

# Children and Young People's Health and Wellbeing Commissioning Group

A meeting of Children and Young People's Health and Wellbeing Commissioning Group was held on Monday, 31st March, 2014.

**Present:** P Kelly (Chairman), Kate Birkenhead (substitute for Hilary Hall), Cllr Mrs Ann McCoy, Mrs Lynda Brown, Shaun McLurg, Simon Willson,

**Officers:** Michael Henderson (LD), Jane Harvey (CESC),

**Also in attendance:** Paul Moffatt (CESC - Consultant)

**Apologies:** Sarah Bowman, Victoria Cooling, Hilary Hall, Chief/Supt Gordon Laing, Dr Paul Williams

## **CHW 90/13      Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **CHW 91/13      Minutes of meeting held on 28 February 2014**

The minutes of the meeting held 28 February 2014 were confirmed as a correct record.

## **CHW 92/13      Special Educational Needs Reforms**

The Group was provided with an update in respect of the implementation of the requirements of the Children and Families Act 2014.

It was explained that implementation of the legislation was expected to be in September 2014. The regulations and Code of Practice, which was essential to support work going forward had been delayed and was now expected in May or June.

It was noted that a draft Education, Health and Care Plan (EHC) had been developed.

Five families had been identified to be part of a pilot of the plan and process for Stockton. The families identified and their particular circumstances would provide a useful test of the Plan and processes. This pilot would be completed by the end of the summer term and learning shared extensively.

Work on joint commissioning needed to be developed further and this would be the subject of a workshop in early April.

A communications plan was in place and the first SEN reform newsletter had been published.

It was explained that an engagement event took place on 6th February and two further engagement and consultation events were planned for April and June. A workshop had been arranged for Council Officers and partners on 2nd April to bring together those working on the reforms in order to consider several broad areas relating to the reform and emerging risks and issues.

The Group noted that Tribunals would still be in place, however, parents had to consider mediation and be issued with a certificate confirming this before going to Tribunal.

The Group agreed that Joint Commissioning and Strategy for SEN would sit with this group and the project Board would be Children, Education and Social Care Management Team (SGMT). SGMT role would include monitoring the implementation and operation of the EHC Plan and the new process, including any key metrics.

The group discussed data sharing between partners and it was queried if any problems had been experienced by pathfinders. It was agreed that this would be investigated.

In terms of transition it was suggested that Looked After Children, Children who were the subject of Child Protection Orders and the children of Forces' personnel should be prioritised.

It was noted that HMI were undertaking SEN Health Checks, though not currently in Stockton. It was agreed that the documentation associated with the health checks would be helpful in terms of self evaluation.

RESOLVED that:

1. the update be noted.
2. the roles of this Group and SGMT be noted.
3. pathfinders be contacted to establish any issues they had experienced with data sharing.
4. this Group recommends that consideration be given to the prioritisation of children, including those detailed above, within the transitional process.

**CHW  
93/13**

### **Domestic Violence Strategy**

The Group considered a report that presented the draft Domestic Abuse Strategy for 2014/2017 and associated draft Action Plan for 2014/15, for comment.

Members noted the considerable consultation that had taken place in the development of the Strategy and Plan. It was noted that the vision statement detailed in the draft strategy had been considered to be the most appropriate by 87% of people asked during consultation. The Group was asked for its views on the vision.

It was noted that the Strategy had 3 priority areas.

- Awareness and Education
- Early intervention
- Support and Protection

It was envisaged that the strategy would have a number of outcomes, including

a reduction in domestic abuse and violence and reduced repeat victimisation. The Group discussed difficulties with monitoring the outcomes and how effective monitoring might be achieved.

The Group noted the draft Action Plan and members were requested to consider it and particularly any responsibility identified for their service area/organisation.

During consideration of the Strategy and Plan:

- it was suggested that the vision statement be discussed with the Youth Forum
- discussion took place on individuals witnessing Domestic Abuse and the effect on their Mental Health. Domestic Abuse was a significant contributory factor in some cases of Mental Health illness. The Group noted the specific work identified for Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust and the potential for data sharing.
- training of staff was very important. Staff across all partner organisations, in various settings, needed to be able to recognise signs of Domestic Abuse and advise on where appropriate support could be accessed.
- it was queried if numbers of children, who were subject to a Child Protection Plan, where Domestic Abuse had been the main or a contributory factor could be recorded. Also, it was queried if academic attainment of such children could be tracked. Further consideration would be given to this.
- it was noted that the identified areas of focus for the Action Plan could change during each annual refresh.
- the plan may need to pick up any issues coming from the HMI inspection of Domestic Abuse.
- it was noted that the strategy and plan may result in an increase in reported incidents of Domestic Abuse. The Strategy could refer to this as a possibility and indicate that it wanted to give people the confidence to report and get help.

RESOLVED that the draft Strategy, Action Plan and discussion be noted and actioned where necessary. Any Members could provide additional feedback directly to Emma Champley.

**CHW  
94/13**      **Performance Update**

The Group received a report that provided an example of the Public Health Outcomes Framework data which formed a large part of the performance monitoring framework for the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy delivery plan. It highlighted performance specific to children and young people, together with the recently released Child Health Profile and Early Years Profile.

The Group focused particularly on the Child Health Profile and it was suggested that, where indicators for children's health and wellbeing were significantly worse in the Borough than the average for England, then a note should be prepared for that indicator, describing the issues and what work was being

undertaken. The notes would be considered by the Group at its next meeting.

The Group had a general discussion on the performance information presented and there was brief consideration of some specific areas and what the information presented may suggest. Members could consider the information further and raise any issues via the Chairman. The Group would receive quarterly performance updates.

There was a feeling that Stockton had two distinct population sets. One that was relatively financially secure and had improving Health and Wellbeing outcomes, positioned as similar, or better, than the England average. The other population set was considerably less financially secure and was anchored at the bottom in terms of Health and Wellbeing outcomes. It was noted that some work being undertaken for Stockton Social Care, by the University, would be looking at this. It was agreed that this could provide useful intelligence and details would be reported to the Group in due course.

RESOLVED that:

1. the report, new profiles and performance data be noted.
2. a note on each Child Health Profile Indicator, where the Borough's data was significantly worse than the England average be prepared.

**CHW  
95/13**

### **Group Role in Supporting Ofsted inspection requirements**

Members considered a report that provided an overview of the Ofsted Single Inspection Framework and its implications for the Group.

The role of the Group would be particularly tested through the Leadership, Management and Governance strand of the inspection framework.

Particular discussion took place on the priorities for children and whether they were clearly articulated, well communicated and understood by all? Was performance monitored and challenged against these priorities and was there a coherent partnership framework and 'golden thread'?

It was agreed that the Group should initially focus on the Council's priorities and identify any development work that may be necessary in this regard. Simon Willson and Sarah Bowman would prepare a long list of priorities and report to the Group's next meeting.

The Group agreed that the Council's Early Help Strategy had to be coherent and demonstrate the strong work that was being undertaken in the Borough. A report on the Strategy would be considered at the Group's meeting in May.

Preparation for any future Ofsted Inspection was underway and meetings with Partners were being organised.

RESOLVED that:

1. the report be noted and a long list of priorities for children be prepared.
2. a report relating to the Early Help Strategy be considered at the Group's May meeting.

**CHW  
96/13**      **Work Programme 14/15**

The Group considered a paper that provided an update on the Group's current work programme and the principles surrounding the population of the Forward Plan.

The Group agreed the Forward Plan and noted how it would continue to be developed. It was suggested that consideration of the Child Health Profiles and priorities for children, identified for further consideration at the Group's next meeting, may reveal further items for the Plan.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

**CHW  
97/13**      **Sparking King Edwin NE**

The Group was provided with an update on the current position of the joint venture between the Council and Spark of Genius (Spark of Genius NE).

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

**CHW  
98/13**      **TaMHS**

The Group received a paper that provided an update on the new contract for provision of targeted mental health services in schools.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.