

<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>West Berkshire Children's Life Satisfaction and Happiness Survey 2014</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Report to be considered by:</b>	The Health and Wellbeing Board
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> July 2015

**Purpose of Report:** To inform the Health and Wellbeing Board of the findings from the Survey.

**Recommended Action:** To note the finding of the survey and give consideration to the potential impact on future commissioning.

<i>When decisions of the Health and Wellbeing Board impact on the finances or general operation of the Council, recommendations of the Board must be referred up to the Executive for final determination and decision.</i>		
Will the recommendation require the matter to be referred to the Council's Executive for final determination?	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	No: X

<b>Is this item relevant to equality?</b>	Please tick relevant boxes	
	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No x</b>
Does the policy affect service users, employees or the wider community and:		
• Is it likely to affect people with particular protected characteristics differently?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Is it a major policy, significantly affecting how functions are delivered?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Will the policy have a significant impact on how other organisations operate in terms of equality?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Does the policy relate to functions that engagement has identified as being important to people with particular protected characteristics?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Does the policy relate to an area with known inequalities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Outcome</b> Where one or more 'Yes' boxes are ticked, the item is relevant to equality. In this instance please give details of how the item impacts upon the equality streams under the executive report section as outlined.		

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# Executive Report

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Public Health and Wellbeing Service, working with Children and Young People's Services in West Berkshire Council, commissioned the Children's Society to provide a survey on the wellbeing and happiness of children and young people in the area.
- 1.2 The aim of the survey is to better understand the levels of wellbeing and happiness of children and young people in West Berkshire to help ensure services are commissioned that meet children's and young people's needs.

## 2. Methodology and Responses

- 2.1 The Children's Society Good Childhood Index (<http://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/what-we-do/research/well-being/background-programme/good-childhood-index>) has been used as the basis for the survey as this is a nationally tested tool. It explores the quality of children's lives – as rated by children themselves. It is based on an eight-year, collaborative ground-breaking programme of research, with the University of York, to explore and measure children's subjective well-being. By 2013, this research programme had involved surveys and consultation with over 42,000 children aged eight and above.
- 2.2 The survey took place in late 2014/early 2015. All schools in West Berkshire were invited to participate. In practice a total of nine schools took part and there were a total of 2153 responses.
- 2.3 Each school that took part received an individualised report about the wellbeing and happiness of the children in their school. This will assist schools in meeting Ofsted's information needs with regard to effective safeguarding in schools.

## 3. Recommendation

- 3.1 The results of the survey will be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2015, by the Children's Society.
- 3.2 It is recommended that the Board note the findings and give consideration to the impact on future commissioning.

## 4. Equalities

- 4.1 This is an informative item on the West Berkshire Children's Life Satisfaction and Happiness Survey 2014. Any future commissioning plans as a result of the survey would be subject to a full EIA.
- 4.2 For completion of the survey special delivery options were offered for children with learning difficulties or disabilities.

## Appendices

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Appendix A – Summary of Findings from the Survey

## **Consultees**

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**Local Stakeholders:** Schools, Public Health, Primary Health Care Services, Education, Children and Families Services

**Officers Consulted:** Maxine Slade, Julia Waldman, Fatima Ndasuma.