

PSC – People Budget Proposal Monitoring – Children and Young Peoples Services

CFS181901 – Review of Oaklands Short Break Service

Scrutiny's Comments and Conclusions	Officer Response
The Proposals stated £154,000 would be saved in the first year. Will this be achieved?	The finally agreed proposal was for a saving of £60,000. We are working towards achieving the saving this year and whilst it is challenging we believe it will be achieved.
The business case did not provide information on the implementation costs incurred, what were the final figures for this? (tbc in the Revenue – Redundancy/Pension column)	It is a restructuring of the hours and because of options with new residential care and staff choosing to leave there will be no redundancy costs.
Can you explain at what stage of the implementation the Council are currently at?	We will shortly commence consultation with staff as to implementation of new rotas.
Can you tell us how and when you consulted with the parents of the service users? What information did you receive and how did this impact on the decision to make the saving?	There were four consultation sessions with parents. The parents had very strong views as to reduction of available nights which did impact on our decision making and led to the reduced saving and no reduction of the offer of sessions at Oaklands.
The reduction in children's package of care was highlighted by the Committee. How many young people have seen a reduction in their care package and other services seen an increased pressure?	As a result of the reduced saving there has been no reduction in care packages for children.

CFS181904 – Restructuring of the funding within prevention services

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The Proposals stated £311,000 would be saved in the first year. Will this be achieved?	Yes it will
Can you explain at what stage of the implementation the Council are currently at?	Implementation has been completed.
Have Children and Young Peoples Service seen an increase in referrals? If so do you feel that this loss of preventative services is a contributor?	In this case overall grant funding largely replaced core funding so there has been no significant diminution in services. The actual reduction was in the end very limited because of the shift from core to grant. We have seen an increase in referrals but as there has been no reduction in prevention services this is not the cause.
Is any work being done to monitor those families that are subject to a reduction in service?	There has been no reduction in service so this does not apply.
Is there any evidence of a reduction in opportunities for Third Sector Organisations?	There is no evidence of this. The preventions service is run by NCC and has been since inception. Shifts in Families First guidance have led to changes but this element has not changed as it was never a provision from third sector groups.
If any, what form has the reduction of capacity in school taken?	There has been no reduction.
Preventions, CANs and Young Carers all had waiting lists prior to this saving being made. There were concerns about the saving making these waiting lists worse. Has this been the case?	There are waiting lists. We are currently reviewing CANS waiting lists with a view to redirecting some elements of the work to try to bring these lists down. We have organised Preventions more effectively and are managing waiting lists. Young Carers waiting lists are static.

CFS181902 – Integrated Family Support Team Restructure

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The Proposals stated £120,000 would be saved in the first year. Will this be achieved?	Yes
Can you explain at what stage of the implementation the Council are currently at?	Implementation is completed