

Minutes of the Children's Partnership Senior Officers Group
Monday 10th January 2010, 09:30 – 11:30
 Room 2.11, Loxley House

Attendees

Katy Ball	Acting Head of Service, Children Trust, Nottingham City Council
Liz Asher	Representing the Voluntary Sector
Phyllis Brackenbury	Interim Assistant Director of Children's Services, CitiHealth Nottingham
Peter Cansfield	Deputy Director of Public Health, NHS Nottingham City
Margaret McGlade	Independent Chair, Local Safeguarding Children Board
Sheila Wright	Deputy Chief Officer and Director of Operations, Nottinghamshire Probation
Jane Belinda Francis	Head teacher, Springfield Primary School (representing all City Schools)
John Yarham	Director of Young People's Learning and Skills, Nottingham City Council
Geoff Jenkins	Policy and Planning Manager, NCC Children and Families
Hayley Frame	Child Death Manager, Nottingham City Safeguarding Children Board
Holly Sheppard (minutes)	Early Intervention Programme, NCC Children and Families

Apologies

Ian Curryer (Chair)	Corporate Director of Children and Families, Nottingham City Council Representation: Katy Ball to Chair
Jean Pardoe	Chief Executive, Connexions
Andrew Kenworthy	Chief Executive, NHS Nottingham City Representation: Peter Cansfield
Ian Howick	Superintendent, Nottinghamshire Police, City Division

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. ▪ Action 63: It was agreed to extend the deadline to February to allow time for the Substance Misuse Lead to meet with the relevant health colleagues. ▪ Action 64: Group to nominate a Lead Officer from each organisation to be responsible for the performance management of CAF data. Details to be sent to HS by 14.01.2011.

Items for discussion

3	<u>Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP) Recommendations</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The item, led by HF, provided an overview of the statutory requirement for Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCB) to undertake a review of all childhood deaths, up to the age of 18 years, occurring within the LSCB area. This requirement is met by the Child Death Overview Panel and Rapid Response Team for unexpected child deaths. ▪ The Group noted and agreed to promote the review of temporary accommodations (bed and breakfasts, hostels etc) to ensure safe sleeping arrangements for infants. Providers will be asked to refuse child residents if they cannot provide them with an appropriate and safe sleeping environment. ▪ The Group noted and agreed to promote the public health campaign in respect of the risk to infants caused by neonatal herpes simplex. ▪ It was agreed that Senior Officers would ensure that headlines from Child Death Reviews are fed into relevant commissioning intentions to ensure that services commissioned are fit for purpose and improve safeguarding and quality across the partnership. ▪ Headlines need to be disseminated through Nottingham City NHS; the safeguarding forum for commissioners and the commissioning team. ▪ It was agreed that the CDOP will provide an annual report to the Children's Partnership.
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4	<p><u>Science - Remit of City Children's Partnership</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The item, led by JY, reviewed the Children's Partnership's remit within Nottingham's Science City initiative and the problems associated with delivering against the Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) objective and proposed recommendations for going forwards. ▪ The paper provided an overview of the City's performance in comparison with other Science Cities. The Group requested that JY lead a team to scope this piece of work and explore feasible resources. ▪ The two options proposed to the Partnership were; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To remove Science City as an operational objective of the CYPP; or 2. Explore with the Universities, FE Colleges, Schools and the Science City Advisory Council, new ways to reinvigorate and strengthen science education in schools and ensure that school children are aware of, given encouragement and supported in choosing pathways to science based careers. ▪ Option Two was the preferred. The Group agreed to endorse further work to develop a sustainable programme of school engagement in science as an operational objective in the CYPP. ▪ The issue, particularly for schools, is the funding and capacity required to do this. It was agreed that potential resource, capacity and funding options would be explored, along with examples of how to harness the enthusiasm and strengthen science education. ▪ It was agreed that a further report would be brought back to the Children's Partnership in July 2011.
5	<p><u>Nottingham City Safeguarding Children Board Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The item, led by MM, provided an update of the NCSCB and highlighted areas relevant to the Children's Partnership. ▪ Budget reductions across the City pose a risk by threatening the capacity of services which support vulnerable children and families. ▪ The reorganisation and loss of experienced colleagues is a risk to the current level of interagency understanding of the safeguarding agenda and the strategic and operational relationships which underpin good safeguarding practice. The Group agreed that support needs to be given to new staff in order to manage the experience gap. ▪ A further, immediate risk to the LSCB's work programme, arises from the impending vacancy of the CDOP Manager, during a particularly complex Serious Case Review. Future funding for the post is uncertain. ▪ It was agreed that an update on the staffing situation of Independent Reviewing Officers would be provided at the next meeting (previously highlighted as an issue by the NCSCB). ▪ It was noted that the Munro Review of Child Protection may lead to a national review of LSCBs.
Items for information	
6	<p><u>Implications of Spending Review and Government Announcements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Verbal update only, presented by GJ. ▪ The item focused on the changing financial climate and how this is expected to impact on services for children, young people and families. ▪ An overview of the following were provided; local authority settlement, Early Intervention Grant, Public Health Grant, further education funding, voluntary sector funding; the move from Total Place to Community-Based Budgeting, the abolishment of the Education Maintenance Allowance and potential negative impact on the number of young people not in education, employment and training. ▪ In addition to these, details were provided on the abandonment of the National Indicator Set, along with implications of the new data requirements for local government. It was agreed that HS would circulate a link providing details of this, including a list of the stopped collections.
7	<p><u>Forward Plan</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Group noted upcoming items. ▪ It was agreed that a further report on Science City would be scheduled for July 2011.
8	<p><u>Any Other Business/Key Messages for Dissemination</u></p> <p>Final Draft of the Family Support Strategy (inc. the Family Support Pathway)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Family Support Strategy was submitted to the Children's Partnership for final endorsement. Subject to any recommended amendments, the Strategy will be launched in

February 2011.

- The Group noted that it is a very clear strategy and embraced everything they would wish it to.
- The Group recommended that it would be useful to include a diagrammatic portrayal of the governance structure.
- It was also noted that the Family Support Pathway diagram was unclear and could be improved by increasing the size.
- Separate to the FSS, the Group noted that they would like to see a document showing the relationship between the CAF process and social care intervention.

Ofsted Safeguarding Inspection

- The first draft inspection report was received by Nottingham on 24th December. A pre-publication copy is due on 17th January before being published on the Ofsted website on the 24th.

Annual Performance Assessment for Children's Services

- Nottingham's challenge of the 'adequate' rating was rejected. This is a very disappointing result given that around two thirds of all indicators have improved, with many more good and outstanding features being identified.

Early Intervention Allen Review

- Nottingham has expressed an interest in becoming an 'Early Intervention Place' as part of Graham Allen's National Review of Early Intervention. If recommendations are accepted by the Government, Nottingham will be one of the cities at the forefront of national opportunities and work alongside a national Early Intervention Foundation.