

## Children & Young People Select Committee

A meeting of Children & Young People Select Committee was held on Wednesday, 8th December 2021.

**Present:** Cllr Carol Clark (Chair), Cllr Barbara Inman (Vice Chair), Cllr Dan Fagan, Cllr Clare Gamble, Cllr Ray Godwin, Cllr Lauriane Povey, Cllr Stephen Richardson, Cllr Sally Ann Watson

**Officers:** Martin Gray, Kellie Wigley (CS), Haleem Ghafoor (Comms), Judy Trainer (DS)

**Also in attendance:** Sarah Massiter, Lisa Robinson, Ellen Canning, Leanne Best (NHS Foundation Trust), Tracey Herrington (Thrive)

**Apologies:** Cllr Andrew Sherris

### 1 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### 2 **Minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2021**

AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2021 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

### 3 **Scrutiny Review of Child Poverty**

Presentations were received from:

0-19 Service – Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust:

Sarah Massiter – Service Manager

Lisa Robinson – Locality Manager

Ellen Canning – Locality Manager

Michael Proud – Service Lead for Growing Well, Growing Healthy

Family Action:

Leanne Best – Service Manager

Family Hubs

Kellie Wigley – Service Lead – Family Support

The presentations covered the role of the 0 – 19 service, family action and family hubs and outlined some real-life experiences and issues being noticed on visits, case studies highlighting the issues and intervention/ support provided, and how the 0 – 19 service was seeking to break health inequalities related to poverty.

The key issues highlighted and discussed were as follows:

- Increasing financial pressures on families
- Transport costs were becoming a huge issue and preventing families from, for example, keeping health appointments which reinforced the need for basing services and support in accessible locations

- The importance of exploring the reasons for the problems being experienced by families rather than making assumptions or judging
- The importance of prevention and having a universal offer
- SEND may be a result as well as a cause of child poverty
- Members commended the contributors for their valuable work and for the way that all the various agencies were working together

Tracey Herrington (Thrive) gave a presentation covering the following areas:

- The role of Thrive and the Stockton Poverty Truth Commission
- Principles of working with people who live in poverty and socio-economic disadvantage

The key issues highlighted and discussed were as follows:

- The importance of recognising and taking account of lived experience
- The benefit engaging with community groups such as Thrive
- Members were encouraged to take part in The International Day to end poverty which was Monday 17 October 2022

AGREED that the information be noted.

## **5 Select Committee Work Programme and Chair's Update**

AGREED that the Work Programme be noted.