



Minutes of the Children's Partnership Senior Officers Group
 Monday 7th February 2010, 09:30 – 11:30
 Room 2.11, Loxley House

Attendees:

Ian Curryer (Chair)	Corporate Director of Children and Families, Nottingham City Council
Katy Ball	Acting Head of Service, Children Trust, NCC Children and Families
Lucy Davidson	Assistant Director of Commissioning, Children and Families, NHS Nottingham City
Liz Asher	Projects Director, Playworks (Representing the Voluntary Sector)
Phyllis Brackenbury	Interim Assistant Director of Children's Services, CitiHealth Nottingham
Jean Pardoe	Chief Executive, Connexions
Simon Nickless	Chief Superintendent, City Divisional Commander, Nottinghamshire Police
Sheila Wright	Deputy Chief Officer and Director of Operations, Nottinghamshire Probation
Jane Belinda Francis	Head teacher, Springfield Primary School (representing all City Schools)
Geoff Jenkins	Policy and Planning Manager, Insight and Improvement, NCC Children and Families
Colin Monckton	Head of Insight and Improvement, NCC Children and Families
Luke Murray	Intelligence Development Manager, Insight and Improvement, NCC Children and Families
Jo Pettifor	Business Manager, Quality and Commissioning, NCC Children and Families
John Yarham	Director of Economic Innovation and Employment, NCC Children and Families
Ken Beaumont	Head of Family Community Teams (South), NCC Children and Families
Wendy Morton	Head of Learning and Transforming, NCC Children and Families
Michael Allcock	Principal Analyst, Insight and Improvement, NCC Children and Families

Apologies:

Andrew Kenworthy	Chief Executive, NHS Nottingham City Representation: Lucy Davidson
Margaret McGlade	Independent Chair, Local Safeguarding Children Board
Peter Cansfield	Deputy Director of Public Health, Nottingham City NHS

Item	Detail
1	<u>Welcome and apologies</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance and 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. Action 63: It was agreed to extend the deadline to the March Senior Officers Group. The Strategic Lead for Drugs and Alcohol has a meeting scheduled with colleagues at the Queens Medical Centre on February 17th. Action 65: The staffing situation of Independent Reviewing Officers has significantly improved. Seven out of the nine posts are now permanently recruited to and a further permanent member of staff is due to start on February 21st.
Items for discussion	
3	<u>Quarterly Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) Performance Report</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The report provided performance detail on each of the CYPP operational objectives for quarter three. Each Accountable Officer (or representative) provided an overview of the key successes, challenges, areas for focus and risks of each of the objectives. It was noted that the current performance measures for 'Improving Parenting Support' are not effectively portraying the quality of performance. Government changes, including the abandonment of the National Indicator Set, provides an opportunity to explore the Partnership's future performance management framework. A large piece of scoping work will need to be undertaken, led by Nottingham City Council's Quality and Commissioning Directorate. It was agreed that the Director for Quality and Commissioning will oversee work with partners to explore accumulative impact of individual funding cutbacks on outcomes for vulnerable children and young people.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nottingham City Council has expressed an interest in the Department of Health's offer to, through a third party organisation, be involved in a piece of work around reducing obesity. Two local authorities will be selected. ▪ The NHS Operating Framework, issued annually by the Department of Health, identifies that focus for 2011/12, must include increasing the number of Health Visitors and expanding the Family Nurse Partnership. Joint funding between Health and the Local Authority will be explored. ▪ It was agreed that the Director for Quality and Commissioning, on an interim basis, takes on the responsibility for the operational objective 'reducing substance misuse'. ▪ It was agreed that a report for information on the review of the CYPP will be brought to the March Senior Officers Group, followed by a more extensive report for discussion in May, alongside a year end performance report of the CYPP. ▪ It was agreed that the Head of Insight and Improvement revises the performance reporting as necessary to ensure that the Senior Officers Group are able to focus clearly on the challenges for year two of the CYPP.
4	<p><u>Total Place</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The paper provided an update on each of the projects workstreams, detailing progress, issues and planned activity. ▪ The Group agreed that the findings from this work are sufficiently clear to show that concerted action and follow up is required beyond the scope of the project. ▪ The Group agreed to continue to sponsor this work beyond the project deadline of March 31st. It was agreed that an hour would be allocated for the item at the April Senior Officers Group meeting.
5	<p><u>Outcome of the Children and Families Contracts Review</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The item was presented by JP, following a first report on the review process in December 2010. ▪ The paper detailed the methodology used to review funded services within the Quality and Commissioning Directorate of Nottingham City Council's Children and Families Department, and the recommendations for going forwards. ▪ The recommendations were detailed in the appendices of the report, including services/projects to cease post March 31st 2011 and services/projects to prioritise for funding from April 2011. ▪ At the time of the meeting, these recommendations were still confidential and dependent on funding allocations. ▪ A co-productive approach is recommended for going forwards, which will involve working collaboratively with providers and citizens to design required models of provision and the most appropriate and effective way of delivery.
Items for information	
6	<p><u>Major Legislative Change</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The paper was tabled to ensure the most up to date changes in legislation were captured. ▪ The paper provided an overview of the developing financial climate, some detail on the major reforms being enacted in Parliament and the anticipated implications for Nottingham. ▪ The Group were asked to consider the implications on Partnership work and on the progress of the Children and Young People's Plan priorities.
7	<p><u>Forward Plan</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Group noted upcoming items. ▪ It was agreed that an hour long item on Total Place would be scheduled for the April meeting. The Common Assessment Framework Target Groups item will be postponed to accommodate this. ▪ It was agreed that a report for information on the review of the CYPP will be brought to the March Senior Officers Group, followed by a more extensive report for discussion in May, alongside a year end performance report of the CYPP.
8	<p><u>Any Other Business/Key Messages for Dissemination</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There was no other business.