



**NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL
CHILDREN'S PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

**MINUTES of the meeting held remotely via Zoom -
<https://www.youtube.com/user/NottCityCouncil> on 6 December 2022 from 4.05 pm -
5.21 pm**

✓	Cllr Cheryl Barnard (Chair)	Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People, NCC
✓	Cllr Angela Kandola	Executive Assistant for Education and Transport, NCC
✓	Catherine Underwood	Corporate Director for People, NCC
✓	Sam Morris	Head of Children's Strategy and Improvement, NCC
✓	Ailsa Barr	Director of Children's Integrated Services, NCC
✓	Nick Lee	Director of Education, NCC
✓	Jon Rea	Engagement and Participation Lead Officer, NCC
✓	Karon Foulkes	Head of Children's Commissioning and Transformation, NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB
	Amanda Payne	Regional Manager, East Midlands, Futures Group
✓	Mohammed Ramzan	Further Education representative (Nottingham College)
✓	Ekua Ghansah	Child Friendly City Programme Lead
✓	Maria Ward	Maintained Primary School Governor
	Sonia Burton	Youth Justice Service , NCC
	Tracy Tyrell	Director of Nursing and Allied Health Professionals, Nottingham CityCare Partnership
✓	Sarah Fielding	Nottingham Schools Trust and Virtual School
	Supt. Kathryn Craner	Nottinghamshire Police
	Nicky Bridges	Primary Schools' representative (Robin Hood Primary)
	Chad Thompson	Head of Children's Transformation
	Michelle Strong	Secondary Schools' representative (Bulwell Academy)
	Karla Capstick	Small Steps Big Changes representative (Director)
✓	Karla Banfield	Strategic Commissioning Manager, NCC
✓	Cheryl Steele	Special Schools' representative (Rosehill School)
	Celina Adams	Voluntary Sector
	Claire Perry	Voluntary Sector (Children & Young People's Provider Network)
✓	David Johns	Consultant in Public Health, NCC

✓ Indicates present at meeting

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

Natalie Baker-Swift - Head of Violence Reduction Unit
Lana Jay - Nottinghamshire South Careers Hub
Phil Wye - Governance Officer

15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Superintendent Kathryn Craner (Nottinghamshire Police)
Amanda Payne (Futures Advice, Skills and Employment Ltd)
Nicky Bridges (Robin Hood Primary School)
Karla Capstick (Nottingham Citycare Partnership)

16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

17 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 28 June 2022 were agreed.

18 TERMS OF REFERENCE

It was suggested that links with the Health and Wellbeing Board could be strengthened.

The Terms of Reference were noted.

19 KEY MESSAGES AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

In view of the recent inquest findings attributing the death of a child to mould in their property, all partners are asked to be vigilant and to talk to parents if they suspect that there are health conditions that might relate to mould.

Communications will be sent within the week to partners and schools on the City's response to the recent Strep A and Scarlet Fever outbreaks. There are no known cases in Nottingham currently.

20 VIOLENCE REDUCTION UNIT UPDATE

Natalie Baker-Swift, Head of the Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) delivered a presentation to the Board, highlighting the following:

- (a) the VRU's core function is to offer leadership and, working with all relevant agencies operating locally, strategic coordination of the local response to serious violence. Prevention and early intervention focuses on children and young people up to 25 years;
- (b) the VRU recognises that childhood influences may influence violence or exploitation, and data is used to understand the causes of serious violence;
- (c) the VRU works in partnership with Children's Services, Youth Justice, Public Health, the NHS, Education, Police, Prisons, Probation Fire and Rescue, and community

representatives;

- (d) there are three main strands to the work of the VRU: Providing inclusive system leadership, making best use of data sharing, insight and evidence, and delivering and evaluating early intervention and prevention activity;
- (e) new legislation in January will compel local authorities and other partners to prevent and reduce serious violence. Nottingham is ahead of the curve on this work with the VRU leading on trauma informed approaches, workforce development, and community capacity building;
- (f) the VRU has a 3 year plan to improve the quality and accessibility of data across the partnership in order to identify evidence gaps and commission research that strengthens the voice of communities;
- (g) a programme of work is taking place to target and support children in urban street groups in order to support them back into education, training or employment. Often these children require support with the speech and language which is also provided.

21 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE SOUTH CAREERS HUB

Lana Jay, Strategic Hub lead, delivered a presentation to the Board and highlighted the following:

- (a) Careers Hubs bring together schools, colleges, employers, and apprenticeship providers in local areas across England. The goal is to make it easier for schools and colleges to improve how they prepare young people for their next steps. The D2N2 hub is divided into four regions, with the Nottinghamshire South Hub covering Nottingham City;
- (b) Careers Hubs enable schools and colleges and their Careers Leaders to access training and support, and to collaborate in a focussed way, bringing together best practice and local labour market insight. Hubs offer schools and colleges dedicated support from the local hub team and facilitate partnerships with key employers committed to improving careers across an area;
- (c) over 170 volunteers now work with schools as Enterprise Advisors in order to improve careers advice and education, providing business acumen that teachers may not possess;
- (d) schools are assessed against Gatsby Benchmarks which include a stable careers programme, learning from careers and labour market information, addressing the needs of each student, linking curriculum learning to careers, encounters with employers and employees, experiences of workplaces, encounters with further and higher education, and personal guidance;
- (e) a primary version of the hub is being trialled, following research that shows that many young people have given up on pursuing certain careers by the age of 7.

The following points were raised during the discussion which followed:

- (f) an event is taking place soon for those who would like to volunteer as an Enterprise Advisor and partner with a school or college;
- (g) the benchmarks could be tailored for use with children and young people with special educational needs or disabilities;
- (h) although the majority of schools in the city engage with the Careers Hub, a number are unwilling to engage and it would be useful to link with the Local Authority to encourage more engagement.

22 FORWARD PLAN AND SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A suggestion was made for a future item on young people who are NEET (not in education, employment or training).

The forward plan was noted.