



## Statutory Officers Report for Health and Wellbeing Board

### Corporate Director of Children's Services

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#### **Resettlement of Refugee Children from Calais**

As you will no doubt have seen in recent press coverage, the resettlement of children from the Calais refugee camp has begun, after the UK government agreed to take in separated children with existing links to Britain. Around 700 children are expected to arrive from Calais over the next few weeks. A small number will be reunited with family members, the others will be placed in the care of local authorities through the National Transfer Scheme. We have received a number of children from Calais and I'd like to offer my sincere thanks to partners who have been supporting this process at very short notice.

There are ongoing discussions with government regarding funding rates for unaccompanied asylum seeking children and about how these children and young people can be distributed equitably across the country. However, above all else our key priority remains protecting and providing security for these children. We will be providing all necessary support to enable them – and the families that they are reunited with – to start a successful new life in the UK.

#### **Looking After Each Other campaign**

We've been working with Nottingham Community and Voluntary Service (NCVS) and the Nottingham City NHS Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) on a new Looking After Each Other Campaign.

The campaign launched on Monday 7 November and will run for eight weeks up until Christmas – and give people ideas and suggestions of how they can make a difference in Nottingham.

As well as creating kinder and more thoughtful communities, we hope this campaign will help to manage the demand on NHS and city council services.

For more details, please see our new website  
[www.LookingAfterEachOther.co.uk](http://www.LookingAfterEachOther.co.uk).

#### **Liquidlogic and ContrOCC system roll out across Adults and Children's Services**

The Liquidlogic Adults and ContrOCC systems were rolled out to the Adults teams at the beginning of August, and over the course of the last couple of months the Project Evolution team have been working on fixes and small changes to improve usability of the system. Teams are getting on well with the new system and lots of work is taking place across the department to make the best use of the systems.

The Children's Liquidlogic, Early Help Liquidlogic and ContrOCC systems are due to go live at the end of November and training is currently underway to

prepare staff for the go live. Preparations are underway to manage the changeover from CareFirst & Castle to the Liquidlogic and ContrOCC system, with Team Managers producing detailed plans for their teams to support them during this period. CareFirst and Castle will become READ ONLY at 5pm on Friday 18th November as we move the cases across to the new system, there will be a manual recording process in place from the 18th through to the 28th November when the new system will be ready to use.

## **SEND Peer Review**

On 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> November, Nottingham City took part in a sector-led improvement Peer Review undertaken by regional colleagues. The review assessed how well the local area supports children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities, based on the Local Area SEND Inspection Framework. The team of five reviewers spent two full days in Nottingham City, visiting fourteen providers. As the first Local Authority area in the region to take part in the Peer Review, this process will better inform our preparations for a full inspection.

Overall findings highlighted good evidence for SEND pathway implementation. The City has a clear vision and commitment to children and young people with SEND, articulated from elected members and the most senior leaders within the local area. There are effective policy frameworks in place, such as a joint commissioning plan shared with the LA and CCG, co-designed by agencies, which places this vision within a strategy for implementation. The SEF provides an analysis of the elements of the SEND pathway implementation, which indicates that leaders know the City well, including two key lines of enquiry for the review, areas of strength - Education, Health and Care Pathway and areas which they intend to improve further - Preparing for Adulthood. There is cross service representation, with one department for children and adults, including a whole life disability strategy (WLD).

There is good evidence of an effective Education, Health and Care Pathway with positive partnerships between settings, schools, colleges and the LA SEND team. There is clear evidence of effective early identification of need. The Early Years Pathway is positive and supported by a range of health, education and social care professionals and services. Early Help identifies key families within the city requiring support beyond universal services. Parents seen within settings and schools have a positive experience of engagement, co-production, access to services and needs being met. The LA sets out expectations within its well-regarded Provision Maps, developed through close working with SENCOs across the City. There are plans to develop work on Preparing for Adulthood, however strengths include universal positive feedback by families and providers about the Futures service and the dedicated provision of advice and guidance; and emerging developments across 0-18/18-25 structures with the Whole Life Disability strategy.

## **Knife Crime Event**

On the 7<sup>th</sup> November, we held a Knife Crime event for partners to look at the local response to young people who demonstrate a propensity to violence,

including the use of knives. The aim of the event was to strengthen the local multi-agency approach to earlier intervention. This event was supported and funded jointly by the safeguarding board and the Crime Drugs Partnership.

### **Association of Directors of Childrens Services (ADCS) Blogs**

In my role as Vice President of ADCS, I regularly have to write blogs on a variety of issues – I thought that you might like to read my most recent ones:

Recruitment - <http://adcs.org.uk/blog/article/why-do-we-do-what-we-do>

Domestic Abuse - <http://adcs.org.uk/blog/article/domestic-abuse-in-the-spotlight>

Trust - <http://adcs.org.uk/blog/article/its-all-about-trust>

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