

# Children's Wellbeing Networking Event

Wednesday 21st March 2018



## Children & Young People's Plan

### GDPR



# Welcome & Housekeeping



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# Introduction



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# Herefordshire Children and Young People's Plan 2018+

## Engagement findings and emerging priorities

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# Engagement so far...

- Over 200 children and young people, including (but not limited to) children with disabilities, looked after children, primary and secondary school children from across Herefordshire, children of service personnel, mental health ambassadors and young carers
- Stakeholder engagement through partnership boards and meetings, and with providers through network events.
- Survey including families, staff of partner organisations
- Drawn on survey evidence already completed, such as those conducted by Healthwatch, NAS, and mental health engagement (to support refresh of Transformation plan)
- Well over 300 have shared their views to date...

# Much to be proud of...

The lovely wildlife and the sound of the birds singing

Good countryside

Lots of wildlife and makes me happy

It is a nice environment

Good schools

Social workers are kind and helpful

Doctors are good

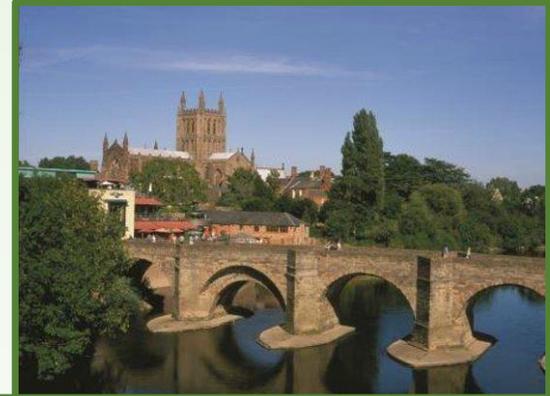
I like to come to school

It is very friendly in Hereford.

Ledbury is a friendly place

“I have made more friends here than anywhere else I have lived.”

“Amazing schools” and “amazing town.”



# Positive performance..

- Reduction in teen pregnancies,
- Improvements in mental health crisis care
- Good Levels of development incl. Phonics
- Key stage 1 performance
- Progress in implementing EHC plans
- Juvenile offending decreasing



# Findings so far... health and wellbeing

Almost a quarter of reception age children (4-5yrs) and over a third of year 6 children (aged 10-11yrs) are overweight or obese (2016/17)

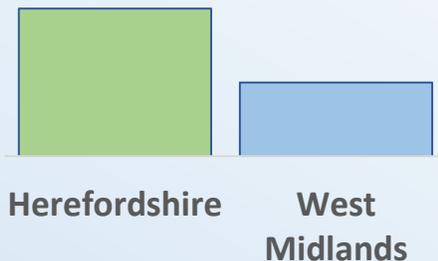


Healthy options often more expensive

Need information and advice about healthy food choices

Healthwatch:  
Educational messages around; low sugar, healthy eating and oral health

Not easy to get to dentist/ hospital appointments– have to take a whole day out of school



In 2014/15 the proportion of Herefordshire's 5 year olds free from dental decay (59 per cent) was lower than the figures for both England and the West Midlands while the mean number of decayed, missing or filled teeth in 5 year olds in Herefordshire was 1.43, a figure twice as high as in the West Midlands and 30 per cent higher than that for England as a whole.

Not an area highlighted greatly through engagement with exception of professionals.



# Findings so far.. Education and preparing for adulthood

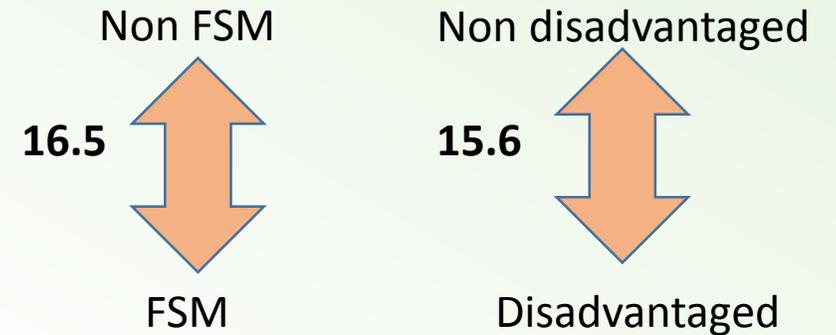
Make sure every child has an equal education

Herefordshire need to receive better education about young people with special educational needs/ disability and promote "more understanding" "equal rights in Herefordshire," "less bullying."

We need more work experience opportunities, incl jobs for under 16's

There is a lack of support for young people who are transitioning into adults

Standards rising in both primary and secondary schools and academies but, gaps widening for FSM and disadvantaged pupils.  
Poor social mobility in Herefordshire.  
Progress and attainment scores for children with SEN support/ statement or EHC plan could improve.



Number of 16 and 17yr olds in:	Herefordshire	England
Education and training	89.6	91.3
Apprenticeships	4.2	5.4
Training	0.8	1.3
work based learning	0.6	0.8
Part time education	0.1	0.3

Make the most of the new university, support to follow your dreams



# Findings so far.. safety

In January 2018 there were 309 looked after children in Herefordshire. This is 84 per 10,000 of the population which is high in comparison to statistical neighbours.

Stakeholder feedback has highlighted the need for a stronger approach to early identification and early help.

Slight, serious, or fatal collisions, although smaller number, are a higher rate per 100,000 than the UK, but similar to statistical neighbours (data from 2011-15)

Education re:  
safety and healthy  
relationships

we want to feel safe at night  
and for our parents to feel  
safe letting us out

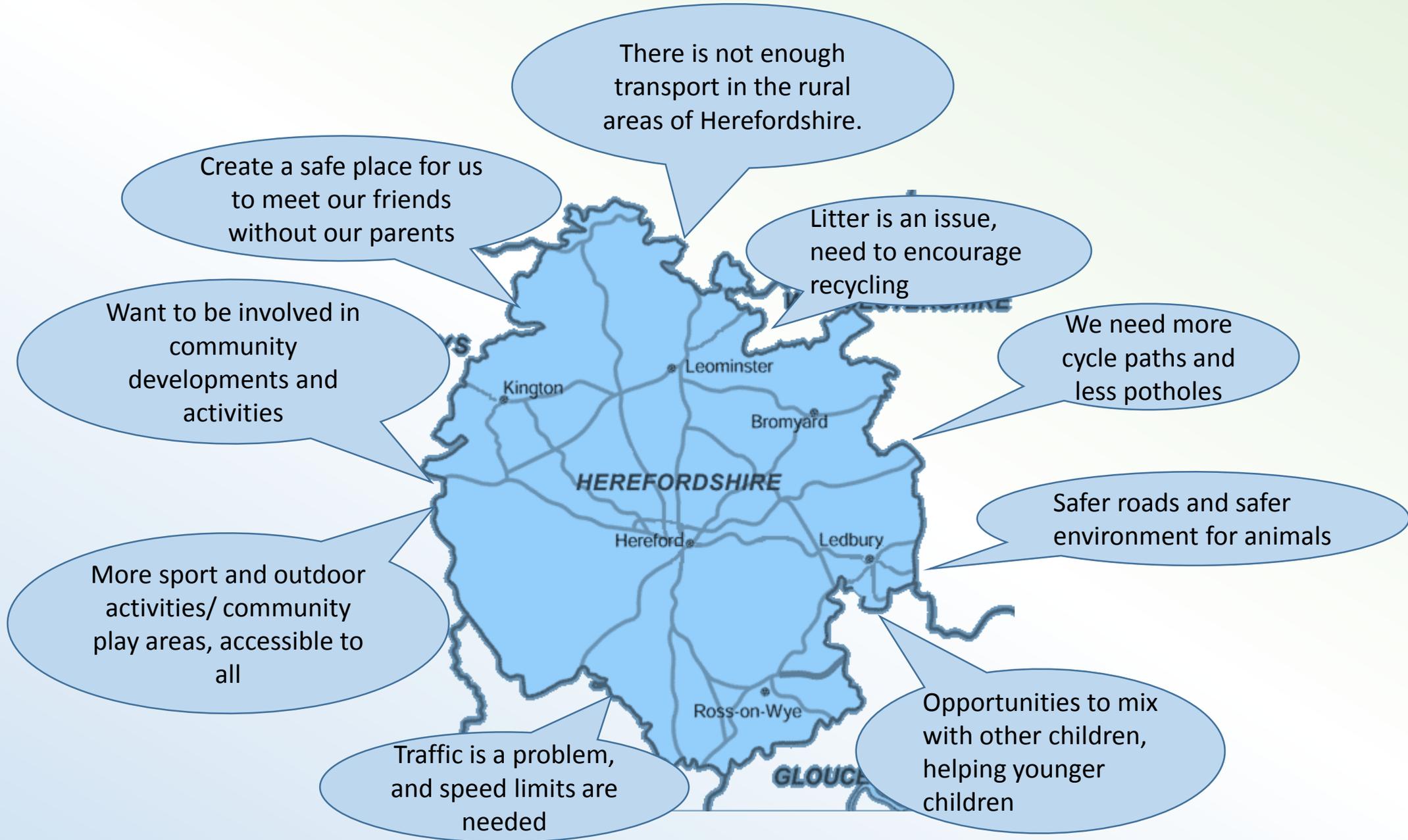
I don't feel  
safe in  
Hereford

Children  
should have a  
stronger voice

E-Safety in  
schools

Make Herefordshire roads  
safer for children and young  
people, slowing traffic

# Findings so far... environment and community



# Our four key passions:



2023



**Creating child friendly communities**



**Keeping children and young people safe, in supportive family environments**



**Helping all children and young people succeed**



**Improving children's health and wellbeing**

2018

By 2023, we want Herefordshire children and young people to say:

**I am healthy and happy**

**Some ideas to date:**

**What will we do?** Reduce obesity in children, reduce dental decay, increasing mental health awareness, and early identification of those at risk.

**How will we do it?** Timely information and advice about healthy eating, mental health self help utilising digital & social media, increased opportunities to be physically active within communities. Increase early awareness of oral health.

**I get the right support to achieve my goals**

**What will we do?** Narrow the gap in educational attainment, increasing aspiration for all children, develop skills for the world of work.

**How will we do it?** Build on best practice for supporting disadvantaged children and children with special educational needs or disabilities. Increase children and young people accessing work experience, increasing education and training access. Enhance school – business engagement. Improved support for transition into adulthood incl. development of ‘softer’ work skills.

# By 2023, we want Herefordshire children and young people to say:



**I feel safe**



**I am proud of my community and help to make it even better**

## **Some ideas to date:**

**What will we do?** Reduce number of looked after children and children with CP plans, reduce non-elective admissions (better understanding causes), improve perceptions of safety in Herefordshire.

### **How will we do it?**

Develop robust intelligence, use good practice and positive partnership engagement to improve our early help offer, work alongside children and young people to identify solutions (e.g. developing safe places), implement healthy relationships education and increase E safety awareness.

**What will we do?** increase disability awareness, identify opportunities to maximise inclusion, better define a 'child friendly community' alongside children.

### **How we will do it?**

Improve information and advice for communities re: inclusion, involve children and young people in improving their local environment, encourage local community activities that support inclusion.

# Principles to guide our work..

Effective targeting of interventions to make the greatest impact.

Asset focussed



# What will help us achieve our goals?

Ongoing  
involvement of  
children and young  
people

Working across a  
broader range of  
partners

Accessible and  
clear information  
and advice

Sharing  
information

Early identification  
- making every  
contact count

Skilled and  
knowledgeable  
workforce

# Key questions



1. What is missing?
2. What are the key partnership actions, recognising our limitations (physical resources, funding etc.)? How can we measure success?

After the break:

3. How do we work better together to create change?

# Workshop

Nominated leads....

Consider the four key areas in any order, you decide as a table...

Recording your views – even if you don't get to discuss a point, please write it down

Be ready to feed back 2 key points from your table discussion later.

**I am healthy and happy**

**I get the right support to achieve my goals**

**I feel safe**

**I am proud of my community and help to make it even better**

# Networking and coffee break



**Begin again at 11:20am**

# Key questions



After the break:

1. How do we work better together to create change?

Two key discussion points from each table

# Thank you!

## **Next steps:**

Pull together remaining feedback incl. outcomes from today

Draft Plan prepared during April involving CYP

Short consultation

Final plan – early Autumn

Then the hard work begins....

