

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

CHILDREN'S PARTNERSHIP BOARD

MINUTES

of meeting held on **28 MARCH 2012** at

Loxley House from 4.00 pm to 5.25 pm

✓ indicates present at meeting

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| ✓ Councillor David Mellen | - Chair of the Board
and Portfolio Holder for
Children's Services |)
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| 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 |

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| 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 Reilly |) | |
| ✓ Darrell Redmond | | Nottingham Equal |

Also in attendance

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| Viv McCrossen | - Family Community Team |) | |
| Mel Woodcock | - Secondary Improvement |) | |
| Carol Jackson |) Constitutional Services |) | |
| Zena West |) |) | Nottingham City |
| John Rea | - Strategic Lead for Engagement and Participation |) | Council |
| Dot Veitch | - Partnership Support Officer |) | |

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

35 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Jon Collins and Jane Todd (Nottingham City Council), Mike Butler (Djanogly City Academy), Paula Webber (Young People's Learning Association), Jane-Belinda Francis (Springfield Primary School), Graham Sheppard (Job Centre Plus), Angela Horsley (Nottingham Children's Hospital), and Dawn Smith (NHS Nottingham City Clinical Commissioning Group).

36 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

37 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 7 December 2011, copies of which were circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

38 SENIOR OFFICERS GROUP MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Children's Partnership Senior Officers Group held on 23 January 2012 and 5 March 2012, copies of which had been circulated, be noted.

39 COMMON ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK (CAF) PERFORMANCE

Viv McCrossen, Head of Service for Family Community Team presented a report and gave a presentation to the Board.

The following key information was provided:

- the number of CAFs initiated in the last 12 months had shown a 74% increase and a 127% increase in Quarter 3 against last years Quarter 3;
- a total of 277 CAFs had been closed. 62% were closed due to needs being met or support being reduced to a single agency, 17% because specialist service involvement was required, 7% because the family had moved out of the City, 12% had consent withdrawn or there was a lack of engagement and the remaining 2% were closed for data cleansing;
- the key factors to good CAF engagement were; workforce considerations, preparation by practitioners, and engagement with children and families;
- a CAF audit had been carried out during November and December as part of Councils Quality Assurance process. The five categories audited were: at risk of exclusion; persistent absence; teenage pregnancy; unborn babies and cases initiated by the voluntary sector;
- consent of families was an issue in relation to many CAFs. Part of this was a problem with engagement. Families who didn't consent should not be abandoned. Other solutions need to be looked at;
- early intervention was the key to many family problems.

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

- sometimes it was very difficult getting consent from families; but there was still an excellent upward trend of the initiation of CAFs;
- support was provided so that families would not require additional services;
- there was a four-fold increase in persistent absenteeism. CAFs could combat absenteeism, as Educational Welfare used the CAF assessment. When persistent absenteeism trigger levels were reached, a support assessment was offered automatically, which was sometimes not accepted straight away;
- 6% of CAFs were completed by the voluntary sector; the voluntary sector was included in the audit. A report was being produced outlining the specific voluntary sector strengths and weaknesses, which would have specific learning points to feed back on;
- a checklist was created for midwives to update Children's Services on newborns names;
- further information was to be provided to Sheila Wright on the sustained non-contact with perpetrators of domestic violence, as detailed information on 3 specific cases was available;

- a proactive Educational Welfare service was in operation, with Educational Welfare working alongside schools but taking the lead.

RESOLVED that the contents of the presentation be noted.

40 CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE PLAN (CYPP) PRIORITY: ACHIEVEMENT AND ATTAINMENT

Mel Woodcock, Interim Head of Learning and Achievement presented a report and gave a presentation to the Board.

The following key information was provided:

- educational attainment outcomes for children in Nottingham schools continued to rise across all key stages, but in 2011, whilst improvements at key stage 2 improved by more than those Nationally, across the other key stages improvements were generally in line with or below the national improvements;
- at least 20% of Nottingham school pupils were below the Governments expected levels at the end of key stage 1 and key stage 2 (around 5 percentage points more than the National proportions). Whilst some of these pupils made good progress through subsequent key stages, the underlying evidence was that less than one in three children below the expected 'Level 2' at KS1 reached the expected level 4 at KS2 and less than one in 20 children below the expected 'Level 4' at KS2 obtained 5+ A*-C passes including English and Maths at KS4;
- approximately 40 children had left school without achieving any recognised qualification. Further information on the gender, ethnicity, attendance etc of these pupils was required. The Director of Schools and learning was to be asked to bring a further report to the Board giving this information;
- tackling this issue of low achieving pupils and raising outcomes across all key stages remained a key priority.

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

- 1.5% of the student population had no recognised qualifications, this number had reduced significantly from previous years. The children without qualifications could have been students who had not attended school in some time;
- breakdown by gender and ethnicity was available and would be provided at a later date;
- work could be commissioned to improve attendance and achievement, but the money was with the schools not the council, so the schools would have to engage with partners;
- the value of qualifications and quality of placements for 14-19 year olds was a concern;

- formal intervention with local authority schools would only be possible under limited circumstances, whilst formal intervention was not possible at all with academies. A local authority could ask Ofsted to intervene with an academy as a final resort;
- some children have high attainment only in certain subjects, the primary diagram was simpler by ignoring other subjects;
- further information would be provided by Gill Ellis on the 40 children with no qualifications, such as if they attended special schools, if they attended school at all etc.
- the upcoming narrowing of league table subjects could impact negatively on performance figures for schools and on children's education. It would impact disproportionately on schools that had relied on vocational courses and diplomas which may have been more suitable for their students. Discussions would be needed ahead of these changes on whether our priority would be better performance league tables or appropriate qualifications for the students.

RESOLVED that the contents of the report be noted.

41 PROPOSED TRANSITION ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SUBSTANCE MISUSE AGENDA

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Quality and Commissioning, copies of which had been circulated, highlighting the proposal for the transfer of the young peoples drug and alcohol agenda from Children and Families to the Crime and Drugs Partnership who would then lead commissioning reviews relating to the agenda.

RESOLVED:

- (1) that the transition arrangements for the Young People's Drug Agenda be supported;**
- (2) that Peter Moyes, Director of CDP represent Young People's Substance Misuse issues on the Board**

42 PARTNERSHIP OPERATION AND HEALTH AND WELLBEING UPDATE

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

The Corporate Director of Children and Families explained that although the statutory status of the Children's Partnership Board no longer existed, the Children's Partnership had maintained responsibility for the children's agenda. If the health and Social Care Bill received Parliamentary approval later in the year the emerging Health and Wellbeing Board would have responsibility for many existing areas across the whole of the health improvement agenda.

In order to prevent duplication of work the Children's Partnership Board, as a strong partnership which had played a key role in the lives of children, young people and

families in Nottingham, would remain in place and work with the emerging Health and Wellbeing Board.

Ian Curryer, Corporate Director of Children and Families presented the report to the Board.

The following points were raised by the Board in a discussion of the report:

- whilst the statutory requirement for a Children's Trust no longer remained, there continued to be a need for Children's Partnership.
- the need for continuation of a Children and Young Person Plan is not statutory, but would continue for the present and may be reviewed in the future;
- the Board would welcome more data and more detail, and it was felt that the Children's Partnership meetings may have to take place more frequently;
- the changes would require colleagues to work in a different way;
- the Health and Wellbeing Partnership would not be able to discuss attainment in as much detail as the Children's Partnership Board could;

RESOLVED:

- 1) **that the disestablishment of the Senior Officer Group be acknowledged with appropriate representation from all organisations transferring to the Children's Partnership Board;**
- (2) **that outstanding items be remitted up to the Children's Partnership Board**
- (3) **that the positive action and range of work delivered or influenced by the Senior Officer Group over the four years it had been in place be noted;**
- (4) **that it be noted that the Health and Social Care bill had not yet been passed by Parliament and that should there be significant changes, the Children's Partnership structure be reviewed.**

43 EVERY COLLEAGUE MATTERS EVENT

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Quality and Commissioning, copies of which had been circulated, giving feedback on the event which took place in February 2012. The Corporate Director of Children and Families advised the meeting that the object of the Event held in February 2012 had been to develop a programme of events cutting across profession specific development to support communication of key whole adult and children workforce matters, showcasing interdependency of each agency/provider. The event included large sessions and smaller sessions. The Event very well received with 97% respondents rating the face to face session as excellent/good. The overall direct cost of the Event was £3.30 per place attended.

RESOLVED

- (1) **that future whole workforce events be promoted through effective joint commissioning and resourcing for an on-going sustainable programme;**
- (2) **that the Event be run again at an agreed time of year, advertised at least two months in advance to ensure better dissemination of the programme using a wider range of methods to reach the target audience;**
- (3) **that we would ensure wider participation for a future event, to target harder to reach work groups.**

44 KEY MESSAGES AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

The Portfolio Holder for Children's Services advised the meeting that the following individuals who had previously been attending meetings would be formally added to the Board:

- o Dawn Smith – Chief Operating Officer NHS Nottingham City Clinical Commissioning Group;
- o Angela Horsley – Nottingham Children's Hospital;
- o Shirley Smith – Assistant Director of Joint Commissioning NHS Nottingham City Clinical Commissioning Group;
- o Wendy Smith – Chair of the City of Nottingham Governor's Association (CONGA);

The following members were to be invited to join the Board:

- o Peter Moyes – CPD accountable officer for Reducing Substance Abuse;
- o Sheila Wright – Chief Officer, Probation Service;
- o Phyllis Brackenbury – Citihealth from SOG;
- o Jean Pardoe – Chief Executive, Nottingham & Nottinghamshire Futures;

Councillor David Mellen would ask if the Youth Cabinet would be represented on the Health and Wellbeing Board and let Jamie Mansell know.;

45 FORWARD PLAN

RESOLVED that the following items be agreed for future meetings:

- **Aspiring Nottingham;**
- **Child Poverty;**
- **CYPP performance end of year review**
- **Safety/keeping children safe in schools**
- **Family Community Teams**

The following provisional future meeting dates to be noted:

- 30 May 2012
- 27 June 2012
- 26 September 2012
- 19 December 2012