



Recommendations updated from 2013/14

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1. Ensure local implementation of the National Child Poverty Strategy 2014-2020. (Local Authority)

Knowsley's Child and Family Poverty Plan for 2015-18 is being developed to deliver local child poverty priorities and contribute to the government's target to eradicate child poverty by 2020.
2. Develop a comprehensive multi agency teenage pregnancy plan to address the current trend of teenage pregnancy rates locally and secure the best health and social outcomes for teenage parents and their children. (Local Authority)

A teenage pregnancy action plan has been developed and will be implemented over the coming year. This will include a campaign to address risk taking behaviour.
3. Ensure the safe transition of the children's public health services from pregnancy to age 5 including Health Visiting and Family Nurse Services from NHS England to Local Authorities in late 2015. (NHS England and Local Authority)

A Merseyside Health Visiting Strategic Assurance Board led by NHS England has been formed. Bi-monthly meetings specific to Knowsley also take place to monitor key milestones and compliance in relation to core components of the Healthy Child Programme.
4. The maternity pathway developed to ensure women access services early and all women are able to realise opportunities to improve maternal health, including early identification of poor mental health, interventions to reduce smoking rates, promote healthy weight and take up the offers of screening, maternal vaccinations and neonatal vaccinations. (NHS and Local Authority)

Access to services is constantly under review in order to maximise the effectiveness and reach of the services. In particular, work is ongoing to increase uptake of the maternal weight management and stop smoking services. A programme of physical activity classes has also been developed to support a healthy pregnancy.
5. To develop and implement a breastfeeding plan with NHS partners and the Knowsley community to improve breastfeeding initiation and continuation. (Local Authority)

A breastfeeding action plan has been developed and will be implemented over the coming year. This will include a month long campaign and rebranding of the breastfeeding peer support service.

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6. The Schools and Early Years Service to provide targeted specialist support to private, voluntary or school early years and childcare providers assessed as needing improvement to raise the quality of provision. (Schools and Early Years Service - Local Authority)

Work is ongoing to provide targeted specialist support to early years and childcare providers who have been identified as needing additional support to raise the quality of childcare provision.

7. All Early Years settings (including private, voluntary, independent and local authority maintained) to sign up to the Knowsley Early Years Healthy Settings Charter to meet nutritional, physical and mental health needs of children aged 0 to 5 years. (Local Authority)

Following consultation with early years providers the Healthy Setting Charter has been redeveloped into a Healthy Settings Award, with bronze, silver and gold award levels. It is undergoing final amends and discussions around governance. The intention is for all early years settings to achieve at least bronze and be working towards gold.

8. To develop a multi-agency accident prevention strategy based on relevant national guidance. (Local Authority)

A Knowsley Accident Prevention Task (KAPT) Group has been formed and will agree and implement the strategic aims of the local action plan.

9. To review, scope and extend the postal toothpaste programme beyond March 2015. (Local Authority)

An oral health needs assessment will be complete by December 2015. This will review the oral health needs for Knowsley, lead to agreed priorities and enable appropriate resource allocation that will improve oral health.

10. Increase the number of children with asthma having an annual asthma review and implement a self-care and emergency action plan which would include increasing the number of schools with an asthma management policy. (NHS - Clinical Commissioning Group)

An audit will be conducted during summer 2015 to identify the number of schools with an asthma management policy.