

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

CHILDREN'S PARTNERSHIP BOARD

MINUTES

of meeting held on 7 DECEMBER 2011 at

Loxley House from 4.00 pm to 5.45 pm

✓ indicates present at meeting

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| ✓ Councillor David Mellen | - Chair of the Board
and Portfolio Holder for
Children's Services |) | |
| Jane Todd | - Chief Executive |) | |
| Councillor Jon Collins | - Leader |) | Nottingham City Council |
| ✓ Ian Curryer | - Corporate Director of
Children's Services |) | |
| ✓ Katy Ball | - Head of Early Intervention
and Market Development |) | |
| Chris Wallbanks | - Programme Manager Early
Intervention and
Partnerships |) | |
| Ron Buchanan | - Chair |) | NHS Nottingham City |
| ✓ Shirley Smith | - Assistant Director of
Commissioning –
Community Services |) | |
| Paul Scarrott | - Assistant Chief Constable | - | Nottinghamshire Police |
| Wendy Smith | - Chair | - | CONGA (City of Nottingham
Governors' Association) |
| ✓ Sheila Wright (on
behalf of Jane
Geraghty) | - Chief Officer | - | Nottinghamshire Probation
Service |
| Heather Sahman | - Regional Change Agent | - | Strategic Health Authority |
| Graham Sheppard | - District Manager | - | Job Centre Plus |
| ✓ Steve McLaren | - Urban Angel Project
Manager | - | On behalf of the Community
and Voluntary Sector |
| Mike Butler | - Chief Executive | - | Djanogly City Academy |
| ✓ Malcolm Cowgill | - | - | Castle College |
| ✓ Jill Robey | - Head Teacher | - | Nottingham Nursery School
and Training Centre |

- Jane-Belinda Francis - Head Teacher - Springfield Primary School
- Andy Sloan - Head Teacher - Rosehill School (Special School representation)
- ✓ Gareth Owen - Head Teacher - Hadden Park High School
- Lauren Davey)
✓ Uzair Hashmi) Youth Council
✓ Jamie Mansell)
Aaron Riley)
- ✓ Darrell Redmond Nottingham Equal

Also in attendance

- Satinder Gautam - Director of Safeguarding)
Rachel Mottram - Constitutional Services Officer)
John Rea - Strategic Lead for Engagement and Participation) Nottingham City Council
Dot Veitch - Partnership Support Officer)
Chris Wallbanks - Programme Manager, Early Intervention Partnerships)

Please note: except where otherwise indicated, all items discussed at the meeting were the subject of a report which had been circulated beforehand.

22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Jon Collins and Jane Todd (Nottingham City Council), Mike Butler (Djagnoly City Academy), Jane Geraghty (Nottingham Probation Service), Lauren Davey (Youth Council), Ron Buchanan (NHS Nottingham City), Wendy Smith (CONGA), Graham Sheppard (Job Centre Plus), JB Francis (Springfield Primary School) and Paula Webber (Young People's Learning Association).

23 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were made.

24 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 4 October 2011, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

25 SENIOR OFFICERS GROUP MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Children's Partnership Senior Officers Group dated 3 October 2011, copies of which had been circulated, be noted.

26 NOTTINGHAM CITY SAFEGUARDING CHILDRENS BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2010/11

Consideration was given to a report of the Safeguarding Service Manager, Partnerships and Performance, copies of which had been circulated.

RESOLVED that the Nottingham City Safeguarding Children Board Annual report 2010/11 be accepted and the overall impact on the development of the Children and Young People's Plan and services to children, young people and families be noted.

27 CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE PLAN PRIORITY: SAFEGUARDING – YEAR TWO - UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Safeguarding, copies of which had been circulated.

Satinder Gautam, Director of Safeguarding presented the report and gave a presentation to the Board.

The following key information was provided:

- the year two priority was safeguarding with a focus on:
 - actions to increase the impact of the Family Support Strategy in providing alternative pathways to improving outcomes;
 - assessment of the impact of family support on social care referral rates;
 - building inter-agency support for the domestic abuse, stalking and honour based violence checklist (DASH) risk assessment so that domestic violence was dealt with as early as possible, knowledge of risk was shared and a proportionate response could be made;
 - minimising bullying behaviour by working with parents, schools and young people to improve the emotional resilience of young people, support victims and re-educate perpetrators and share best practice on what works;
- supporting the Crime and Drugs Partnership, particularly through work with families and to challenge and eliminate gang culture in local neighbourhoods;
- the impact of the Family Support Strategy included the development of a performance framework and a practitioner development programme being delivered within Families and Communities Teams;
- year to date performance demonstrated a reduction in the number of contacts and referrals being made in social care;
- work was being undertaken to develop a Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) to respond to Domestic Violence (DV) referrals;
- some exciting early intervention projects were being delivered within schools in respect of DV;
- the local authority had subscribed to the Anti-bullying alliance.

Following comments and questions by the Board, the following additional information was provided:

- a contributing factor to the high level of DV referrals within the City was due to the increasing awareness and good referral system;

- over 200 calls a week were received regarding domestic violence.

RESOLVED that the content of the report and positive improvements that had been made in the year be noted.

28 YOUTH CABINET RESEARCH

Consideration was given to a report of the Youth Cabinet, providing the findings of some research carried out into healthy weight and school attendance.

Jamie Mansell and Uzair Hashmi, Youth Council provided a presentation on the work carried out on behalf of the Childrens Partnership Board.

Key points were highlighted as follows:

Healthy weight

- peer to peer research had been carried out into what motivates children, young people and families to maintain a healthy weight;
- a 'Decade of Better Health Youth Conference' was held in August 2011 to give young people a chance to explore health and well being issues in a focussed way;
- 40 young people took part alongside experts, including public health officers and local authority partners;
- youth workshops covered health weight, smoking, substance misuse and mental health, with cross-cutting sessions to bring it all together;
- each workshop group came up with suggestions for change, and debated and voted on each others ideas;
- the 'Decade of Better Health children and young people's engagement strand' was launched;
- proposals for consideration were as follows:
 - to limit the number of fast food outlets, particularly around schools and young people's provisions;
 - to commission a research project that would encourage young people to partake in physical activities;
 - 'Urban Exercise' making exercise more 'hip' and 'street'
- overall conclusions were that it was impossible to get rid of fast food from society but increasing opportunities for children and young people to be more active at school and at home would be positive;
- young people recognised that healthy weight was part of their wider health and well-being;
- children and young people responded well to the idea of messages from peer mentors and young role models;
- the change in attitude to smoking over the last generation gave encouragement that we could change healthy weight behaviour through a mixture of legal measures and lifestyle pressures.

Attendance

- peer to peer research had been carried out into what motivates children and young people to have good attendance and look at what could be done to encourage better school attendance;

- activities included survey and workshop consultation work with a variety of children and young people's forum including Youth Council, Primary Parliament and Bulwell EAZ CYP forum;
- 150 young people between the ages of 9 and 19 were asked six questions around the reasons for non attendance at school, bullying issues and factors to encourage good attendance;
- the overall conclusion was that we should be working with families to get them involved in the life of school as early as possible, improving support for children and young people who experience problems at home and in the community and more motivation in the classroom to provide reasons for good attendance.

Following discussion the following comments were also made:

- good lessons got children to school;
- rewards for the most improved attendance could be considered;
- 16 education welfare officers covered the whole of the city;
- training could be provided to staff as part of safeguarding training to enable them to challenge children/parents if they came across a school aged child who wasn't in school that should be;
- bullying on the way to and from school was a concern for a number of children;
- cyber bullying had shown the biggest increase over recent years.

RESOLVED

- (1) **that the findings of the young person-led research into Healthy Weight and Attendance be noted and used to inform strategic and operational decision making as appropriate;**
- (2) **that the success of the young person-led approach in developing insight into young peoples views be welcomed and noted.**

29 DISABLED CHILDREN SHORT BREAKS STATEMENT

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Family Community Teams, copies of which had been circulated.

RESOLVED that the short breaks statement as a partnership document on short breaks provided by the city council, Nottingham City NHS and voluntary/independent sector be approved.

30 COMMON ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK (CAF) PERFORMANCE – UPDATE REPORT

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Family Community Teams, copies of which had been circulated.

Following discussion the following comments were made:

- CAF initiations had fallen via Midwifery but work was ongoing to bring these numbers back up;
- quality assurance tools were due to be rolled out to address ongoing issues of quality of CAF's;

- 3500 people had been trained on CAF's who were within the Family and Community Teams within ward level services;
- the decision to end a CAF was a joint process between the family and practitioners and was usually because the needs of the family had been met;
- schools struggled to initiate more CAF's because of the resources required to do so.

RESOLVED that Board Members:

- (1) cascade the information in relation to CAF performance within their agencies;**
- (2) support and champion the implementation of the Family Support Strategy and Pathway in their home agencies and support the sustained progress in CAF initiations and the receipt of early help for families;**
- (3) ensure appropriate agency representation within the Family Support Implementation Group;**
- (4) note the information in relation to new arrangements for performance monitoring and reporting CAF data;**
- (5) promote the use of CAF Quality Assurance Framework within their agencies.**

31 EARLY INTERVENTION (EI) PROGRAMME PHASE TWO

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Quality and Commissioning, copies of which had been circulated.

Katy Ball, Head of Early Intervention and Market Development gave a presentation on the Early Intervention Programme Phase Two.

The following key information was provided:

- Early Intervention was a core theme of Nottingham's strategic planning framework and was embedded within the Nottingham Plan, Children and Young Peoples Plan and draft Vulnerable Adults Plan;
- the programme was launched by One Nottingham in April 2008 through £4m Area Based Grant funding and had achieved a strong national profile;
- Nottingham would become a national Early Intervention Place under the Allen review recommendations;
- a key recommendation from the Allen review was to create a new Early Intervention Foundation (EIF) that would be:
 - a permanent, independent champion of EI;
 - a bridge builder across the worlds of local public sector, providers, investment and research;
 - focus primarily on evidence-based programmes for early years and children;
 - define national standards of evidence and build the EI evidence base;
 - support replication of successful models between different areas;
 - support local agencies;
 - broker investment from the Big Society Bank and investors, facilitating local areas to move to more radical finance models;

- a consortium had been formed to make a bid to run the EIF, with key players including Price Waterhouse Coopers and Dartington Social Research Unit.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the emerging Phase Two of Nottingham's Early Intervention Programme be noted and the exploration of radical new opportunities including ways to fund early intervention approaches be supported;
- (2) that backing the consortium bid for the national Early Intervention Foundation, in line with other local authorities be supported;
- (3) that partners/colleagues be invited to a options analysis event in Spring 2012 to discuss commercial investment in early intervention work.

32 ADVANCED LEADERSHIP IN AN INTEGRATED CHILDRENS SERVICE ENVIRONMENT (ALICSE) GRADUATES OVERVIEW OF PROJECTS DELIVERED ON BEHALF OF THE CHILDRENS PARTNERSHIP

Consideration was given to a report of the Corporate Director of Children and Families, copies of which had been circulated.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the success of the ALICSE programme be noted and acknowledge the embedding of learning and support further delegates for 2011/12;
- (2) that the variety of projects being delivered to research and improve a range of issues affecting Children and Young People's Services in the City be noted;
- (3) that the support network that is on-going for ALICSE graduates to work with the Director of Children and Families as change agents be noted.

33 KEY MESSAGES

The Portfolio Holder for Children's Services highlighted the following key messages:

- the City Council fostering service was being inspected between 13 – 15 December 2011;
- he thanked the young people for the work carried out with young people on the healthy weight and attendance issues and asked them to also pass on thanks to the youth cabinet.

RESOLVED that the key messages be noted.

34 CHILDREN'S PARTNERSHIP BOARD FORWARD PLAN

RESOLVED that the following items be agreed for future meetings:

- **Proposed Partnership Operation and Health and Well Being Board update;**
- **Aspiring Nottingham;**
- **Child Poverty;**
- **CYPP Plan review – priority 2 attainment.**