

Minutes of the Children's Partnership Senior Officers Group
Monday 3rd October 2011, 09:30 – 11:30
Room 2.11, Loxley House

Attendees

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| Ian Curryer | Corporate Director for Children and Families |
| Chris Wallbanks | Programme Manager Early Intervention and Partnerships, Nottingham City Council |
| 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 |
| Diana Corbett (minutes) | Early Intervention Support Officer, NCC Children and Families |
| Shirley Smith | Assistant Director of Children and Families Commissioning NHS Nottingham City |
| John Yarham | Director Economic Innovation and Employment, Nottingham City Council |

Apologies

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| Katy Ball | Head of Service, Early Intervention and Market Development, Nottingham City Council |
| Liz Asher | Projects Director, Playworks (Representing the Voluntary Sector) |
| Phyllis Brackenbury | Interim Assistant Director of Children's Services, CitiHealth Nottingham |

| Item | Detail |
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| 1 | <u>Welcome and apologies</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alison Wilson representing Phyllis Brackenbury, Interim Assistant Director of Children's Services, CitiHealth Nottingham did not attend, no apology received. |
| 2 | <u>Minutes, matters arising and action log</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Query over lead for substance misuse no longer needs action - discussions underway around the CDP taking the lead. |
| Items for discussion | |
| 3 | <u>Developing a Child Poverty Strategy for Nottingham</u> JY updated the Group on progress: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aspley has been identified through City-wide needs assessment as an area of high need, which will be used to trial strategies and interventions with 50 families identified as having significant levels of need. Work is ongoing to explore who is working with these families and how. Partners have been involved and are sharing data. Work is now focusing on how interventions can have more impact and this will be complete within a month, when the next stage of interventions with families will be planned. • It was clarified that this is not Single Place, but is using the Total Place data. • It is noted that a cross-over of learning between the 2,500 Total Place families and the 50 families identified is essential. |
| 4 | <u>Early Intervention</u> CW presented this paper, updating the group on plans for Phase Two of the Early Intervention Programme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase Two involves a focus on a radical approach to shifting funding to early intervention. This is in the context of a huge reduction in funding since the start of Phase One. • This paper outlines how the four key recommendations in Graham Allen M.P's 'Next Steps' paper are being addressed. • Nottingham, as an Early Intervention Place, will be invited to be part of the Early Intervention Foundation, which may involve future investment. • Nottingham has had a visit from a social investor, who is interested in Nottingham's early intervention approaches and has asked to have another conversation. This may be an |

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| | <p>early opportunity to scale-up an early intervention model. The repayment period would be 10-20 years. An update on this will be available for the Group in December.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is suggested that investment in early intervention be discussed at Schools Forum should there be an opportunity for schools to participate in EI programmes such as PATHS (Promoting Alternative Thinking Pathways) in the future. IC informed the group that Professor Michael Little had provided a presentation to the Head Teacher Conference recently which included information on the PATHS programme. • SS informed the Group that the Family Nurse Partnership have recruited staff in preparation for delivery to a higher proportion of their eligible cohort in the City, with a £75,000 government grant for set-up. |
| 5 | <p><u>Strategic Commissioning Intentions</u></p> <p>CW presented the paper to the Group outlining the Council's approach to supporting voluntary sector organisations and reducing spend on services, which are necessary due to the recent reductions in budgets and grants.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five key reviews have been identified and are being undertaken within a six-week period, with completion by the end of October. By this time there will be a process scoped to remove resources from mainstream services and to invest in early intervention approaches. • It is important to make the process for the Voluntary and Community Sector much more transparent and streamlined. The Council is offering support to enable contribution to the SCIs, around identifying costs, developing business plans and training. There has been a positive response. • The Council are developing a website for providers to stay informed and contribute. The web address will be sent to SOG members once live. • It was noted that there is political support for this approach. Cllr Collins asked for the VCS review and politicians understand that we need the SCIs in order to future-proof for increasing levels of need. |
| 6 | <p><u>Safeguarding Briefing Note</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Group expressed their condolences. • A large scale review of Children and Adults safeguarding is planned for November; this is still to go ahead. • The possibility of running one joint board is being considered. • Options are being considered to provide capacity until April 2012. |
| 7 | <p><u>Forward plan</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 14th business will be moved forward to the December meeting. The SOG will continue to meet when necessary, rather than every month. It is expected that this will be needed bi-monthly. |
| 8 | <p><u>AOB</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No other business. |
| | <p><u>Next meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12.12.2011 9.30 – 11.30 Room 2.11 Loxley House • Report deadline: 30.11.11 |