



## Statutory Officer's Report for the Nottingham City Health and Wellbeing Board Corporate Director of People 27 July 2022

### Ofsted Inspection of Local Authority Children's Services (ILACS)

On Monday 4 July, the Council received a phone call from Ofsted to announce an Ofsted ILACS Inspection. These three-week inspections focus on the effectiveness of local authority services and arrangements:

- to help and protect children;
- the experiences and progress of children in care wherever they live, including those children who return home;
- the arrangements for permanence for children who are looked after, including adoption; and
- the experiences and progress of care leavers

The inspection ran until Friday 22 July.

### Working towards international 'Child-Friendly City' status

#### CANDIDATE



Nottingham has taken the first step on a journey working with children's charity UNICEF UK towards international recognition as a Child Friendly City. The ambitious three-to-five-year partnership, made possible by funding from the National Lottery Community Fund Small Steps Big Changes (SSBC) programme, will see councillors, Council staff and local organisations ensure that children and young people help shape and guide decisions which affect them.

As set out in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, local children will have their views heard and taken seriously. They will have a say in Council decisions – from major policies to the care they receive – as well as the opportunity to help design services and spaces. This will be achieved through an advisory group where children and young people will represent their peers and meet regularly with Councillor Cheryl Barnard, Portfolio Holder for Children, Young People and Schools.

In practice, being recognised as a UNICEF UK Child Friendly City means that the rights of children become an integral part of public policies, programmes and

decisions. These could be Council plans or the activities of other city stakeholders such as civil society organisations, the private sector, academia and the media. To enable this discussion to happen, children and young people are being asked which areas, or 'badges', they think should be prioritised. UNICEF UK has three mandatory badges – Communication, Co-operation and Leadership, and Culture. A further three will be picked from:

- Safe and Secure
- Flourishing
- Education and Learning
- Participating
- Innovation
- Child-Friendly Services
- Equal and Included
- Healthy
- Family and Belonging
- Place

Conversations have started already and will continue over the next few months. This is taking place through survey and consultation events in schools, colleges, youth clubs, plus working with parents and carers to gather the voices of under-fives. The Council will need to show evidence of sustainable progress within the six badges to be recognised as a UNICEF UK Child Friendly City. If recognised as a UNICEF UK Child Friendly City, Nottingham will join cities and communities in close to 50 countries taking part in this global programme. For more information, please see the Child Friendly Nottingham website:

<https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/ChildFriendlyNottingham>.

## **MJ Awards 2022 – Transforming Lives**

The Education Division were part of a partnership with Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Futures and Nottinghamshire County Council who were successfully awarded a 2022 MJ Award. The partnership won the 'Transforming Lives' category for their work supporting our most vulnerable young people into employment, education and training through the Life Chances Fund delivered by Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Futures Future Impact Team.

The 'Future Impact' model is a 5-year funded programme that was designed to offer intensive support to support young people into tangible outcomes such as education, apprenticeships, volunteering and sustained employment. The programme commenced in August 2018 and provides person-centred support to 16 to 24-year-olds who need Special Educational Needs and Disability support, and young people aged 15 at high risk of becoming Not in Education, Employment or Training.

The programme measures the progression of 4 areas (aligned with the 4 priority areas of the Preparation for Adulthood Agenda).

1. Good Health – Categories are: physical and mental wellbeing, confidence, behaviour management.
2. Employment – Categories are: interview and application readiness, achievements, experience of work.

3. Community and Friendships – Categories are: home life and relationships, accessing leisure, safety.
4. Independent Living – Categories are: financial management, life and independence skills, time keeping.

To date:

- 321 city people have been supported;
- 45% (143) have gained qualifications;
- 17.5% (54) have accessed volunteering;
- 30% (95) have secured paid employment; and
- 73% have entered education or training.

## **Adult Social Care**

### **Transformation Programme**

Delivery continues across the transformation programme; progress against project delivery is shown below.

### **Workforce and Organisational Development Strategy**

This has been developed to support workforce development, to provide better quality and improved outcomes for our citizens. Engagement with colleagues has been extensive.

### **Strengths-based reviews**

The project is established and the review of existing care and support packages is underway; citizens are having strengths-based conversations to maximise independence.

### **Development of options for more independent living**

This aims to further increase supported living options; promoting the shift from residential care to supported living arrangements, enabling people to live as independently as possible and in the least restrictive settings. Of the initial 30 moves planned into high quality supported living accommodation, 11 have already taken place.

### **Expanding Shared Lives**

This project has been initiated to develop the Shared Lives service and increase placements for people to live within a family home environment with personalised care provision.

### **Increase independence for older people:**

This will improve the offer for older people, to have strengths-based conversations and promote independence, preventing and reducing stays in residential and nursing care.

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