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PROGRAMME UPDATE

Keeping stakeholders, parents and carers informed about Dudley's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Improvement Programme

3. Dudley Integrated Health and Care NHS FT (DIHC) Children's Service Update

DIHC, with our local partners, will share responsibility for improving the health and care outcomes for the population it serves. The new organisation provides the opportunity to realign, redesign and integrate a number of services for children and young people to enable them to thrive.

It will focus on targeted implementation of universal, primary and community-based interventions which includes specific integrated initiatives that will support long-term/complex conditions.

By developing integrated teams within a primary and community care model, this will allow for holistic, timely interventions that address health and well-being needs while reducing the necessity for acute care.

Working with partners the key areas of focus for the DIHC will be to:

- Reduce child poverty and its impact on children and young people's health and wellbeing.
- Ensure that there is lifelong dynamic care planning using the Integrated Care Team (ICT) approach.
- Support personalisation and preventative health care.
- Promote healthy pregnancies and first 1001 days to give every child the best start in life .
- Reduce obesity and promote healthy weight.
- Increase readiness for school – especially for our SEND population.

- Improve resilience and emotional health and wellbeing.
- Ensure that the most vulnerable children and young people will have access to the most appropriate range of services.

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