday 19 January, 11am – 1pm

Main Hall, Northwich Memorial Court, Chesterway, Northwich CW9 5QJ

Chester and Rural

Tuesday 23 January, 10.30am – 12.30pm

Blacon High School, Melbourne Road Chester CH1 5JH

Ellesmere Port and Neston

Friday 26 January, 11am – 1pm

Civic Suite, Civic Hall, Ellesmere Port CH65 0AZ

A new website will be launched in the new year and can be accessed via: startingwell.org.uk. The Council and local offer websites will be updated to direct people to this new website.

Further information

We will continue to keep you updated with progress, however, if you would like further information please use the contact details below.

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