

DRAFT - Supporting Information and Impact Assessment

Proposal:	Integrated Youth Support
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Section 1: Background Information	
1.	<p>What is the proposal / issue?</p> <p>The proposal is to redesign and procure a revised integrated youth support service as a replacement for the existing range of services currently commissioned from the Children’s Society.</p> <p>This will result in an anticipated £80k reduction in budget.</p>
2.	<p>What is the current situation?</p> <p>The Children’s Society currently provides a range of services for children and young people including missing and return home interviews, advocacy and independent visiting, counselling and a drop in facility. The current contract was due to end in October 2016 but has been extended through a waiver until the end of June 2017 to allow for dialogue with the current provider young people and stakeholders on a revised service specification to support future provision.</p>
3.	<p>What options have been considered?</p> <p>The proposal was driven in part by the need to respond to the significant financial pressures facing the Children’s Services Department and Council. The opportunity has also been taken to begin the redesign of services to avoid service duplication and provide a more integrated pathway for children and young people.</p> <p>Cessation of service activity is not an option as there are underlying residual responsibilities towards children and young people who experience missing episodes and/or advocacy support.</p>
4.	<p>How does this proposal support the ambitions, principles and delivery of the Corporate Plan 2015-19?</p> <p>Ambitions: Prosperous and Healthy Torbay</p> <p>Principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use reducing resources to best effect • Integrated and joined up approach

	<p>Targeted actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protecting all children and giving them the best start in life • Promoting healthy lifestyles across Torbay
5.	<p>Who will be affected by this proposal and who do you need to consult with?</p> <p>Although the proposal envisages a funding reduction it is hoped to mitigate the impact through the reduction in duplication in a number of areas within current service provision. A more integrated approach will also provide a clearer pathway for young people seeking support. Initial dialogue has commenced with the current provider and with stakeholders in developing a revised specification which will support a tender exercise in the early part of 2017 with the aim of having a revised service in place no later than 1st July 2017.</p>
6.	<p>How will you propose to consult?</p> <p>Initial consultation will take place with the existing provider and other key stakeholders with a view to developing a revised service specification. This will be delivered through a series of meetings and workshop events which will also include young people as proposals become clearer. This will include obtaining the views of young people who have used existing services.</p> <p>This proposal will also be consulted upon as part of the general budget consultation – questionnaires will be made available in paper and online.</p>
<p>Section 2: Expected Implications and Impact Assessment (These sections will be updated and expanded following the consultation period.)</p>	
7.	<p>What are the <u>expected</u> financial and legal implications?</p> <p>Statutory services/services within Children's legislation as guidance will not be withdrawn.</p>
8.	<p>What are the <u>expected</u> risks?</p> <p>These services are Early Help and reductions in this area may lead to an increase in children meeting the statutory duty/threshold. By re-working a new integrated pathway, we expect to reduce the risk and improve the effectiveness of services.</p>