

Minutes of the Children's Partnership Senior Officers Group

Monday 11th October 2010, 09:00 – 12:00

Room 2.13, Loxley House

Attendees

Ian Curryer (Chair)	Corporate Director of Children and Families
Katy Ball	Acting Head of Service, Children Trust
Peter Cansfield	Consultant in Public Health Medicine, NHS Nottingham City
Liz Asher	Representing the Voluntary Sector
Phyllis Brackenbury	Interim Assistant Director of Children's Services, CitiHealth Nottingham
Jean Pardoe	Chief Executive, Connexions
Julie Burton	Nottinghamshire Probation
Jane Belinda Francis	Head teacher, Springfield Primary School (representing all City Schools)
Andrew Tennant	Training and Development Review Officer, Children and Families
Paulette Thompson -Omenka	Head of Children in Care, Children and Families
Viv McCrossen	Head of Family Community Teams (Central), Children and Families
Colin Monckton	Head of Insight and Improvement, Children and Families
Anthony Childs	Information Manager, Insight and Improvement, Children and Families
Geoff Jenkins	Planning and Policy Manager, Children and Families
Gill Ellis	Director of Schools and Learning, Children and Families
John Yarham	Director of Young People Learning and Skills, Children and Families

Apologies

Ian Howick	Superintendent, Nottinghamshire Police, City Division
Sheila Wright	Deputy Chief Officer and Director of Operations, Nottinghamshire Probation Representation: Julie Burton
Andrew Kenworthy	Chief Executive, Nottingham City NHS Representation: Peter Cansfield

Item	Detail
1	<u>Welcome and apologies</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Apologies noted as above. ▪ PB is the new representative for CitiHealth Nottingham (formerly Lyn Bacon). ▪ LA is the new representative for the Voluntary Sector (formerly Craig Berens).
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 the Children's Partnership Board	
3	<u>Early Intervention Programme Update</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The item was presented by KB. ▪ The paper provided an update on the work undertaken so far across the five strands of the Programme. ▪ The Group noted the decommissioning phase of the delivery projects. Funding for delivery projects ends in March 2011. Learning from these projects will be used to propose specific changes to mainstream systems and some projects are envisaged to continue. ▪ Workstreams were proposed and endorsed for the second phase of the Programme in order to systemise early intervention work. A Nottingham package of early intervention programmes and models is being developed as part of this next phase. The Group

	<p>discussed and agreed this next phase of work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Group agreed to begin to consider future routes to collaborative funding models for early intervention programmes in the City. ▪ Nottingham remains a high profile 'Early Intervention City'. Graham Allen, MP for Nottingham North, is leading on the National Early Intervention Review. The Group agreed to continue to champion the high profile brand and promote the links with other strategic work, including Total Place and more formal joined links with Aspiring Nottingham. ▪ This item, along with Total Place and Aspiring Nottingham, will go on to the October 13th Children's Partnership Board.
4	<p><u>Nottingham Children's Partnership Core Training Standard</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The item was presented by AT to update the Senior Officers on the actions taken to implement the agreed proposals to create a Core Training Standard. ▪ The Group agreed to adopt the Core Training Standard and approved the proposal of central co-ordination and quality assurance. ▪ The group agreed to support the proposal of an electronic Learning Management System to replace the currently paper-intensive tasks of promotion, booking and evaluation. ▪ It was agreed that AT would continue to consult with partners whilst progressing this piece of work.
Items for discussion	
5	<p><u>Outcomes for Children in Care and Plans for New Services</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The item was presented by PTO. ▪ The paper provided a performance update on the outcomes for children in care and the changes and plans to children in care services, including progress on the Small Group Homes project and plans for discharging children from care. ▪ Performance has improved in some areas but remains weak in others. The stability of placements for children in care is performing better than statistical neighbours but the following indicators are red-rated; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Number of children in care ○ Rate per 10,000 ○ Participation in reviews ○ % of children in care for more than three months with an up to date Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire ○ % of children in care with a completed Personalised Education Plan ▪ Robust action plans have been put in place to drive improvement. ▪ PTO requested to bring a presentation back to the Group with up to date performance details and future delivery plans.
6	<p><u>Integrated Support Strategy</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The item was presented by VM. ▪ The item provided an overview of the Family Support Strategy, including the Integrated Support Pathway (formerly named the Integrated Care Pathway). The Pathway provides a working tool with information on access and referral routes, criteria for levels of need and the use of processes, such as the Common Assessment Framework. ▪ The Integrated Support Pathway will be incorporated into the Family Support Strategy. The draft is currently being consulted upon and will be ready for sign-off in December 2010. ▪ It was noted that the Family Support Strategy Group will be accountable to the Integrated Service Board and the Local Safeguarding Board. ▪ It was agreed that, on completion, the Strategy would be disseminated to Senior Officers.
7	<p><u>Total Place</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Due to time constraints, it was agreed that this item would be dealt with outside of the meeting.
8	<p><u>CYPP Priority Performance Report (Attainment and Attendance)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The item was presented by GJ, GE and JY. ▪ The presentation provided an overview of the City's attendance and attainment performance, including current position, risks, areas for focus and an action plan, aligning to the performance data, for the next quarter. ▪ A key area for concern, in both attainment and attendance, is that although performance

	<p>is improving, the gap between Nottingham and statistical neighbours remains wide. There is also a significant gender gap in the City, with girls achieving more than boys. Again, this gap is wider than the City's statistical neighbours.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It was noted that the City's Early Years Foundation Stage Profile is better performing than the national average, but these results are not translating through to Key Stage One. ▪ Focus remains on raising aspiration, engagement, attainment and achievement levels. ▪ Future actions include a refresh of the Attendance Strategy, city-wide promotion and closer linkage between attainment and attendance. ▪ Further action includes a new School Improvement Strategy using data and intelligence to identify schools requiring intervention and support, targeted work to improve reading and articulation and the launch of a city-wide learning focus. ▪ An attainment performance update will go on to the October 13th Children's Partnership Board.
Standing items	
9	<p><u>Government Policy Implications on Children's Agenda</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Group noted the circulated update paper.
10	<p><u>Forward Plan</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Officers noted upcoming items.
11	<p><u>Any Other Business/Key Messages for Dissemination</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sneinton Sure Start Children's Centre has been rated as 'good' and 'outstanding' for safeguarding in the first Ofsted inspection.