

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

CHILDREN'S PARTNERSHIP BOARD

MINUTES

of meeting held on **30 June 2010** at the

Council House from 4.08 pm to 6.00 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
Malcolm Cowgill	- Interim Principal	- Castle College
Lauren Dewey) Youth Council	- Rosehill School
Dwayne Francis)	
Aaron Reily)	

Also in attendance

Katy Ball	- Early Intervention Programme Manager)
Geoff Jenkins	- Head of Service) Nottingham City Council
Colin Monckton	- Head of Insight and Improvement)
Connie Green	- Group Committee Administrator)
John Yarem	- Director of Young People Learning and Skills)
Elaine Mitchell	- Workforce Development Manager)
Liz Jones	- Head of Partnership Policy)

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

50 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Collins (on other City Council business), Candida Brudenell, Jill Robey, Mike Butler, Phil Hodgson and Aaron Riley.

51 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were made.

52 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 19 May 2010, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

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

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

- 10 May 2010
- 7 June 2010

54 NOTTINGHAM CITY 14-19 PLAN 2010 TO 2013
(Director of Young People's Learning and Skills, Nottingham City Council)

John Yarham, Director of Young People's Learning and Skills presented the 14-19 Plan to the Board. He reported that since the Plan was drafted there had been some significant shifts in policy by the Coalition Government. In particular, the notion of entitlement for all 14-19 year olds being able to access the following types of qualification: Diplomas, Apprenticeships, foundation learning and general qualifications such as GCSE's and A-levels had been removed.

The Board considered that as a partnership they would aim to use their influence to maintain this entitlement for 14-19 year olds across Nottingham, subject to the financial implications being managed within budget.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the 14-19 Plan for 2010-13 be endorsed;
- (2) that subject to the financial implications being managed within budgets, the notion that all 14-19 year olds in Nottingham have an entitlement to access the following types of qualification: Diplomas, Apprenticeships, Foundation Learning and general qualifications such as GCSE's and A' levels should be maintained.

55 CHILDREN'S PARTNERSHIP BOARD FORWARD PLAN
(Corporate Director of Children and Families, Nottingham City Council)

RESOLVED that the following items be considered at the next meeting in October 2010:

- (1) Aspiring Nottingham;
- (3) Early Intervention Programme and emerging Total Place work update;
- (4) Changes in Health Community Services – implications from new White Paper;
- (5) Coalition Government: Impact on Partnership Development for improving outcomes for Children and Young People – Update.

56 **NOTTINGHAM CHILDREN'S PARTNERSHIP WORKFORCE STRATEGY 2010 TO 2014**

(a) Workforce Strategy Presentation

Elaine Mitchell, Workforce Development Manager presented the Children's Partnership Workforce Strategy 2010 to 2014 to the Board.

During discussion the following points were made:

- as the value of the strategy was in the work that had been undertaken, there was no need for it to be printed providing that it was available on a wide scale electronically. It was suggested that summary cards that signpost colleagues, clients and partners to the strategy and training would be helpful;
- one of the main results of consultation with young people on their expectations of the workforce was quite simple, they expect an empathetic workforce who had similar life experiences;
- there were up to 12,000 people in the core workforce with up to 25,000 people in the workforce periphery. Any one of these people could be the first point of contact with vulnerable young people. It was noted that there was a client base of 60,000 in the city and that if possible, it would be useful for more probing to be done to establish the size of the workforces in other Core Cities;
- there were some challenges within the voluntary sector workforce one such challenge was retaining workers. It was suggested that work could be done to establish a work bank so that workers could be re-deployed across the sector.

(b) Report of Director of Quality and Commissioning, Children and Families

RESOLVED

- (1) that the Workforce Strategy to support alignment of workforce interventions with the delivery of the objectives within the Children and Young People's Plan be approved;**
- (2) that the Action Plan be approved in principle, and that work continues towards a collaborative commissioning model to deliver joint actions;**
- (3) that the Children's Partnership Workforce Strategy Group monitor and report back progress to the Senior Officers Group on the Action Plan on a regular basis flagging up risks and mitigating actions for consideration in this changing environment;**
- (4) that a progress update on the Workforce Strategy be submitted to this Board in one year.**

57 NOTTINGHAM YOUTH OFFENDING TEAM (YOT) UPDATE

(Acting Director of Family Community Teams)

Ken Beaumont, Head of Targeted Services 14-19 attended the meeting and presented an update on the work of the YOT.

During discussion the following points were made:

- that Youth Crime was falling but the figures to support this point were not yet available;
- support for young people attaining the transition age and moving to the Probation Service for supervision instead of the YOT needed to be managed carefully so that young people do not feel like they're starting all over again. The YOT and Probation Team had set up a transition group that was focussing particularly on this group of young people;
- when young people are released from custody they are generally very motivated and it is at this point that they need to be well engaged with the YOT teams so that re-offending does not occur.

RESOLVED that the content of the report be noted and that bi-annual reports continue to be submitted.

58 YOUNG PEOPLE'S SUBSTANCE MISUSE PROVISION

(Associate Director of Aspiration and Life Skills)

Claire Gilbert, Young Person's Drug and Alcohol Strategic Lead attended the meeting and presented an update on the Young People's Substance Misuse Provision.

During discussion the following points were made:

- there were no absolute figures for those affected by substance misuse but there had been an increase in the numbers accessing treatment. However, it should be noted that the increase in numbers accessing the treatment could also be as a result of people becoming more aware that the service existed;
- there was a need to improve referral pathways for young people with alcohol problems because they were not getting through the system to receive the services and treatment available;
- traditionally referrals to the service came through from the YOT but more recently increasing amounts of referrals were coming through from Family Services;
- work had started on improving referral pathways for young people who attended the emergency department;

- referral mechanisms were being set up with school nurses and the Alcohol Liaison Team but on the whole finding referral mechanisms was an area the team was struggling with but were continuing to pursue new ways.

RESOLVED that the following actions be endorsed:

- (1) that the promotion and utilisation of the D-Vibe survey to capture more accurate data in relation to young people's use in Nottingham;
- (2) the improvement of referral pathways for young people attending the Emergency Department as a result of excessive alcohol;
- (3) the improvement of mechanisms for ensuring that young people involved in alcohol fuelled anti-social behaviour are appropriately identified and referred;
- (4) the continuation of robustly performance managing services to reduce the levels of unplanned discharges;
- (5) the implementation of the actions identified in the Young People's Substance Misuse Action Plan.

59 COALITION GOVERNMENT: IMPACT ON PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT FOR IMPROVING OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

(Corporate Director of Children and Families, Nottingham City Council)

The report drew on and summarised the resulting key issues for the Children's Partnership Board from the formal Coalition Agreement, the announcements of in-year expenditure cuts, the emergency budget and the Queen's Speech which set out legislation for the next year and more specific policy announcements.

RESOLVED

- (1) that in view of the possibility that the statutory nature of the Children's Partnership and Children and Young People Plan (CYPP) may diminish, resulting in the erosion of partnership over time, the Nottingham City Children's Partnership Board agreed to continue to meet in its current form;
- (2) that the potential for changing governance arrangements and the impact on commissioning for vulnerable groups identified within the CYPP be noted;
- (3) that the Senior Officers Group be requested to agree resource allocation aligned to priorities within the CYPP through the named accountable officers for each priority;
- (4) that this Board lobbies the Government to use the learning from Early Intervention and emerging Total Place work on complex families to influence policy and funding priorities;

- (5) that the report be reviewed and updated as information from other parts of the Partnership emerges following their reviews of the major policy and budget changes and that this subject be a standing item at all future Board meetings.

60 **MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD**

RESOLVED that subject to the following amendments being made the current membership of the Board be noted:

- (1) that the representative from the Strategic Health Authority had been confirmed;
- (2) that the three representatives from the Youth Council be added to the Board's membership;
- (3) that Nottingham Council for Voluntary Services was now known as Nottingham Community and Voluntary Service.