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Executive Summary

Thurrock has made so much progress since this administration was formed in 2016. We have been nominated for awards for reform of children centres, improvements in environment and transport services, social care innovations in social care, and financial resilience. We have even been nominated for national council of the year. Thurrock is now a leader in local government.

This report outlines what the education and health departments, working with our teachers, health professionals and the public, have done to contribute to this success story.

You will see great achievements in primary care with more good GP's than ever, record amounts invested in new school buildings, and brand new innovations in mental and public health to better integrate the system within medical, community and school settings. It is worth noting we have only been able to do this by closing the £30m funding gap we inherited in 2016, and turn this into budget surpluses, while keeping tax low.

We of course have great challenges due to the sheer scale of the things we are trying to do and the complexity of the education and health system. This means it is vital we work together to maintain our strong collaboration with our partners.

We now need to press ahead in shaping the employment and skills agenda so we have the workforce to deliver new homes and infrastructure, prevent the proliferation of gang activity in schools, and keep on investing in this boroughs future.

As always, I am greatly appreciative to my entire officer team for their support.

I will now outline the strong successes achieved by the Departments and our plans for the future under the two main headings of 'Education' and 'Health'.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

School Effectiveness

As of 1 June, of the 52 schools in Thurrock, including specials and alternative provision, 46 schools are currently judged by Ofsted to be good or better (88%). We have seen some remarkable improvements in results, for example, this year has been the Gateway Academy move to good from its previous requiring improvement Ofsted judgement. In addition, we have seen year on year exam leaps at Hassenbrook, which fell into special measures a number of years ago.

We have had some very challenging Ofsted inspections under the new and more rigorous regime. Therefore we will consult with the schools forum and rollout a new school improvement programme to capture the schemes that have made such improvements in schools across Thurrock.

In terms of performance indicated, I can report the following, as of 1 June:

- The Private, Voluntary and Independent (PVI) Early Years providers in Thurrock continue to provide high quality early education and childcare. The percentage of settings judged good or better remains at 100%. Over 600 two year olds and 2000 three and four year olds have accessed at least 15 hours of funded early education and childcare, with 800 of those three and four year olds accessing 30 hours. That is an increase of 8.5% more three year olds accessing a place and 11.5% more taking up the 30 hours extended entitlement.
- At the end of the academic year 2017-18, which is the most current year for attainment data, 75.5% of children completing their reception year (age 5) achieved a Good Level of Development (GLD) compared to 71.5% nationally.
- The attainment gap between the disadvantaged pupils and their non-disadvantaged peers closed dramatically from 18% in 2016-17 to 7% in 2018-19.
- In Year 1, 84% of children in Thurrock reached the expected standard in phonics compared to 82% of children nationally. At the end of Year two (age 7) children sat their first Standard Assessments Tasks (SATs) and 68% of them achieved the expected standard in all three subjects; reading, writing and maths, compared to 65% nationally.
- At the end of year 6 (age 11), in Thurrock 66% of pupils reached the expected standard in all three subjects; reading, writing and mathematics. The validated data for 2018 shows that 62% of children nationally reached the expected standard.
- Of the 39 primary schools, 90% are judged good or better and 75% of secondary schools. Both special schools are outstanding and Olive AP has recently had a successful Ofsted inspection and is now judged to be good.
- There are two schools that were judged to be inadequate this academic year, both have been successfully brokered into a Multi-academy Trust, where they will be supported to improve.

Free School Programme and School Expansion

The Council has a statutory duty to ensure that every child in Thurrock has a school place. We continue to achieve this thanks for prudent use of funds and a strong working relationship with our schools to deliver circa £80m of new school estate (3,500 new places).

Thurrock's forecasting for school places to date has been robust and accurate with a 0.1% difference between forecasts and actual numbers admitted for September 2018. The difficulty with forecasting is that, although forecasts are accurate, we are not able to identify how old the children will be that move into Thurrock and to what year group they will move into. This takes close monitoring and we ensure we are in a position, when necessary, to take swift action in opening up classes within certain year groups.

This year a number of secondary schools have taken bulge classes to meet demand for September 2019 to ensure that all Thurrock children were offered a school place on National Offer Day (March 2019) and we did not need to go through the confusion on an emergency second round of offers. We invested around £1m in 2019 to achieve this.

We are currently delivering the following;

- Benyon Primary will expand from a 1 form entry to 2 form entry.
- The East Tilbury Primary expansion, of which phase one to deliver classrooms has been completed and handed back to the school. We are in the final stages of phase 2 which is delivering the High Needs Inclusion Base. This will complete mid-June.
- Phase one of the St Clere's expansion programme was completed at the end of August 2018 ready for intake of year 7 pupils in September 2018. Phase two which will be delivered for September 2020. This phase will include a new classroom block, dining facilities and sports hall.
- Works at Corringham Primary to deliver a new nursery are under way. Planning is due to be determined on 27 May 2019, following this a procurement exercise will begin in June to procure a contractor.
- Work on the new Harris Riverside Secondary school is almost complete.

There are currently three new schools on track for delivery within the borough, two secondary schools and one special school. It is planned that temporary accommodation will be agreed by the ESFA for both Orsett Heath Academy and Thames Park Academy in advance of the construction of the new schools. The scale of these projects, EFSA delays and objections to the loss of some open space has caused them to take longer than desired. However, we have made new funding available to ensure temporary accommodation will pump prime the projects and will provide an educational and sports legacy, not just temporary porta cabins. Delivery will now be subject to a new major projects' board.

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

For some time, I have been concerned about the SEND service. Parents have spoken to me about delays in the system and schools have spoken to me about issues and weaknesses with plans. I resolved to tackle this last year when I started a series of engagement exercises where we allowed parents and teachers to come forward to offer us a warts and all view of the system.

Ofsted and the CQC carried out Thurrock's Local Area SEND Inspection between 4 and the 8 March. The Inspection identified areas of strong partnership working and particular strengths in the work with children in their early years, with good practice in assessment and support and evidence of children with SEND of all ages making good progress in school. The Inspection identified areas for further development across the Local Area which were in line with the Local Area's self-assessment and are being worked through as part of an ongoing improvement process.

The local area is required to produce a written statement of action to address weaknesses in record keeping, the quality of Education Health and Care Plans and the quality assurance of provision. The Local Authority has undertaken swift action to address the immediate concerns identified in the Inspection. Clear, timely actions plans are in place to address the broader areas of development and these will be covered in the written statement of action required as an outcome of the inspection.

The Local Authority continues to work on the effectiveness of its Statutory SEND Service and has made significant improvements in the timescales for the delivery of new Educational Health and Care Plans during 2018/19 with the Service now delivering at 94% of Plans within 20 weeks which is significantly above the National Average and a considerable improvement from the previous year. The new SEND Service structure with new posts in place from April 2019 and new additional capacity in post 16 Preparing for Adulthood SEND, has significantly increased the capacity of the service to make the necessary improvements to the delivery and quality of Educational Health and Care Plans. The attainment and progress for pupils with SEND continues to be strength of the Local Authority with pupils with plans meeting the expected standard across all key stages being in line or above national comparators for all key stages.

The Local Authority has continued to strengthen its SEND provision with the development of a new mainstream resource base at Quarry Hill Primary Academy for pupils experiencing Social Emotional and Mental Health Difficulties. This base will build on the successful Resource Base at Dilkes Primary Academy as part of the Catalyst Trust.

As a result of the recent Joint Area Ofsted and CQC Inspection in March, a robust action plan has been put in place to ensure that the quality of Education and Health Care Plans (EHCPs) improve. There is a rigorous training programme being developed, with comprehensive practice standards and monitoring being introduced for all existing and new members of the team. However, while I will chair a new "Excellence Board" to drive the improvement work, we are clear that our aim is not just to answer the Ofsted concerns, but to focus on the long term vision for an outstanding service.

Access and Inclusion

The Local Authority has developed new arrangements for Primary aged pupils at risk of, or who have been permanently excluded. We are helping to support our children in mainstream schools rather than pushing them away to expensive and often weak provision.

The Primary Inclusion Base at Thameside Academy has continued to support 6 pupils this year and the new build at East Tilbury Academy also part of the Osborne Trust will increase the provision in place there to provide a service for up to 10 pupils from September 2019. The arrangements for Fair Access in Primary Schools have been negotiated with the Primary Schools and the new Inclusion Panel for Fair Access, Reintegration from Inclusion Bases, and Managed Moves to avoid permanent exclusion has been introduced from May 2019.

There are nearly 300 pupils electively home educated (EHE) in the borough. We have decided to develop an Elective Home Education Officer role that is currently being recruited to. When recruited, the new post-holder will support the EWS to ensure that all children are receiving a suitable education for their age and stage.

National Funding Formula (NFF) and school budgets

The new NFF means a net increase to the total Thurrock schools budget – a meaningful boost of around £1m per year.

We are one of the few councils to have successfully rolled out the NFF following robust discussion and consultation with our schools forum and a compromise with a year's transition to the full formula.

The NFF targets funding towards additional education needs including deprivation and prior attainment. This means that schools like the Gateway Trust, who serve some of our most deprived communities in Tilbury and Chadwell, will see a net cash boost of around £200k per year.

Thanks to our budget surplus, we were also able to provide £0.5m to the schools forum to help deal with the historic overspend in the high needs block, as our new plan continues to close the gap.

Inspire Youth Services

Thurrock boasts a unique position where we are one of the few councils to maintain and even enhance a full skills and careers service. A clear focus for the coming year will be around expanding our current skills offer looking to further embed and further develop a strong relationship with Essex and Southend as we host our skills summit with partners later this year.

Thurrock's exciting regeneration agenda and the need to ensure that we have Thurrock residents trained in programmes that will enable them to access the employment opportunities as they develop, as well as growing the work force south Essex will need to deliver the homes and infrastructure of the future.

The Cabinet agreed a three year plan for the ongoing development of the services recognising the importance of ensuring that given the regeneration opportunities within Thurrock that young people would have the relevant skills sets to access the employment opportunities available locally. Below is an update of what has been achieved to date:-

Not in Education or Employment (NEET): NEET percentage has been reduced to 1.7% in February 2019.

Unknown: the figure continuously stays at '0'. This has placed Thurrock Council in 1st place in the country for its Unknown figures.

NEET + Unknown: Thurrock is lower than all national, statistical neighbours and East of England comparators and is ranked 4th in country.

Care Leavers into Education, Employment and Training (EET): The EET figure on the right trajectory at 67%. Innovative solutions include employing a Maths and English tutor to engage with those young people who are not ready for full time learning provision, delivering a course on Lifeskills by a personal adviser. Trialing a DofE provision specifically for this cohort has increased engagement resulting in five looked after young people completing all elements of the programme which culminated in a two day successful expedition. By promoting the benefits of Prince's Trust programme through a Careers Personal Adviser six looked after young people have completed the Prince's Trust Programme with strong positive results.

Every 16 year old has access to impartial careers advice. Inspire Thurrock Careers have been bought into over 80% of the schools offering impartial careers advice to the Year 11's. 100% of all Thurrock young people get a September Guarantee offer for an educational place – during this process young people with an unclear educational destination are identified and supported via the Inspire Youth Hub.

September Guarantee 2018 stands at 100% ensuring that every 16 year old had a place of learning reserved for them in September 2018. September Guarantee 2019 is on the same trajectory.

Access to Russell group universities – a range of inspirational assemblies, projects, hand holding sessions and parent events have been initiated to support progression of Thurrock young people into Russell group universities where appropriate and increase access to HE in Thurrock as a whole.

Grangewaters - This is the second year that Grangewaters made profit with ambitious plans for 2019-2020. This year saw Grangewaters achieve the AALA, ROSPA and RYA inspections that have raised the status of Grangewaters as a well-respected Outdoor Education Centre with a strong commitment to Health and Safety. We are excited about a new scheme 'Sail Thurrock' that is being implemented through Active Essex funding and in partnership with the Thurrock Yacht club which will aim to revive sailing in the borough.

Adult Community College - Graded as Good by Ofsted and as such we are offering a range of courses to support getting into employment across the Authority.

ONTRACK - OnTrack is a Youth Employment Initiative programme for young people aged 15-29 in Thurrock. It is part funded through the European Social Fund and managed by the Department for Work and Pensions. This 2.5 year programme is a £3.2m match funded project successfully won by Thurrock Council in 2015 with the following targets to achieve by July 2018:

- 1310 NEET young people engaged/supported
- 768 young people entering EET
- 261 young people in EET for 6 months
- 346 gaining a qualification

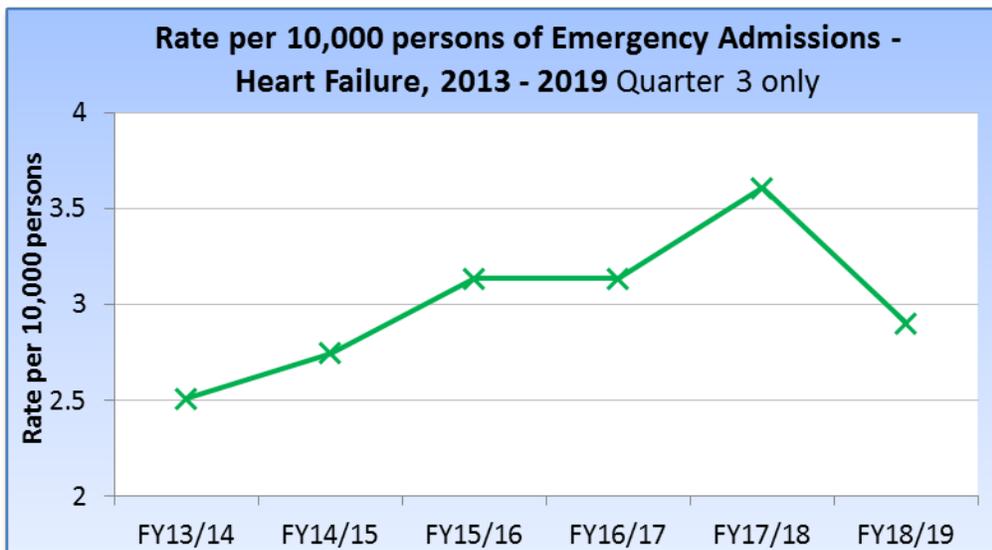
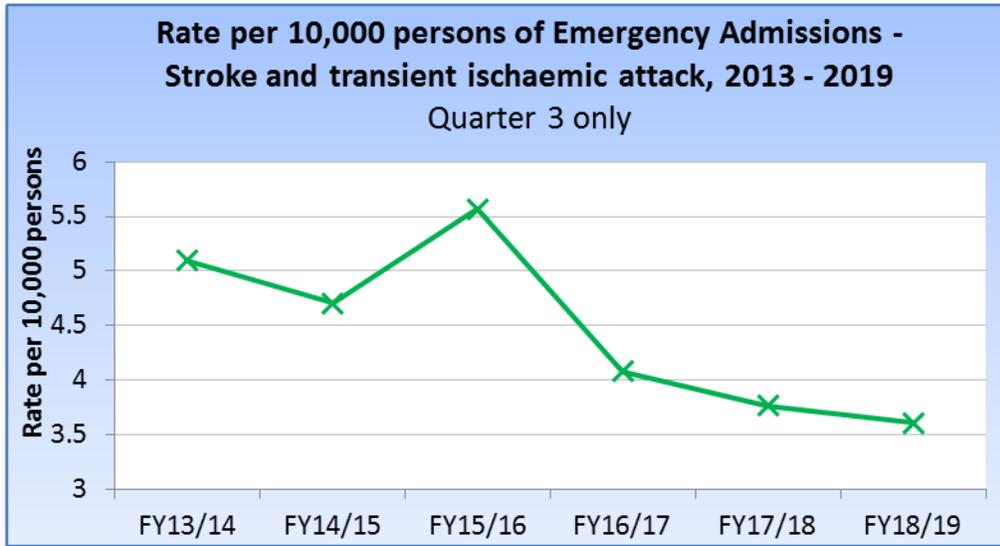
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

GP Standards Plan

Our Primary Care development plan has achieved huge successes this year. Simply put, we are evidencing where Early intervention is needed, offering advice based on this data, and we are saving lives and a fortune as a result.

Along with visiting 93% of practices (all practices where access was granted) face to face with our Long Term Conditions Profile Card and using this to develop individualised action plans we have also:

- Implemented a new stretched Quality Outcomes Framework (QoF) payment scheme for all of our GP surgeries which fills the funding gap to deliver additional resources to find and treat the remaining 20-30% of patients outside the existing QoF - recognising that these are often the 'hardest to reach' cohort of patients. Since being introduced in July 2018, of the 19 indicators included 16 have shown an improvement in 2018/19 compared with 2017/18. This means that larger numbers of our Long Term Condition patients are receiving good quality, evidence based and recommended care and management. Funding will continue into 2019/20 year and has been agreed to be split between the Public Health Grant and the Better Care Funds.
- Added an additional 694 patients to the Hypertension disease register, over and above what would have been added in previous years. As a result these patients can, with their Primary Care support, manage their health and take steps to avoid serious complications. Work will continue with practices on this in 2019/20 to ensure that regular screening of patients is truly embed in General Practice processes. In addition further work is looking at the diagnosis pathway to ensure that once screened a patient can move through the pathway without undue delay, no matter where in Thurrock they are registered.
- This systematic approach to Population Health Management is already paying dividends. Following a five years of year on year increases in numbers of our residents being admitted to hospital for Heart Failure, in the third quarter of 2018/19 we saw a 20% drop in admissions compared the same period of the previous year. Furthermore, we observed a 6% drop in the number of people admitted to hospital for stroke compared to the same period in 2017/18.



Investing in Primary Care in this way is a win-win situation; not only is it good for our residents' health and for our local health and care economy, it delivers significant savings in preventing more expensive hospital and social care treatment costs from avoided serious health events such as heart attacks and strokes. This can only be a good thing and has my wholehearted support.

Data Linkage

To support our plans for ensuring the whole Health and Social Care System works together efficiently for our residents and is sustainable for future generations it is vital that we have data from all relevant services that is linked. This will not only enable us to plan services better and to evaluate the effectiveness of them but also to produce risk stratification models that will enable care givers to identify residents for specific, life enhancing and potentially saving, treatments and intervention.

In the last year we have taken significant steps towards achieving this. We now have linked data relating to Adult Social Care, Hospital activity and Mental Health Services. In addition 24 of our practices have also agreed to link their data too and at the time of writing we are weeks away from beginning to see this data flow and be able to start to use it for the good of our population.

Sustainability and Transformation Partnerships (STPs)

The Mid and South Essex STP is one of 44 such partnerships across England. The Partnership brings together local organisations (acute hospitals, community and mental health providers, CCGs, our three local authorities (Essex County Council, Southend-on-Sea Borough Council and Thurrock Council, our three Healthwatch organisations (Essex, Thurrock and Southend) along with clinical and service user representatives to work together to improve the health and care of a population of 1.2 million people.

We have to be acutely aware of the danger this could pose; we need to ensure that our local ability to shape services is not undermined by an increasingly large and centralised system.

Integrated Medical Centres (IMCs)

With the NHS, we have launched one of the most ambitious plans anywhere to deliver new medical centres (4 in phase 1) and new residential care, upgraded Thurrock Hospital, step-down services, and possible additional medical centres (phase 2). Total circa £70m investment.

This includes reforming the Orsett Hospital offer. Instead of an aging building that is half-empty, we will have 21st century facilities, with primary care, closer to where people live. This will all be delivered in-line with the MOU we shaped with partners i.e. Orsett will not close until new centres are open and Thurrock clinical services will remain in Thurrock.

However, On 8 January 2019 a referral was made by Thurrock's Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) to the Secretary of State for DHSC requesting that further consideration be provided to the plan. This "call-in" was submitted almost 6 months after the plan was published and therefore has put a considerable halt to the scheme.

While the outcome of the HOSC referral to the Secretary of State is still unknown progress continues to be made and key partners remain committed to their development. Robust planning has taken place as part of considering services that will be provided within each of the IMCs and will also facilitate the calculation of approximate costs of building and rent to be charged to services for calculated space allocations.

Tilbury and Chadwell IMC

The integrated vision for the facility includes a suite of flexible clinical rooms to enable multiple services to make use of the facility, along with community elements such as the library and community hub.

Design work reached RIBA Stage 2 with the design team having produced an outline design and cost plan.

Final decisions on the design and planning will depend on the agreement to re-locate services from Orsett Hospital, and BTUH, and the plans for the use of the Thurrock Community Hospital site.

Purfleet IMC

The Purfleet IMC will be part of the Purfleet Centre regeneration programme. A potential location has been identified in the town centre.

A schedule of accommodation for Purfleet was developed in 2017. This is under review by health partners as part of the work being driven forward by Public Health.

Corringham and Stanford Le Hope IMC

NELFT remain committed to developing an IMC at the Graham James Site Corringham.

The site is already owned by NELFT and drawing and design is complete for a two storey build. Planning permission is agreed. Once agreement is secured to proceed there will be a 15 month construction period.

The business case could be presented to NELFT's Board later in 2019, but this is subject to the issues above being addressed.

Grays IMC

We have a vision for a massively upgraded community hospital.

The IMC at Thurrock Hospital was always going to be a slightly different offer – the site is already there with an extensive range of existing services and it is likely to be the site used for those services which can only realistically be offered once – e.g. potentially a Minor Injuries Unit.

The layout of the site lends itself to the zoning of two main areas: a "Health Village", incorporating quieter and longer term activities, and a "Day Hub", the space where patients would come for appointments and more short term activities.

The Council and NHS partners have commissioned a master planning exercise for the whole site.

Work of the Health and Well-being Board

I have been Chair of Thurrock Health and Wellbeing Board since July 2016. The Board is multi-agency and responsible for developing and overseeing the implementation of Thurrock's 5 year Health and Wellbeing Strategy, launched in July 2016. The comprehensive strategy comprises 5 Strategic Goals that sets out action required to ensure that Thurrock people can 'add years to life and life to years'. A report setting out progress made against Health and Wellbeing Strategy outcomes is published annually.

While I remain pleased with progress being made to improve health and wellbeing outcomes for the population of Thurrock I am keen to ensure that the Health and Wellbeing Strategy remains focussed on the right areas, fit for purpose and continues to address emerging priorities and challenges.

MENTAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION

School Wellbeing Service

The burgeoning crisis in children and young people's mental health nationally has been well reported in the media. Referrals to Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services nationally are up 64% over the last three years. In Thurrock we have taken action.

Children's Mental Health transformation started with the delivery of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment Published in 2018, which supported a well-attended Mental Health Summit. Findings from the JSNA and summit led to Public Health working with partners across schools and academies, the CCG and voluntary sector to develop and implement The School Wellbeing Service which is a new and exciting preventative offer to all schools in Thurrock. Following the approval of substantial investment at cabinet in December 2018, recruitment to our new school based mental health team is underway.

The service aims to improve the mental wellbeing and resilience in our young people. It is planned to consist of dedicated members of staff who will work with schools to support school senior mental health leads to introduce and develop a whole school approach to mental health and wellbeing. The offer will also provide schools, staff and pupils with timely advice and liaise with external services, to help children and young people get the right support and stay in education.

The implementation of this service will further be aided by schools participating in the Brighter Futures Survey for Y5, Y8 and Y10 pupils. Survey findings will assist with the identification of whole school need and adequately tailoring bespoke support to individual schools. Schools are therefore encouraged to participate in this year's survey provided by Schools and Health Education Unit.

To measure the impact and success of the service Public health is working with the Public Health England Research Hub to secure an independent evaluation to provide a broader understanding of subsequent wider impacts, barriers and lessons learned.

Adult service

We know from the excellent research undertaken by Thurrock Healthwatch that our local mental health treatment services need to improve. A Public Health Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) on Adult Mental Health concluded that the historical way that services have been provided was fragmented and too clinically focused. A large amount of work has been happening over the last year to begin to transform the way we deliver support to adults with poor mental health, in order that care is delivered in a much more holistic way.

A clear focus of work with EPUT will be based around moving away from stand-alone services and embedding mental health work in primary care settings.

Findings from three key pieces of work (the Adult Mental Health Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, the Local Government Association Peer Review and the public consultation work undertaken by Healthwatch Thurrock) have been instrumental in setting local priorities.

The Council have recently funded a new Strategic Lead position to coordinate the local authority work required, with the commitment of a new Mental Health Transformation Board and an underpinning Operational Group to deliver the ambitious work programme agreed by partners.

In addition, we have been working very closely with our CCG and wider partners on two extremely complex service transformation programmes – one with STP colleagues focusing on an improved Urgent and Emergency Mental Health Care pathway, and the other with local partners aiming to improve the mental health offer to be delivered from localities – starting with Tilbury and Chadwell in alignment with the Better Care Together programme.

In November 2018 we held a workshop to explore the potential to incorporate the Open Dialogue approach within our mental health service offer, and a number of staff have been funded to attend training over the next few months.

In addition, Public Health are working with partners on effective methods to diagnose undetected anxiety and depression patients, and to date have launched the depression and anxiety screening functionality in a small number of GP practices for patients with Diabetes – with plans to expand this subject to evaluation.

CROSS-DEPARTMENTAL WORK

Youth Offending

Youth work is gaining momentum with different strands of community funding being utilised to secure youth provision in different parts of the borough.

We have achieved amazing results working with the police to serve over a dozen injunctions against youth gang members, helping to cripple local networks.

We want to re-locate and expand the YOS. We are working with schools to map out a wraparound plan to ensure that YOS work against knife crime and gangs works far beyond just school hours as we look to more community based out-reach work.

To support this work, my Director of Public Health will use his Annual Public Health Report for 2019 to focus and better understand the issue of Violence and Vulnerability of young people in Thurrock, and will make clear recommendations on further action to prevent and protect young people from gang and knife crime.

Sports

We are delivering massively improved and expanded sports facilities recognizing that schools are at the heart of our communities this has translated the following opportunities within our schools a 4G pitch for the Harris schools, a sports hall for St Cleres and a possible legacy build for the Blackshots Rugby club as a part of the new Orsett Heath Academy.

It is vital that we make sure that improved school facilities are a key part of the emerging sports strategy as we try and move away from ad-hoc sports support and provide venues that are accessible for children and young people and the wider community thus supporting the commitment to ensure we are promoting health and wellbeing utilizing sports as one way of addressing this

A whole systems approach to obesity requires multiple actions across all parts of the system. A Whole Systems Obesity Summit was therefore held in February 2019, led by Public Health. Over 130 people attended including a range of stakeholders such as the CCG, CVS and other departments/directorates in the Council. One of the clear outcomes of the summit was the recognition that providing opportunities to engage in sports and other recreational activities will support our ambitious agenda in reducing obesity levels across communities.

There is no single approach for bringing about major system change. Instead, success depends on identifying the most crucial components and having a strong understanding of what is needed to create and implement the culture, networks and environment for them to flourish.

Housing

We expanded our arm's length development company, TRL, to provide enough scale for it to be commercially viable. We will use this as a vehicle to deliver new homes, and using the HRA cap being lifted to deliver more council homes.

Education and health have made great use of housing stock. Our Head Start Housing scheme has been further enhanced this year with a dedicated team who will be looking to support care leavers with housing options. We recognize that this is one of the key barriers for young people but is especially challenging if you have been in the care sector and do not have the support networks that are available to other young people.

However housing is only one aspect of the offer we have a comprehensive skills offer that is providing practical support in accessing education and skills thus leading to employment opportunities. We have successfully introduced a council tax exemption for care leavers again recognizing the challenges that these young people face around managing money.

In the autumn the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Councillor Hebb, hosted a debt summit at the local Adult Community College – as a direct result of this event money management programmes were developed and offered to vulnerable young people accessing Inspire.

This programme has been built on and with support from Councillor Hebb we will be able to shortly introduce debt advisors into Inspire to support the money management issues that present on a regular basis.

This programme has been evaluated by the young people and we are currently working with secondary schools across Thurrock to offer the programme to students in secondary education – this clearly shows a real commitment to cross directorate working and investing in areas that can make a real difference to young people.

Finally, we are now tweaking the allocations policy to make access to key worker housing easier. As we deliver more homes, we will look to upscale this work.

Brighter Futures – Children's Centres

Under the mantra "fewer buildings, better services" we reformed children centres to save the council £400,000 per year, while better serving children through a holistic approach between education and public health.

The Thurrock 0-19 Brighter Futures Healthy Families Service is an integrated service encompassing Health Visiting, School Health (historically School Nursing), targeted support and a range of health interventions for children, young people and their families.

I am pleased to announce that improvements to the service can be evidenced through the increase in the number of sessions, activities, and health services on offer to families. This includes:

- Parent Outreach Workers increasing the numbers of families they have worked with from 282 families, to 377 families this year, this exceeds their target.
- The number of families registered with the Children's Centre Service increasing by 10% last year to 73%.
- The number of people attending sessions or services in Children's Centres increasing from 45,000 to 59,162.
- There has been a significant increase in the number of families where children have SEND, from 17 families, to 67 families.

Overall the Children that receive support from and access to the Children's Centre's exceed the National Average of 71.5% for a Good Level of Development by 4% (71.5%).

The following outcome areas have been agreed through the multi-agency group with a series of indicators in each area, reducing inequality is a key focus:

- All Children in Thurrock enabled to achieve their potential.
- All Children are able to live healthy and safe lives in their communities and access appropriate healthcare.
- All families are supported to prevent homelessness and reduce poverty.
- All children and their families experience good emotional health and wellbeing.

The Brighter Futures board will evaluate the impact of the Brighter Futures system using this agreed set of multi-agency, shared measures linked to each of the above outcomes. Performance against these outcome measures will shape how resources are deployed in the future, preventing statutory social care intervention, and building resilient, healthy and happy families.

Dedicated Schools Grant

** Additional financial resources are allocated and available as part of the wider skills and schools budgets. For the purpose of this report dedicated schools grant financial information has been provided.*

<u>Dedicated Schools Grant 2019/20</u>	£
Schools Block	119,434,301
Central Services Block	2,072,905
High Needs Block	23,267,600
Early Years Block	11,570,256
Funding Settlement 2019/20	156,345,062
Less Academy Recoupment:	(109,841,388)
Funding Settlement 2019/20 (after recoupment)	46,503,674
The following budget allocations have been provided from the resources available:	
	£
Maintained Schools Budgets	11,227,737
School Licences	121,688
Growth Fund	1,626,597
DSG Recovery Plan	1,248,000
Statutory and Regulatory duties	491,731
School Place planning	53,174
School Admissions	230,000
Schools Forum	10,000
SACRE	10,000
Contribution to Combined budgets	1,278,000
Place Funding	108,000
Top Up Funding - Thurrock Schools and Academies	7,646,890
Top Up Funding - Other Local Authorities (4-16)	1,080,000
Top Up Funding - Post 16	1,166,000
Non Maintained and Independent Providers	4,410,000
Commissioned Services	1,158,000
Travellers Team	51,000
Home to School Transport	1,787,000
High Needs Central Team	1,229,601
Early Years 3 & 4 Year old Offer - Payment to Providers	9,136,756
Early Years 2 Year old Offer - Payment to Providers	1,860,700
Early Years Central Team	572,800
Total Dedicated Schools Grant 2019/20	46,503,674

APPENDIX A: 2019-20 PUBLIC HEALTH GRANT SPEND

The total Public Health Budget for 2019/20 is £11,489,185

Resource breakdown is as follows:

Income source	Amount (£s)
Public Health Grant 2019-20	(10,750,000)
PHG Carry Forward from 17-18 and 18-19	(618,278)
OPCC Grant Income	(48,907)
NRT Re-charge from NHS Thurrock CCG	(27,000)
HRA Recharge (contribution to Well Homes Project)	(45,000)
TOTAL INCOME	(11,489,185)

The Public Health Grant Expenditure for 2019/20 has been predicted as follows

Expenditure Category	Amount (£s)
0-19 including Brighter Futures	4,075,000
Contribution from PH Budget to other Corporate Services	1,854,735
Staff including all on-costs	1,651,187
Sexual Health and Teenage Pregnancy	1,574,611
Drug and alcohol treatment/prevention (children's and adults)	1,241,817
LTC Case finding and management	330,155
Thurrock Healthy Lifestyles Solutions (including NHS Health Checks)	262,226
Children's Mental Health	126,000
Adult weight management commissioning	125,335
Health through housing	60,000
Tobacco Control	40,000
Adult Public Mental Health	28,000
Health Protection	27,000
Healthcare Public Health	20,000
Health Informatics	12,500
Department Running Costs	21,269
Offender Health	10,000
Other	8,334
TOTAL PREDICTED EXPENDITURE 2019/20	11,468,169
Predicted balance at end of 2019/20 (Income less expenditure)	(10,021)