

## NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

### CHILDREN'S PARTNERSHIP BOARD

#### MINUTES

of meeting held on **19 DECEMBER 2012** at

Loxley House from 4.02 pm to 5.51pm

✓ indicates present at meeting

✓	Councillor David Mellen	- Chair of the Board and Portfolio Holder for Children's Services	) ) )	
	Carole Mills-Evans	- Acting Chief Executive	)	
	Councillor Jon Collins	- Leader	)	
	Ian Curryer	- Corporate Director for Children and Families	) )	
✓	Katy Ball	- Head of Early Intervention and Market Development	) )	Nottingham City Council
✓	Chris Wallbanks	- Programme Manager Early Intervention and Partnerships	) ) )	
✓	Jon Rea	- Engagement and Participation Lead Officer	) )	
	Candida Brudenell	- Director for Quality and Commissioning, Children and Families	) ) )	
	Dawn Smith	- Chief Operating Officer	)	- NHS Nottingham City Clinical Commissioning Group
	Angela Horsley	- Clinical Lead,	)	- Nottingham Children's Hospital
	Phyllis Brackenbury	- Assistant Director Children, Young People, Families and Health Improvement	)	- Nottingham CityCare Partnership
	Paula Webber	- Senior Advisor,	)	- Young People's Learning Agency
	Simon Nickless	- Chief Superintendent	)	- Nottinghamshire Police
(✓)	(Erica Doran substituting)		)	
✓	Wendy Smith	- Chair, CONGA (City of Nottingham Governors' Association)	) ) )	
	Andy Sloan	- Head Teacher, Rosehill School (Special School representation)	) ) )	Nottingham Schools
	Jill Robey	- Head Teacher, Nottingham Nursery School and Training Centre	) ) )	

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| ✓ | Karen Slack      | - Head Teacher, Rise Park Primary School   | )   |
|   | Gareth Owen      | - Head Teacher, Hadden Park High School    | )   |
| ✓ | Paul Burnett     | - Independent Chair of                     | - Local Safeguarding Children Board               |
|   | Anne Danvers     | - District Operations Manager              | - Job Centre Plus                                 |
| ✓ | Stephen McLaren  | - Urban Angel Project Manager              | - On behalf of the Community and Voluntary Sector |
|   | Mike Butler      | - Chief Executive, Djanogly Learning Trust | - Nottingham Academies                            |
| ✓ | Malcolm Cowgill  | - Principal, South Nottingham College      | - Further Education                               |
|   | Jean Pardoe      | - Chief Executive                          | - Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Futures          |
| ✓ | Nigel Hill       | - Director                                 | - Nottinghamshire Probation Trust                 |
| ✓ | Holly White      | )  | )   |
| ✓ | Uzair Hashmi     | ) Youth Cabinet                            | ) Youth Council                                   |
| ✓ | Natalie Robinson | )  | )   |
| ✓ | Darrell Redmond  | - Nottingham Equal                         | )   |

**Also in attendance**

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| Peter Moyes      | - Director                                       | - Crime and Drugs Partnership |
| Teresa Cope      | - Director of Contracts, Performance and Quality | ) NHS Nottingham City         |
| Dr Caroline Hird | - Consultant in Public Health                    | )                             |
| Cath Ziane-Pryor | - Constitutional Services Officer                | )                             |
| Viv McCrossen    | - Head of Family Community Teams                 | ) Nottingham City Council     |
| Dot Veitch       | - Partnership Support Officer                    | )                             |

**21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from:

- Ian Curryer, Corporate Director for Children and Families;
- Anne Danvers, District Operations Manager, Job Centre Plus;
- Gareth Owen, Head Teacher, Hadden Park High;
- Mike Butler, Djanogly Academy;
- Jill Robey, Head Teacher, The Nottingham Nursery and Training Centre;
- Angela Horsley, Clinical Lead, Nottingham Children's Hospital;
- Simon Nickless, Chief Superintendent, Nottinghamshire Police (represented by Erica Doran);
- Jean Pardoe, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Futures;
- Phyllis Brackenbury, Assistant Director Children, Young People, families and Health Improvement, Nottingham CityCare Partnership.

## 22 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were made.

## 23 MINUTES

### (a) Confirmation

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 26 September, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

### (b) Matters Arising

Wendy Smith, representing City of Nottingham Governors Association, commented that, in relation to minute 16, Reducing Substance Abuse, some schools were yet to engage with the Drug Aware programme.

**RESOLVED** that, as offered, Peter Moyes of the Crime and Drugs Partnership, write a letter for the Governors Newsletter, suggesting the possibility of Governors training workshops on the issue, and that Peter Usherwood, as Independent Chair of the Crime and Drugs Partnership, be involved.

## 24 CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN: HEALTHY LIVING PRIORITY

Dr Caroline Hird presented the report and delivered the presentation, copies of which had been circulated, summarising the overall performance for the Healthy Living Priority.

The following points were made in addition to the information in the report:

### Childhood Obesity

- since 2008, all schools measured children annually for obesity in Year groups 2 and 6;
- Nottingham results for obesity in year 2 were similar to the national average. However, obesity levels in Year 6 were slightly higher than the national average, but it was hoped that this would plateau and reduce;
- a link had been identified between obesity and deprivation;

### Smoking

- consistent information was not yet available, either for Nottingham or nationally, so it was difficult to consider this issue;
- it was estimated that approximately 10,000 children in Nottingham were effected by second hand smoke;
- there was concern regarding the slight rise of pregnant women smoking in Nottingham;

### Under 18 years of Age Conception

- the conception rate for young women under 18 years of age had been consistently reducing since 2007, but was still higher than the national average. However, the figures available were at least 14 months old due to the method of collection;
- the rate of pregnancy terminations had increased in Nottingham and nationally;
- the conception rate for under 16 year olds was not reducing at the same rate as under 18 year olds;
- there was a lot of work underway through a variety of routes including schools, GPs, contraception schemes, and outreach schemes, to break the cycle of disadvantage by working with parents to give them support and help young mothers get back into education.

With reference to the information provided, the Committee made the following points:

- while getting young mothers back into education was not a national priority, Graham Allen MP was working hard to promote its long term individual and social benefits;
- the last government had proposed a bill to make sexual and relationship education statutory for schools to deliver. With the change in government, the bill had been lost and there was no imperative from Ofsted for schools to provide this education;
- there was a mixture of attitudes nationally to teenage pregnancies, but it was to the benefit of the young people, and their children to prevent such pregnancies;
- nationally, 250,000 young people had voted for all schools to teach 'Curriculum for life' which included sexual and relationship education;
- there was a wholesale agreement across Nottingham City to reduce teenage pregnancies by one third, even though early intervention grant funding had been cut, head teachers of schools and school nurses were to be engaged to encourage promotion of this work under the healthy schools programme;
- keeping young people in education should be a key objective as it was not only for the long term benefit of the individual, but also their families and the broader society;
- there had been hot spots of teenage pregnancy in the City and programmes had been targeted in those areas. However, beyond the geographical pattern, other information was being considered which appeared to link closely with pregnancy rates, including school absence levels in the under 16 year olds;
- with regard to smoking, the Crime and Drugs Partnership was working with young people in schools and was happy to discuss with Public Health colleagues, how statistical information for Nottingham could be gathered to inform local statistics;
- the cost of not having national statistics and monitoring of smoking rates in young people, must be considered. The cost of identifying effect preventative campaigns and early intervention was far less than the long term costs of citizens smoking;

- the background to the drop in the number adult smokers in Nottingham should be considered. If it was as a result of the National campaign, the lessons learnt should be scrutinised and applied for success in other areas.

## **RESOLVED**

- (1) that the report be noted;**
- (2) that the progress made in reducing teenage conception rates in Nottingham City be noted, and ongoing support for this work be provided by the Board;**
- (3) that the Board and Nottingham City Public Health support the Youth Cabinet's campaign to promote the teaching of sexual and relationship education in schools and academies, as part of 'Curriculum for Life';**
- (4) that, to promote a more co-ordinated approach, the Youth Cabinet be requested to liaise with the Crime and Drugs Partnership to ensure that the work of the Cabinet could inform partnership working and promote information collecting and sharing;**
- (5) that a representative of the Voluntary Sector be invited to attend any future Teenage Pregnancy Task and Finish Groups hosted by the Teenage Pregnancy Task Force;**
- (6) that the thanks of the Board to Dr Caroline Hird, for her report and attendance, be recorded.**

## **25 NOTTINGHAM CITY SAFEGAURDING CHILDREN BOARD - ANNUAL REPORT 2011-12**

Consideration was given to the report of the, Independent Chair of the Local Safeguarding Board copies of which had been circulated.

Paul Burnett, Independent Chair of the Local Safeguarding Board, presented the Annual Report for 2011-12 which focused on the performance against the key priorities which had been set for the year in the business plan.

Highlighted points included:

- there had been a good attendance at Board meetings and uptake to membership of sub-groups;
- a positive relationship had been established with this Board;
- a lot of work had been undertaken to address the issues identified in the Ofsted report, all recommendations had been fulfilled in regard to safeguarding, including feedback from subsequent inspections;
- the time taken to produce child protection plans had reduced and the target of reviewing plans had been met 100%;

- Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) was one of the most important challenges so partnership working between the City and County Safeguarding Boards, and multi-agency contributors had been agreed;
- the Domestic Abuse Referral Team (DART) was to act as a pilot for the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub;
- the impact of allegation management training could be seen in the performance data;
- risks remained in regard to agencies not fully embedding the Common Assessment Frameworks (CAFs) within their processes to replace other procedures;
- partners often only provided quantitative reporting and not solid evidence that CAFs prevented children be taken into care;
- there was a joint City and County task and finish group meeting in regard to CSE which had identified a base line of known cases. Hot spots of CSE had not been identified in the City or County and, in comparison to similar regions, identified cases were below average. The greatest risk was believed to be Nottingham children in care residing in other parts of the country. An Action Plan had been produced to assist in the raising the awareness and identification of CSE.

New College Nottingham was happy if the Safeguarding Children Board wished to be signposted to its student bodies for representation. This offer was keenly accepted, subject to further discussion.

Tribute was paid to Margaret McGlade, former Chair of the Safeguarding Board, who passed away in the Autumn of 2011. Margaret had a major input and influence to the performance reported on by Paul Burnett.

## **RESOLVED**

- (1) that the key developments over the last twelve months in relation to inspections, national legislative and policy developments, serious case reviews, and changes to safeguarding governance arrangements be noted;**
- (2) that areas of future work and the means by which continued dialogue between the Children's Partnership Board and the Children's Safeguarding Board might be secured to ensure appropriate alignment of activity and continued scrutiny and challenge between the two boards, be noted;**
- (3) that the risk to safeguarding performance posed by the significant change taking place in agencies across the partnership, and the steps required to ensure that action was taken to manage and mitigate that risk, both individually and collectively, be noted;**
- (4) that, as proposed by Paul Burnett, Youth Cabinet members be invited by the Nottingham City Safeguarding Children Board, to attend the Safeguarding Business Planning meeting in January 2013;**
- (5) that further information be provided to a future meeting regarding the impact of Common Assessment Frameworks (CAFs).**

## **26 BIG LOTTERY: FULFILLING LIVES: A BETTER START**

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director for Children and Families, copies of which had been circulated.

Katy Ball, Head of Early Intervention and Market Development, presented the report which informed the Board that 'Big Lottery' funding was available to support preventative approaches to improving the life chances of children aged 0-3 years, from 2014.

At this stage, Local Authorities which could provide evidence of deprivation and high levels of need were able to express an interest in the funding. Ultimately, grants would be allocated to voluntary and community sector-led partnerships which demonstrated that Local Authorities and other relevant partners were closely involved.

Over 18 months from April 2013, there was to be a detailed review of all early intervention services to identify which services should be retained following the predicted and substantial cuts to early intervention budgets.

Nottingham City Council, One Nottingham and Nottingham Community and Voluntary Service were hosting a discussion event in late January, which aimed to bring all interested parties and partners together.

### **RESOLVED**

- (1) that the report and the Big Lottery funding opportunity be noted;**
- (2) that the Children's Partnership Board support the development opportunity.**

## **27 DISABLED CHILDREN'S THEMATIC INSPECTION**

Viv McCrossen, Head of Family Community Teams, delivered the presentation of the report of the Corporate Director for Children and Families, copies of which had been circulated, updating the Board on the Protecting Disabled Children Thematic Review.

Nottingham City's main strengths were identified as:

- early support pathway for disabled children;
- multi-agency working;
- the Disabled Children Team had a good structure and acted as a focal point for agencies;
- use of localised support and services for disabled children was considered safer.

Overall weaknesses were identified as:

- lack of robust Common Assessment Frameworks, Children In Need and Child Protection written plans;
- lack of robust recording.

The Chair commented on how the feedback from the review had been generally positive but there were a few issues raised which needed improvement.

**RESOLVED that the presentation be noted and the thanks of the Board be recorded to Viv McCrossen for her attendance.**

## **28 YOUTH CABINET REPORT**

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director for Children and Families, copies of which had been circulated, summarising the work carried out by the Youth Cabinet in 2012, and their priority areas and draft work programme for 2013.

Jon Rea, Engagement and Participation Lead, presented the report and introduced Uzair Hashmi, Natalie Robinson, and Holly White, members of the Youth Cabinet, and Young People representatives of the Board, who jointly delivered a presentation, a copy of which was uploaded to the online agenda following the meeting.

In addition to identifying strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats, the presentation outlined what the Youth Cabinet had achieved in 2012, in relation to young people, on the following themes:

- community safety and positive neighbourhoods;
- health and wellbeing;
- education, work and training.

Each topic was to be further considered at participation forums during the next three terms.

The following points were made:

- it would be useful if the Youth Council and Safeguarding Board could link, share views and ensure that engagement for both organisations was improved. This would also be a good opportunity to ensure that feedback was provided on how information received from young people had, or had not, influenced decisions, actions or policies;
- where not yet signed up, the Youth Cabinet wanted schools and academies to reconsider the how they could present Curriculum for Life lessons. This was supported by the Board and Peter Moyes, Chair of the Crime and Drugs Partnership offered to include this in his letter to the School Governors Newsletter;
- members of the Youth Cabinet assured the Board that their involvement with the Cabinet did not have a negative impact on their schooling as their exams took priority, but the Cabinet provided valuable experiences which, no doubt, could be used in future and referred to on CVs;
- the Youth Council had relatively few members and was eager to recruit young people aged between 16 and 19 years old who were willing and interested in volunteering their time to make a difference, ensure that the views of young people were recognised, and have fun. There was a full calendar of activities. Other opportunities were available if younger people wanted to be involved.

The Board commended the Youth Cabinet representatives for their work and dedication.

## **RESOLVED**

- (1) that the achievements of the Youth Cabinet in 2012 be noted;**



- (2) that the Board continue to consider how the Youth Cabinets work in 2013 could inform decision making across the Children's Partnership;
- (3) that the Board continue to provide resource support to the Youth Cabinet and its associated children and young people's participation forums;
- (4) that, as offered, Paul Burnett, Independent Chair of the Local Safeguarding Children Board, invite representatives of the Youth Cabinet to be involved in the Safeguarding Business Planning in January;
- (5) that, as offered, Peter Moyes, Chair of the Crime and Drugs Partnership, include in his letter for the School Governors Newsletter, his support for the Youth Cabinet's proposal that schools and academies to include 'Curriculum for Life' lessons, and suggest that Governors encourage Head Teachers/Principals to make pupils aware of their opportunity to become involved with the Youth Council;
- (6) that the thanks of the Board be recorded to Youth Cabinet members Uzair Hashmi, Natalie Robinson, and Holly White for their presentation, attendance and contribution to the meeting.

## **29 FORWARD PLAN**

**RESOLVED** that the following be considered for inclusion at future meetings:

- Remaining Children and Young Person Plan: Improving attendance;
- Performance report for the year;
- School Nursing;
- Big Lottery update: Fulfilling Lives: A Better Start;
- Vanguard Plus;
- Priority Families;
- Trilogy of Risk;
- Strategic Commissioning Review 0-5 years;
- Safety (ie. 20mph zones, keeping children safe in schools);
- Family Community Teams;
- Nottingham Learning Trust/ Secondary Head Teachers Partnership;
- Oral Health;
- Common Assessment Framework - quality and impact;
- Promoting provision of feedback to young people as to how their views had made a difference;
- Childhood obesity and smoking.