



Children's Partnership Senior Officers Group

Monday, 12 April, 10:00 – 12:00

Directorate Boardroom (D14), Sandfield Centre,
Sandfield Road, Lenton, Nottingham, NG7 1QH

Attendees

Ian Curryer (Chair)	Corporate Director of Children and Families, Nottingham City Council
Candida Brudenell	Director, Quality & Commissioning, Nottingham City Council
Peter Cransfield	NHS Nottingham City
Craig Berens	Director of Programmes, Nottinghamshire YMCA
Lyn Bacon	Acting Chief Operating Officer, CitiHealth Nottingham
Margaret McGlade	Independent Chair, Local Safeguarding Children Board
Hector Loudon	Commissioning Officer (Children's Services) Nottingham Community and Voluntary Service (NCVS)

Apologies

Andrew Kenworthy	Chief Executive, NHS Nottingham City – Representative Peter Cransfield
Sheila Wright	Deputy Chief Officer and Director of Operations, Nottinghamshire Probation

Minutes

Item	Detail
1	<p><u>Welcome and apologies</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Apologies and representation noted as above.
2	<p><u>Minutes of last meeting (8/3/20), Matters Arising and Action Log</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minutes were agreed as an accurate record, no matters arising. • Action no 41 remains ongoing. A couple of meetings of the Integrated Process Board have been held. Health visitors have rocketed up the league table, investigations underway to see why this is. Auditing of the quality of the CAF taking place, recommendations will come forward. • Action no. 44 – Integrated Process Board title discussion took place. Agreed on existing title, but need for representation on it was stressed. Candida Brudenell to meet Margaret McGlade to discuss CAF / Safeguarding linking up. CB to report back to the Group on whose attendance needs chasing. • Data levels and flexibility to figures query was raised. Data has been inadequate, a data cleansing post has commenced. There has been no proper examination on flexibility yet. Connexions are doing some work. Agreed CB to bring report back to the next Group on Integrated Process Board before going on to Children's Partnership Board. • Action no. 45 – complete. • Action no. 46 – List of specific action in place to address the Q3 safeguarding underperformance to be circulated to the Group. • Action no. 47 – Negotiations have started with marketing and time has been allocated in April / May to undertake this. The Young People's version will be based on a near final draft of the new CYPP. • Action no. 48. Strapline has been added to the title page – action complete. • Action nos 49 and 50 to stay on and deadline to be amended to May.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Margaret McGlade asked for update on IROs. IC clarified an IRO report on Market Supplement Uplift had been produced and was currently being checked for Financial accuracy. It will go to Corporate Leadership Team on Tuesday, 20 April.
3	<p><u>Children and Young People’s Plan Review</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CB informed Group that consultation had finished and refinement of the document was taking place. The report summarises the plan and gives the most up to date version of the plan. Will come back to the next Senior Officers Group meeting in May as a final document. • MM raised concerns over safeguarding and how it hung against Early Intervention. Safeguarding doesn’t have its own banner headline and seemed to lose impact. Front line objective labelled as Early Intervention. Safeguarding is identified as a priority but it’s not clear how it links in. IC agreed, needed to build strong safeguarding impact. Agreed to change headings to include Safeguarding and Early Intervention. • MM questioned anti-bullying, is it the third biggest priority? CB confirmed it is a performance indicator and agreed to move it under the attainment priority rather than safeguarding. • IC queried resources for implementation, how are we going to do this in the timescale. It was agreed a statement would go into the report identifying our intent. • IC raised concerns that splitting attainment and attendance was agreed at the last Senior Officers Group, however it hadn’t been done. It was agreed to split these two, but keep 5 priorities with the last one being a cross cutting priority. • IC thanked everyone involved in feeding into the plan for the work they had done.
4	<p><u>14-19 Plan</u> - John Yarham joined for this item and was introduced to the group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ JY gave background to 14-19 plan and sought endorsement. ▪ JY highlighted the major priority – need to ensure cross cutting theme around transition for 14-19 year olds is effective. Three major transitions for a young person; 13/14 choosing options/ 16 starting college/ 19 going into employment or higher education. There are good news stories e.g. NEET lowest in terms of core cities for that measure, equally need to make improvements in attainment measures. The 9 projects of the implementation of the plan were described. ▪ Plan positively received with some suggestions 1. “Lay Partners” would benefit from the context being spelt out in the introduction. 2. Objectives and indicators to be tied together along with inclusion of clarity around Aspirations. ▪ Plan to go to Board in June.
5	<p><u>Involving Third Sector in Children’s Partnership</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Craig Berens presented the report. • How does the third sector involve in the Children’s Partnership and this group. • Five key recommendations were highlighted and summarised. • Clarity over HL’s role was sought – to support third sector in Commissioning. Commissioning Officer can be accessed regarding any commissioning issue in Children’s Partnership. Need to ensure third sector organisations have access to Shadow Board. Need clarity over support for Commissioning and support for third sector organisations to access shadow board. • Discussion over the role took place. • Recommendation 1 – agreed will be one role but will be looked at again at a later date. Change wording - sole to formal. • CB asked for a new name to be given to the Shadow Board, so it can go into the new CYPP – Craig Berens to action. • Recommendation 2 – Should be able to commit to continue funding for this financial year, however, will need to be looked at again in next financial year. • Craig Berens producing piece of work on how partners participate. • Recommendation 3 – Discussion over this took place. It was agreed that recognition be given that there are three sectors that need engaging, however there will only be one representative for the Voluntary Sector at Senior Officers Group. Therefore need to recognise the areas that are important for discussion at Senior Officers Group and send the most appropriate representative to that meeting. • Recommendation 4 – This will be covered when job description is complete. • Recommendation 5 – Currently there is a resource to do this, however will have to look at

	<p>again in the next financial year. CB to look at job description and role with PC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Craig Berens is standing down from his post. Currently CB meets with Craig Berens prior to Senior Officers Group, these meetings will continue with new post holder, and other voluntary sector representatives are welcome to join that meeting. • IC paid tribute to Craig Berens on behalf of the Partnership for the work he has done. Craig thanked for all his hard work and will be missed.
6	<p><u>Regional Leadership Programme ALISCE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CB presented report. • A regional programme has been developed to fit niche for high level training and development. • Need to nominate people for cohort which starts in September. Three people are required for each cohort, there are three cohorts, so nine required in total. • Discussion took place on how we nominate people. • IC explained the training was targeted at aspiring high level old style Assistant Directors who would want to progress to Corporate Director level in the future. • LB explained similar work had been done in the health service and people had to apply for the training, this gave it some value. • Agreed to distribute an invitation via Senior Officer Group members.
7	<p><u>Early Intervention Programme Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This item is for information.
8	<p><u>Forward Plan</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was no business to discuss.
9	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MM raised the Stronger Families Project – a model put forward to Crime and Development Partnership Board. Need to get into Children's Services and partner agencies. Not getting access into Children's Services, need the opportunity to talk to people about it. Agreed that CB would get Dawn Collinson to pick this up.