

Minutes of the Children's Partnership Senior Officers Group

Monday 6th December 2010, 09:30 – 11:30

Room 2.13, Loxley House

Attendees

Ian Curryer (Chair)	Corporate Director of Children and Families, Nottingham City Council
Katy Ball	Acting Head of Service, Children Trust, Nottingham City Council
Phyllis Brackenbury	Interim Assistant Director of Children's Services, CitiHealth Nottingham
Ian Howick	Superintendent, Nottinghamshire Police, City Division
Sheila Wright	Deputy Chief Officer and Director of Operations, Nottinghamshire Probation
Jane Belinda Francis	Headteacher, Springfield Primary School (representing all City Schools)
Lucy Davidson	Assistant Director, Children and Families Commissioning, NHS Nottingham City
Tony Graham	Director of Operations, Nottingham Connexions
Mandy Smith	CAF and Lead Professional Manager, NCC Children and Families
Nigel Cooke	Chief Executive, One Nottingham
Peter Cansfield	Deputy Director of Public Health, NHS Nottingham City
Candida Brudenell	Director of Quality and Commissioning, NCC Children and Families
Colin Monckton	Head of Insight and Improvement, NCC Children and Families
Jo Pettifor	Adults Commissioning Business Manager, NCC Quality and Commissioning
Chris Wallbanks	Acting Head of Aspiration and Life Skills and Healthy Schools Manager
Martin Ayres	Lead Ofsted Inspector, 2010 Nottingham City Council Safeguarding Inspection

Apologies

Andrew Kenworthy	Chief Executive, NHS Nottingham City Representation: Lucy Davidson
Liz Asher	Representing the Voluntary Sector
Jean Pardoe	Chief Executive, Connexions Representation: Tony Graham

Item	Detail
1	<u>Welcome and apologies</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Apologies noted as above.
2	<u>Minutes, Matters Arising and Action Log</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Minutes were agreed as an accurate record. ▪ All actions were agreed as complete or on track.
Items for decision	
3	<u>Common Assessment Framework (CAF) – Refined Target Groups</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The item was led by MS, following a request at the November Senior Officers Group for further revision of the CAF target groups ▪ The paper provided detail on the refined CAF target groups, explored options for their implementation and recognised the exceptions categories. ▪ Where possible, the paper provided estimated numbers for each target group in order to demonstrate potential impact on capacity and resources (it was noted that the same child is often in a number of target groups). ▪ It was agreed that the teenage parents target group would include those aged 17 (previously 'parents under 17 years'). ▪ The first set of targets was agreed in principle. It was agreed that the remaining two sets would be worked on and brought back to the Group for ratification in April 2011. ▪ All partners present agreed that they could accommodate the proposals and agreed to promote awareness of the target groups throughout their agencies. ▪ It was agreed that these target groups should be specified in all future commissioning

	<p>specifications.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Partners are required to provide statistical data of their CAF activity and identify a named officer responsible for this in order to ensure accurate monitoring of the target groups collated through Nottingham City's Insight and Improvement Team. ▪ Outcome information, via case studies, will be circulated to Senior Officers outside of the meeting.
Items for discussion	
4	<p><u>One Nottingham Future Governance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The item, presented by NC, provided an overview of the future governance proposals for One Nottingham. ▪ The intention is that on the whole, strategic priorities will remain the same. Partners have signed up to the Nottingham Plan to 2020; some priorities may be adapted due to political precedence, however, the overall ambition for Nottingham remains the same. ▪ Proposed changes include; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A One Nottingham Board to provide city-wide strategic direction. ○ The introduction of three Partnership Forums based around specific geographical areas, plus a City Centre/Business Forum. ○ The disestablishment of the Theme Partnership for Neighbourhoods. Responsibility for neighbourhood priorities and voluntary sector engagement will be shared across the remaining Theme Partnerships. ○ Direct reporting to Nottingham City Council (NCC) and One Nottingham Executive Boards for performance and scrutiny. ○ A simplified partnership and NCC reporting/communications structure. ○ The establishment of the Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Local Enterprise Partnership. ○ It is anticipated that the role of the Area Committees and Local Area Forums will be reviewed. This is currently undergoing consultation with NCC. ▪ Proposed principles include; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Primacy of the City Council and leading Councillors. ○ Re-confirming the Nottingham Plan to 2020 as the strategic plan for Nottingham. ○ The One Nottingham Board is strategic in a statutory partnership context. ○ Joint commissioning. ○ Embedding the voluntary and community sector. ▪ It was noted that the imminent publication of the Localism Bill will inform the process further. ▪ The Local Area Agreement, Working Neighbourhoods Fund and Area Based Grant will all cease in March 2011. A review will be undertaken at the end of this period and a plan for how to keep up some of this work, with reduced resources, will be considered. ▪ The consultation process, which will include each Theme Partnership, will conclude with the Nottingham City Council Executive Board in February 2011. ▪ Group to contact NC with any comments or queries.
5	<p><u>NCC Children and Families Decommissioning and Commissioning Review Process</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The item was led by CB and JPe. ▪ In response to the change or expiry of some existing funding streams, national financial pressures and changes in national policy, the Quality and Commissioning Directorate of NCC Children and Families is currently undertaking strategic reviews of a number of existing contracts across children's and adults services. ▪ The reviews, which commenced in August 2010 have two phases; phase one reviewed contracts delivered by voluntary sector organisations, and phase two reviews contracts funded by NCC Children and Families, which are due to end in March 2011. ▪ The process provides the opportunity to fully understand the range of outcomes delivered, highlight areas of weakness, duplication and outstanding quality, assess the implications of expiring funding streams and identify where efficiencies can be made. The ambition is to identify and plan which services a child needs right from birth. ▪ Following evaluation panels, recommendations for future provision will be proposed and final decision made by the NCC Executive Board Sub Committee. ▪ Risk and impact assessments, including those for vulnerable groups, are being undertaken throughout the process. Some specific examples of the impact of decommissioning were provided. ▪ Exit strategies have been put in place to mitigate risk to service users and Equality Impact Assessments have been embedded throughout the process.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ On completion of the review, commissioning intentions for April 2011, based around the Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) strategic objectives, will be brought through the Children's Partnership.
6	<p><u>Healthy Weight for Children</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A presentation on the development of a Healthy Weight Strategy for children and adults in Nottingham (2010-2020) was led by PC and CW. ▪ The Group were provided with an overview of the Strategy's vision, issues, approach and targets. ▪ The Strategy aims to increase the number and proportion of children and adults in Nottingham who are a healthy weight with the vision that every individual is able and motivated to make positive choices regarding nutrition and physical activity. ▪ The target is to save an estimated 2,600 lives over the next 10 years (10% reduction in deaths) by achieving the 2020 healthy weight targets as outlined in the Nottingham Plan. ▪ Having a framework will enable the City to align activities with cross-cutting actions and plans, identify gaps and avoid duplication, ensure focus on performance management and ensure that all Partners understand their contribution. ▪ The following approaches are proposed; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Interventions which promote healthy weight for everyone; to produce a shift in the whole population, as well as supporting those in need of it most. ○ Evidence based support at all levels and stages. ○ Early interventions for child and family, to pre-empt longer term effects and break intergenerational patterns. Early intervention for those most at risk and specialist support for people where weight is an issue. ○ Creating environments which promote healthy weight. ▪ The care pathway for overweight and obese children (2-16 years) was shared. A parallel pathway for practitioners working alongside the NHS has also been developed. ▪ Consultation with Partners will cease in January 2011. The final draft will come through the Partnership shortly afterwards. ▪ Group to contact PW/CW with any comments or queries.
Items for information	
7	<p><u>Total Place Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Group noted the report which provided an interim status update for the project. ▪ The report noted that Health and Police information sharing agreements have been delayed and recommended that Senior Officers therefore note the impact on the project timelines and deliverables.
8	<p><u>Implications of Spending Review and Government Announcements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Group noted the report which provided an overview of the implications of Government announcements during November 2010 for the Children's Partnership and implementation of the CYPP.
9	<p><u>Forward Plan</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Officers noted upcoming items. ▪ It was agreed that an item on the proposed partnership operation would be brought in February 2011.
10	<p><u>Any Other Business/Key Messages for Dissemination</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No other business.