

# Scrutiny report



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## Children's Services – Joint Targeted Area Inspection

Name of Scrutiny Committee                      **Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee**

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Council Plan reference	
Wards affected	<b>All wards</b>

### For Discussion:

Milton Keynes were subject to a Joint Area Targeted Inspection by Ofsted on 14 October 2019. This visit focused on the mental health of young people and concentrated on a range of services delivered by the Council and partners such as Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAHMS), Youth Offending Service and the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)., Police and wider Health services, including Public Health

Overall there were lots of positives acknowledged in the report and some of the key themes noted by the Inspectors were:

- The ambition and commitment to Mental Health Services for Children and Young People in Milton Keynes;

- The collaborative approach by the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH);
- The challenges of 3 years ago about thresholds for intervention had improved and were now consistent;
- Prompt service Out of Hours given;
- Positive response by the MK Youth Offending Team (YOT) and Mental Health needs for young people.
- Auditing of shared understanding of good practice across services to be strengthened.
- There was provision of school nurses in Milton Keynes, but this needed further resourcing by Health, and it was anticipated that this would be considered within the Health and Wellbeing Board;
- Referrals to the MASH team by other services in Milton Keynes does not always include full information, however the Director of Children's Services indicated that an Action Plan was being drafted to help strengthen this;

There was a range of services available to support Young People but the understanding of these by young people and their carers was not always clear;

It was therefore incumbent on the Director of Children's Services to submit a JTAI Action Plan on behalf of the Partnership to progress the areas that were considered to be areas of improvement.

This Action Plan was submitted on 30 March 2020 and accepted by the Inspection agencies on 23 June 2020 and has been brought to the Committee for consideration.

It is the case that particularly due to the challenges for our Health Colleagues, but for all of our first-responder services, some of the actions have not been able to be progressed at the pace that we would initially have hoped but further multi-agency meetings are planned to be reconvened in July and all partners are confident that the actions set out in the plan to address the issues raised will be able to be addressed.

Annex A – JTAI Report

Annex B – Action Plan

Annex C - Inspectorate response to JTAI action plan

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