

## CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD - JULY 2017

<b>Title of paper:</b>	Children in Care Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2017		
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<b>Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)</b>			
<b>Relevant Council Plan Key Theme:</b>			
Strategic Regeneration and Development			<input type="checkbox"/>
Schools			<input type="checkbox"/>
Planning and Housing			<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Services			<input type="checkbox"/>
Energy, Sustainability and Customer			<input type="checkbox"/>
Jobs, Growth and Transport			<input type="checkbox"/>
Adults, Health and Community Sector			<input type="checkbox"/>
Children, Early Intervention and Early Years			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Leisure and Culture			<input type="checkbox"/>
Resources and Neighbourhood Regeneration			<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):</b>			
<p>a) A Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) of Nottingham City's Children in Care population has been undertaken as a refresh to the last JSNA undertaken in 2013.</p> <p>b) The JSNA identifies needs, targets, service provision, evidence of what works and out of this gaps and issues are identified and recommendations made. It is advised that these recommendations are noted and actioned as appropriate, as well as used to inform policy, strategy and where appropriate, commissioning.</p> <p>c) Key areas identified for attention and/or action are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prevention</li> <li>- Placements</li> <li>- Physical Health</li> <li>- Mental Health</li> <li>- Education</li> <li>- Decriminalisation</li> <li>- Other</li> </ul>			
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>			
<b>1</b>	To endorse and give formal sign off to the Children in Care JSNA.		
<b>2</b>	To note and action the identified gaps and recommendations of the Children in Care JSNA, as well as use these to inform strategy, action plans, policy and commissioning as appropriate.		

## **1 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1.1 The JSNA is a comprehensive needs assessment of Children in Care (CiC), used for identifying areas of need amongst the population and identifying any gaps in provision and recommendations from these. The JSNA is relevant to a variety of partners and stakeholders, as well as citizens in understanding our child in care population, as such it is important this is endorsed at a strategic level by Corporate Parenting Board, to give approval for the document to be published but also to give partners and colleagues confidence in the document and its recommendations. JSNA's are a statutory function of the Health and Wellbeing Board; this JSNA was written by Public Health and the specialist service areas providing the service and taking account of the views of CiC.
- 1.2 In order for the JSNA to have an impact on improving the lives and outcomes of Children in Care, there are recommendations to be actioned addressing identified needs and any gaps in service through action plans, strategies and policy. The recommendations in the document are made as a result of comprehensive assessment of need and provision, the purpose of these recommendations are to improve the lives and outcomes of Children in Care and to reduce inequalities amongst this group, including health inequalities.

## **2 BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)**

- 2.1 From 1 April 2013, the Nottingham City Health and Wellbeing Board has the legal responsibility to produce the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) under the Health and Social Care Act 2012. JSNAs are local assessments of current and future health, wellbeing and social care needs that could be met by the Local Authority, Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), or the NHS England.

The aim of a JSNA is to improve the health and wellbeing of the local community and reduce inequalities for all ages. It is used to help to determine what actions local authorities, the NHS and other partners need to take to meet health and social care needs and to address the wider determinants that impact on health and wellbeing.

- 2.2 The Nottingham City JSNA Steering Group have identified the Children in Care JSNA requires refreshing. It was last updated in 2013 and needs of this population may have changed.
- 2.3 Consultation with partners and stakeholders has informed this JSNA, as well as consultation with Children in Care through the CiC Survey.

## **3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 Not putting forward the final JSNA – rejected, as this would mean we have no up to date Strategic Needs Assessment for this critical area of practice. This would carry with it reputational risks. If there are any concerns regarding the findings, then it is suggested that further work is undertaken and a refreshed report is brought to the Board.

#### **4 FINANCE COMMENTS (INCLUDING IMPLICATIONS AND VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)**

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from undertaking the JSNA, just the officer and partner resource.
- 4.2 There may be financial implications to implement recommendations made; these would need to be considered on an individual basis and would be the subject of a further report.

Advice provided by Grace Brough (author) on 13/06/2017

#### **5 LEGAL AND PROCUREMENT COMMENTS (INCLUDING RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES, AND LEGAL, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT AND PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS)**

- 5.1 All data used for the JSNA is anonymous to maintain confidentiality of CiC and low numbers are suppressed.
- 5.2 Crime and Disorder implications: Recommendations in the JSNA around decriminalisation should contribute towards preventing crime and decriminalisation of children in care, particularly the introduction of the decriminalisation protocol and continuation of YOT lead and CiC Police Officer role.

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#### **6 STRATEGIC ASSETS & PROPERTY COMMENTS (FOR DECISION RELATING TO ALL PROPERTY ASSETS AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE) (AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS ONLY)**

- 6.1 None.

#### **7 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

- 7.1 Has the equality impact of the proposals in this report been assessed?

No



An EIA is not required because:

(Please explain why an EIA is not necessary)

Not required as the report does not contain proposals or financial decisions.

A specific EIA has not been undertaken as whilst undertaking the JSNA equalities were considered throughout, this group can face inequalities of outcomes in comparison to the non CiC population.

- 7.2 Children in Care were consulted via the Have Your Say Survey 2016; the findings of this were used to ensure their voice was heard in the JSNA.

## **8 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION**

8.1 None.

## **9 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT**

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- 9.2 **Department for Education.** *Statistical First Release: Children Looked After in England (including Adoption), year ending 31st march 2016.* s.l. : DfE, 2016.
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- 9.10 **Nottingham City Council.** *Management Information: Children in Care Quarterly Report.* s.l. : Nottingham City Council , October 2016.
- 9.11 **Office for National Statistics.** *Local authority mid-year estimates by single year of age.* UK : ONS, 2012-2015.
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- 9.13 **Office for National Statistics.** *Ethnic Group by Age and Sex Nottingham.* s.l. : ONS, 2016.
- 9.14 **Department for Education.** *Outcomes for Looked After Children.* s.l. : DfE, 2016.
- 9.15 *Special Educational Needs in England.* s.l. : DfE, 2016.

- 9.16 **Nottingham City Council, Strategy and Commissioning.** *Children in Care Placements- Commissioning and Sufficiency Strategy 2016-2018.* UK : Nottingham City Council, 2016.
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- 9.19 **Nottingham City Council.** *Proportion of health related checks completed as at 31st March 2016.* s.l. : NCC, 2017.
- 9.20 *Management information : Children's Social Care Monthly Report.* 2016.
- 9.21 *Children looked after in England 2015-2016.* s.l. : NCC, 2017.
- 9.22 **etal, Sebba.** *The Educational Progress of Looked After Children in England: Linking Care and Educational Data.* s.l. : REES Centre for Research in Fostering and Education, University of Oxford; University of Bristol, 2015.
- 9.23 **Mannay, et al.** *Understanding the educational experiences and opinions, attainment, achievement and aspirations of looked after children in Wales.* s.l. : Welsh Government Social Research, 2015.
- 9.24 *Educational attainment of children and young people in the looked after care system.* **Harland, Lynette.** 11; p25-27, s.l. : Community Practitioner, 2014, Vol. 87.
- 9.25 **Laming, Lord.** *In care, out of trouble.* s.l. : Prison Reform Trust, 2016.
- 9.26 **House of Commons Education Committee.** *Mental Health and Wellbeing of Looked After Children.* London : House of Commons, 2016.
- 9.27 **Department for Education.** *Putting Children First: Delivering our vision for excellent children's social care.* London : DfE, 2016.
- 9.28 **England, Public Health.** *Public Health Outcomes Framework- Child Health Profiles.* s.l. : PHE, 2015.
- 9.29 **Mathers, etal.** *Starting Out Right: Early education and looked after children.* s.l. : University of Oxford; Family and Childcare Trust, 2016.
- 9.30 Have Your Say Survey Results 2016