

The Children and Young People's Plan 2009 onwards

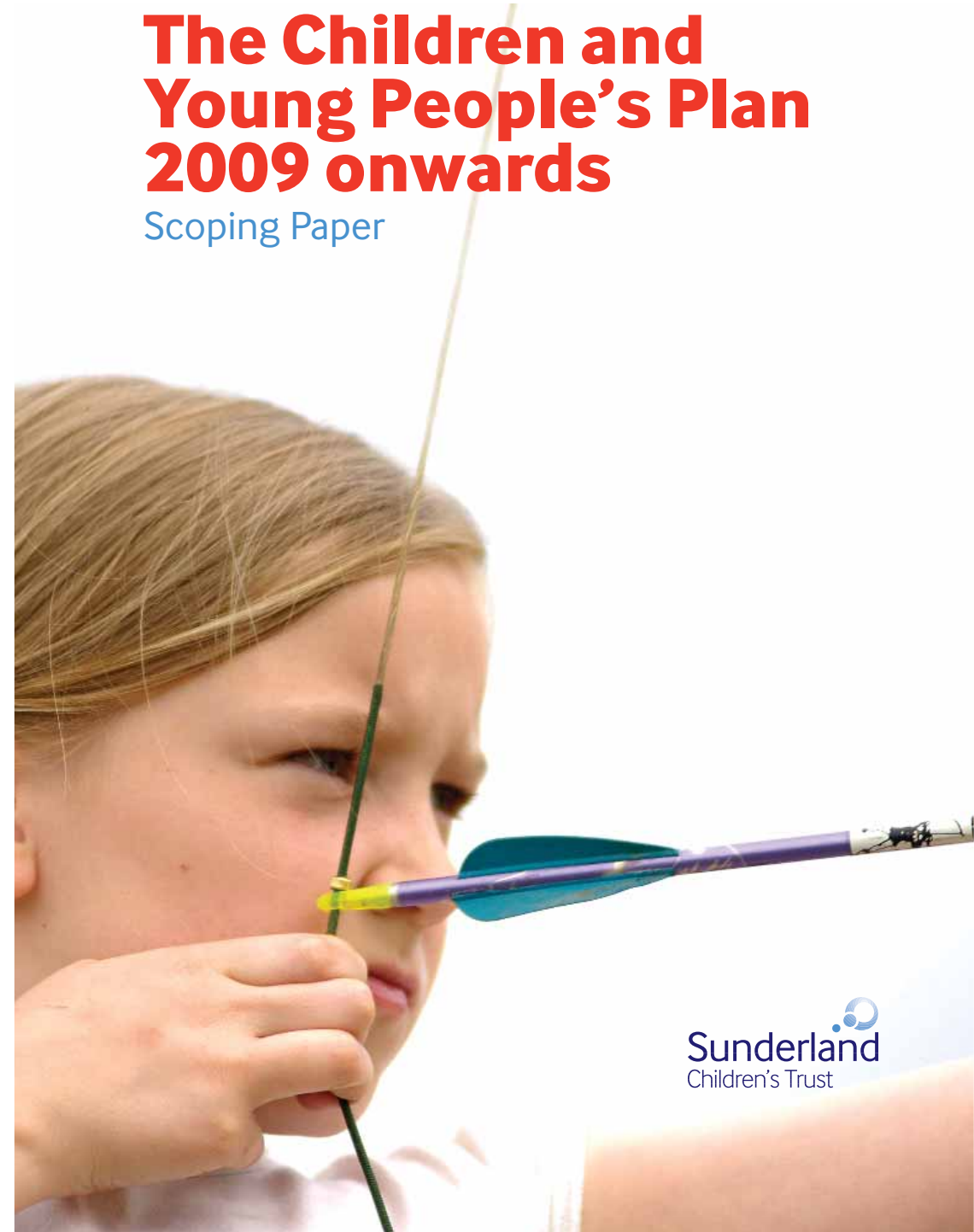
Scoping Paper

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1. The current three year plan ends in March 2009. There are a number of key issues to be considered leading to the review of the Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) for 2009 onwards:

- The CYPP needs to be closely aligned to the **2025 Sunderland Strategy** published earlier this year. The Children's Trust arrangements need to be better engaged with the Local Strategic Partnership and its thematic partnerships.
- **New Children's Trust and CYPP regulations** are currently being consulted upon. They are likely to:

Extend the duty to co-operate to schools, schools forum, sixth form and FE Colleges and academies. Bringing front line providers of education within the Children's Trust would give them a stronger voice, more influence over their strategic arrangements and better

support from other statutory partners - In Sunderland schools and the Further Education college are already involved in the Children's Trust Board and the Children's Trust Strategic Partnership

Consider how closer engagement with other front line providers could also be achieved, primarily GP practices

Require all areas to have a Children and Young People's Plan and extend ownership of the plan to all statutory partners. This would mean that the Plan becomes the shared responsibility of the Children's Trust - In Sunderland, the Plan is already intended to be the shared responsibility of the Children's Trust but is clearly Children's Services Directorate led and managed. Partners often have their own plans in place based on their own needs assessment

Strengthen the statutory framework for CYPP through secondary legislation, which will require Plans to: be agreed by all partners; continue to need a statement as to how the Children's Trust intends to improve outcomes for children and young people; give details of a joint needs assessment and gap analysis; give specific details to provide early identification and early intervention for children needing additional help through universal services such as children's centres and extended schools, as well as targeted services. Plans will cover the roles and responsibilities of the partners involved in early intervention and identification and the implications for the workforce; set out the arrangements for joint commissioning and specify the spend of each partner on areas such as child health, including support for children's centres and youth offending

The new-style plan will be expected to be in place for April 2010.

2 Suggested way forward

The Children and Young Peoples Plan 2009/10 will have two sections:

Section One: What we will do to continue to improve outcomes for children and young people

To include:

- Outstanding actions from 2006/9 plan
- Review of measurable outcomes from 2008/9
- Priorities and recommendations from partnerships aligned to the Children's Trust
- Plans for locality based working

Section Two: What we need to do to move to a new-style plan and longer term strategy to align with the Sunderland Strategy – a 15 year Strategy for Children and Young People 2010 - 2025

The strategy will be developed using the planning and commissioning process.

To include:

- Work towards producing a comprehensive assessment of need - we will need to: improve our data analysis and knowledge of trends; have locality based profiles on an age band basis in place; generally devote more resource to a more scientific approach to needs assessment and analysis; and make stronger links to the LSPs local area plans. This will take place alongside our work to put in place a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment
- Review of current Children's Trust arrangements and review of the aligned partnerships. Establish clear linkages with the Local Strategic Partnership
- Consideration of how the CYPP can become a commissioning (and de-commissioning) strategy for the Children's Trust and clarify the commissioning role of the aligned partnerships

- Work to clarify spend of each partner on children
- Work with partners to ensure shared ownership of the process and the strategy
- Work with children and young people to secure their longer term vision for the City in order to include in the CYPP 2010 onwards
- Work to formulate a set of aims for the 15 year strategy
- Work towards "Narrowing the gap" for vulnerable groups and eradicating child poverty

3 During 2009/10 we could also take some time to 'Consider some Big Questions' that we might plan for from 2010 onwards:

- (i) Where we are struggling to improve performance or improvement is slow.

For example:

- How do we improve outcomes for LAC?
 - How do we reduce teenage conceptions?
 - How do we reduce the number of young people not engaged in education, employment and training?
 - How do we prevent first time offending?
 - How do we improve transport arrangements for young people?
 - How do we increase the number of young people entering higher education
- (ii) Where we have different models of provision should we consider what gives the best outcomes for children and young people. For example, should we move to fully integrated locality based teams with a single management structure?

During 2009/10 we will plan a series of 'Turning the Curve' sessions with partners and stakeholders to consider some of these big questions, which may lead to the transformation of some services.

4 Consider work to engage partners and key stakeholders in preparing the 15 year strategy. For example:

- Employment of young people
- Seek secondees from partners to form a strategy writing team