

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

CHILDREN'S PARTNERSHIP BOARD

MINUTES

of meeting held on **19 MAY 2010** at the

Council House from 4.08 pm to 6.16 pm

indicates present at meeting

Councillor David Mellen	- Chair of the Board and Portfolio Holder for Children's Services	- Nottingham City Council
Julie Ashton	- Nottingham City colleges representative) Colleges of Further Education
Malcolm Cowgill	-)
Peter Linford	- Chair	- CONGA (City of Nottingham Governors' Association)
Mike Butler	- Chief Executive	- Djanogly City Academy
Vacant	- Children's Services Advisor	- GOEM (Government Office for the East Midlands)
Gareth Owen	- Head Teacher	- Hadden Park High School
Graham Sheppard	- District Manager) Job Centre Plus
Andy Pidluznyj	-)
Mick Brown	- Area Director) Learning and Skills Council
Paula Webber	- Deputy Area Director)
Margaret McGlade	- Chair	- Local Safeguarding Children's Board
Helen Voce	- Chief Executive	- NCVS (Nottingham Council for Voluntary Services)
Ron Buchanan	- Chair) NHS Nottingham City
Andrew Kenworthy	- Chief Executive)
Candida Brudenell	- Director of Children's Trust Transition Programme))
Councillor Jon Collins	- Leader) Nottingham City Council
Ian Curryer	- Corporate Director of Children's Services))

Jane Todd	- Chief Executive)
Jill Robey	- Head Teacher	- Nottingham Nursery School and Training Centre
John Clarke	- Chair) Nottinghamshire Police Authority
Philip Hodgson		
Jane Geraghty	- Chief Officer	- Nottinghamshire Probation Service
John Pearson	- Head Teacher	- Rosehill School
Jane-Belinda Francis	- Head Teacher	- Springfield Primary School
Heather Sahman	Regional Change Agent	- Strategic Health Authority

Also in attendance

Lauren Dewey) Youth Council	
Dwayne Francis)	
Aaron Reily)	
Katy Ball	- Early Intervention Programme Manager)
Sonia Frankish	- Service Manager)
Geoff Jenkins	- Head of Service) Nottingham City Council
Viv McCrossen	- Head of Additional Needs)
Colin Monckton	- Head of Insight and Improvement)
Rachel Mottram	- Committee Administrator)
Jon Rea	- Strategic Lead for Engagement and Participation)
Holly Sheppard	- Early Intervention Programme Administrator)

Please note: except where otherwise indicated, all items discussed at the meeting were the subject of a report which had been circulated beforehand.

40 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Collins (on other City Council business) and Lucy Davidson (NHS Nottingham City).

41 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were made.

42 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 27 January 2010, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

43 CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN (CYPP) REVIEW 2010-14

(a) Report of Corporate Director of Children and Families

Ian Curryer presented the report and provided a presentation on the review and the changes made following extensive consultation.

The following key information was highlighted:

- over 600 people had expressed a view on the new plan in some way with respondents including children and young people, parents and carers, councillors, community members, representatives of the voluntary and community sector and from across the Children's Partnership workforce;
- five of the seventeen operational objectives had been prioritised for greater focus in 2010/11 as the year one programme;
- each operational objective had a brief contextual introduction, theme partnership links, headline actions, related plans and strategies and a performance table based on the Senior Officer Group's (SOG) reports;
- the new plan had been fully aligned with the Nottingham Plan with changes around delivery with a performance management structure in place to manage the process.

Members of the Board made the following comments and observations:

- the importance of integrating the plan into all partners strategic objectives was highlighted and assurance was sought from partners that this would happen;
- the performance management framework was being developed and would bring confidence on the indicators based on the five priorities.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the plan be approved as the strategic framework for developing services and improving outcomes for children and young people and their families;**
- (2) that the nominated lead officers for the five strategic objectives and the year one programme priorities, attachment 4 to the report, be approved;**
- (3) that reports be provided on the following:**
 - (i) the resources to be made available for implementation;**
 - (ii) a timetable for consideration by the Board of the priority programme;**
 - (iii) a Risk Register based on the identified risks and mitigating actions.**

(b) Presentation by Young People on Children and Young People's Involvement in the new Children and Young People's Plan

Aaron Reily, Lauren Dewey and Dwayne Francis of Nottingham City Council Youth Council provided the following information to the Board:

- face to face consultation had been carried out with over 150 children and young people;

- the ambition to make Nottingham a great place for young people was shared by everyone involved;
- those consulted struggled to connect with concerns around oral health and obesity;
- having fun had not be identified within the plan;
- the plan was big and complex which made it difficult to get people's opinions on;
- the Youth Council was made up of 9 youth forums and would soon include 12;
- the Youth Bank was an example of young people and adults taking joint decisions;
- the charters for children and parents were welcomed as this showed how young people had played a part in developing the plan;
- children and young people wanted to be partners in the plan's delivery and ongoing development.

Following questions from members of the Board the following information was provided:

- the main concerns of children and young people were crime and the misuse of drugs;
- young people focused on the 'here and now', were concerned about their image and preferred to pay for transport services rather than use a card that provided them with free transport;
- plans should be written in plain English to make them easier to understand.

(4) RESOLVED that with immediate effect, children and young people be invited to attend future meetings of the Children's Partnership Board.

44 LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT (LAA) REFRESH AND FUTURE PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

(Corporate Director of Children and Families)

The Director of Partnerships and LAA Programme Manager gave a brief presentation which provided an overview of the six indicators and targets within the Nottingham LAA 2008-11 that were the responsibility of the Family Nottingham Theme Partnership.

The following key information was provided:

- indicator NI110, (young people's participation in positive activities) had been removed from the LAA due to data issues;
- the six indicators and 2010/11 targets under Family Nottingham were:
 - NI 22 (perceptions of parents taking responsibility for their children's actions): target 28.9%;
 - NI 56 (obesity among primary school age children in Year 6): target 20%;
 - NI 112 (under 18 conception rate): 10-11 target 50% reduction on baseline;
 - NI 111 (first time entrants to the Youth Justice System aged 10-17): target 657 (6.1% reduction on baseline);
 - NI 90 (take up of 14-19 learning diplomas): target 1,500;
 - NI 117 (16-18 year olds who are not in education, employment and training): target 5.4%.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the Board's commitment be re-affirmed to delivering the six indicators under the responsibility of the Family Nottingham Theme Partnership within the LAA;**
- (2) that the proposed joint performance management arrangements for the LAA and The Nottingham Plan to 2020 be noted.**

45 NOTTINGHAM CHILD AND ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES (CAMHS) STRATEGY 2009-2012

(Director of Delivery and Performance, NHS Nottingham City and Director of Quality and Commissioning, NCC)

The Head of Additional Needs and Service Manager of CAMHS gave a brief presentation on the CAMHS Strategy 2009-12.

The following key information was provided:

- § the strategy identified key actions to improve the commissioning and delivery of child and adolescent mental health services;
- § in order to take forward the national and local objectives highlighted in the plan, and priority areas in Nottingham, four work streams had been identified as follows:
 - CAMHS commissioning, including needs analysis with a focus on identified high risk groups and continued performance management;
 - access and pathways;
 - prevention and early intervention;
 - workforce development;
- § the CAMHS Partnership had been set up to ensure strong partnership arrangements in the delivery of CAMHS by providing scrutiny through stakeholder engagement and integration of service delivery;
- § developments since the 2006-2009 strategy included targeted mental health services, increased family support and drop in clinics based in schools.

Following questions from members of the Board the following information was provided:

- § pupil referral units were key in identifying those individuals requiring support;
- § easy open access to mental health services for young people was the ultimate aim;
- § the need for the service was extremely high as 1,200 cases had been referred for a workforce of 15 over the past year.

RESOLVED that the refresh of the CAMHS strategy and identified actions to ensure delivery of the objectives be approved.

46 LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD - UPDATE

(Independent Chair of the Nottingham City Safeguarding Children Board)

The Independent Chair of the Nottingham Safeguarding Children Board (NSCB) highlighted the following information from the report:

- § the Board was functioning well and considerable progress had been made in relation to its functions;
- § the Department of Children Schools and Families had issued revised guidance – 'Working Together to Safeguard Children' - which required the appointment of independent members on the Board and increased representation from the school sector;
- § one serious case review had been completed since publishing the report with two key messages:
 - workers within adult services to be sufficiently child focussed and to alert to safeguarding children of the household especially when dealing with drug, alcohol, mental health or domestic violence issues especially in combination and for effective management support and supervision;
 - a continuing need for focus within agencies on operating to agreed procedures especially in relation to interagency communication;
- § an OFSTED report had shown that the rating of safeguarding had improved;
- § the recruitment of officers to support the work of the Board continued to be an area of concern;
- § a written protocol between the Board and the NSCB to set out accountability and how a range of functions in relation to vulnerable children were to be carried out was needed;
- § a proper mechanism was required to ensure that the Board was informed by the views of children and young people;
- § a safeguarding inspection was expected within the next 6 months.

Following questions from members of the Board the following information was provided:

- § there was a heavy reliance on agency workers due to national challenges in the recruitment of social workers;
- § home support workers were carrying out some casework with the help of Social Workers;
- § the availability of overseas social workers was being explored;
- § targeted support teams were working to try and take some pressure away from social workers;
- § probation officers were often trained as social workers and with redundancies expected in the area, a way of helping those individuals into social work with the City Council could be explored.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the staff of the Trust Board and LSCB progress the development of a formal protocol between the two Boards and supporting the participation of children and carers in the work of the LSCB as a matter of urgency;**
- (2) that an oral update on staff/recruitment difficulties be provided to the next meeting of the Children's Partnership Board.**

47 QUARTER 4 PERFORMANCE – PRIORITY SUMMARY

(Corporate Director of Children and Families)

The Head of Insight and Improvement presented the report that focused on the quarter 4 indicators reviewed by the Senior Officers Group (SOG) on 10 May 2010. It also provided an overview on performance for each CYPP priority, along with key risks/areas for focus and performance risk ratings agreed by SOG with a review of the method of risk rating to improve consistency of interpretation of ratings.

RESOLVED that one or two issues be identified for consideration by the Board at each meeting with the SOG group continuing to look at the issues as a whole in more detail.

48 FORWARD PLAN

RESOLVED that the following items be considered at the next meeting on 30 June 2010:

- **Presentation by the Chair of Youth Offending Team Board;**
- **Think Family/Crime offending;**
- **Workforce Development Strategy;**
- **Proposals over Joint Commissioning;**
- **Update on Safeguarding;**
- **Impact of national government funding decisions.**

49 MINUTES OF THE CHILDREN'S PARTNERSHIP SENIOR OFFICERS GROUP (SOG)

RESOLVED that the following minutes, copies of which had been circulated, be noted:

- **11 January 2010**
- **8 February 2010**
- **8 March 2010**
- **12 April 2010**