

Children and Young People's Partnership

A meeting of Children and Young People's Partnership was held on Wednesday, 24 September, 2014.

Present: Jane Humphreys (Chairman), Peter Kelly (Vice-Chairman)

Jane Smith (Public Health Stockton), Chris Davis (TEWV), Emma Champley (Strategic Commissioner), Maryssa O'Connor (Thornaby Academy), Janet Stubbs (Job Centre Plus), Steve Rose (Catalyst), Linda Watson (North Tees & Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust) Julie Nixon (SBC) Natasha Judge (Healthwatch)

Officers: Margaret Waggott and Jenna McDonald (Stockton on Tees Borough Council)

Also in attendance:

Apologies: Cllr Ann McCoy, Hilary Hall, Kate Birkenhead (NHS England), Sarah Bowman (Public Health, SBC), Ian Coates, Gordon Lang (Cleveland Police)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Members of the Partnership were welcomed by the Chairman and provided with an introduction of each Member in attendance.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

3. Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure

Members were informed that the Children and Young People's Partnership would provide strategic leadership and support to ensure healthy, happy and safe children and young people who were able to maximise their potential and were protected from harm.

Members were informed that the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) arrangements were reviewed in 2013. The outcome of the review, amongst other things, saw the creation of the Children and Young People's Partnership. The Partnership would support the vision of the HWB and the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) to protect our children and young people; to improve and protect their health and wellbeing and to reduce inequality.

It was highlighted that the Partnership's Membership was from a wide range of organisations.. The Partnership meetings were to be held on a monthly basis with a view to move to bi-monthly. Members noted that the Partnership was not solely Council focussed and was proactively seeking outside views and concerns with regards to children and young people in the Borough.

Members were presented with a diagram which outlined the accountability arrangements for the Children and Young People's Joint Commissioning Group (C&YP Joint CG). The diagram highlighted the links between LSCB, HWB, C&YP Joint CG, and the Children and Young People's Partnership.

Partnership representatives were given the opportunity to discuss the Membership and highlight any organisations, which they felt should have representation, or any areas. The following suggestions/comments for the

membership were made:

- The voice of children and young people was vital
- Early Years representative in addition to primary and secondary. It was suggested that the primary representative could fulfil the Early Years role.
- Representative from Commissioned Children's centres within the Borough.
- A representative from North East Chamber of Commerce

RESOLVED that the Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure for the Partnership be noted and appropriate changes to membership be sought.

4. Key Priorities

Members were presented with a detailed report which proposed a set of draft key priorities for the Partnership, to inform its strategic direction and to underpin development of a new Children and Young People's Plan. It was highlighted that agreed key priorities, would be drawn up into a draft plan and a performance management arrangement would be generated.

Appendix 1 presented Members with the proposed priorities for the Partnership.

Discussions took place regarding the draft priorities including minus 9 months and issues such as smoking during pregnancy. During consideration of the priorities it was suggested that smoking during pregnancy should be linked to the key priority of ensuring effective early years support for children and families. It was highlighted that it may be useful to include leaflets in pre-birth packs identifying the effects of smoking during pregnancy. It was noted that there was room for improvement surrounding infant mortality in the area.

Members briefly discussed educational performance and noted some of the challenges, particularly with regard to secondary schools.

It was agreed that the Partnership would benefit from gathering personal experiences of young people in the Borough and agreed mechanisms to do this.

Key indicators for the improvement of the Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People would including:

Mental Health
Obesity
Self Harm
Substance misuse (inc. smoking)

The Chairman stressed the importance of ensuring every child achieved and maximised their potential.

In relation to the key priority relating to enabling children and young people to lead healthier lives the following points were highlighted:

- Self-harm rates in Stockton-On-Tees were high
- Weight often had an impact on mental health and self-harm

The Partnership raised the following suggestions as areas, which it considered needed to be looked at in closer detail:

- Gaps in Service for Children and Young People
- Additional Services which children may require
- Pregnancy & smoking during pregnancy
- Early Help
- How hidden harm with children and adults could be prioritised
- Housing impacts on children and young people
- Parenting impacts on children and young people
- Physical illness in children and young people

Members discussed engagement with Children and Young People and noted that the Council had links with looked after children, school councils, Stockton Youth Assembly. Members agreed that, in the past, engagement with children and young people had been extremely useful. It was suggested that schools could record video diaries with the voices of young children providing their thoughts and opinions. It was agreed that the Director of Children, Education and Social Care would attend a meeting of the Assembly to introduce the Partnership and seek ongoing feedback.

The Chairman agreed that it would be useful to hold an annual event for children and young people to attend a session with the Partnership to discuss experiences and services. Members also suggested advertising for feedback and suggestions from children and young people in GP Surgeries and the Evening Gazette etc.

RESOLVED that The Partnership agreed its key priorities, based on discussion of those proposed in the report, and considers developing a vision statement for the new Children and Young People's Plan

5. Early Help Strategy

Members were provided with an update on the development of the Early Help and Prevention Strategy and considered proposals relating to the formation of an Early Help Implementation Team.

Representatives highlighted the importance of the Community Sector's involvement in the Early Help Strategy.

It was agreed that discussions would take place outside of this meeting to agree the Early Help Implementation Team.

RESOLVED that the update be noted and arrangements regarding the formation and membership of an Early Help Implementation Team be agreed outside the meeting.

6. Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Children and Young People

The Partnership was presented with a report on the draft Tees Children and Young People's Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy framework and associated action plan for Stockton Borough.

Members noted that the Strategy aimed to capture the range of, and need for,

services across all tiers; across both community and hospital settings; across both universal and targeted support; and from prevention through to treatment. It aimed to build whole-system improvement through partnership planning and joint/aligned commissioning. The document set out strategic direction for the next three years, with an associated local action plan for the Borough. The key outcomes of the Strategy and action plan was based on the high level outcome based objectives set out in the national Mental Health Strategy. Members were provided with a draft action plan and emerging outcomes from a local health needs assessment which would inform service development and commissioning in the Borough.

It was explained that the action plan would be monitored through the Partnership, with links to the Adults' Health and Wellbeing Partnership to provide assurance about care pathways across the life-stages, particularly at points of transition. Commissioning issues would be overseen by the Children and Young People's Health and Wellbeing Joint Commissioning Group.

The Tees Transformation Group would coordinate a programme of further consultation and communication around the Strategy and action plan

Members noted the importance of ensuring the delivery of a comprehensive service. Members asked whether there were any issues around children who received services in their childhood years and would no longer be able to receive the service at transition. It was noted that a significant number of Children and Young People would not be eligible for Adult Services, as they did not meet the criteria under adult legislation.

RESOLVED that:

1. the draft Strategy framework and draft local action plan be received.
2. The progress on the action plan be monitored through the Partnership, with links to the Adults' Health and Wellbeing Partnership and it be noted that Commissioning issues would be overseen by the Children and Young People's Health and Wellbeing Joint Commissioning Group.
3. the Partnership support further consultation and communication around the Strategy and action plan.

7. Forward Plan

Members were provided with a Forward Plan for Children and Young People's Partnership up until 20th May 2015.

The following topics were to be scheduled in the Forward Plan:

- Engagement with Younger People
- Transitions – SEN
- Carers
- Domestic Violence
- Substance Misuse
- Youth Offending Service
- Family Nurse Practitioners and Health Visitors

- Fostering
- Common Assessment Framework
- Annual Report for SLSCB presented by the Board's Chair.
- Multi Agency Looked After Partnership
- 14 – 19
- Special Educational Needs
- School Nursing
- OFSTED – Self Assessment
- Dental Health
- Troubled Families - Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

Members of the Partnership raised the following points/suggestions in contribution to the Forward Plan:

- Regional information was to be benchmarked on a future agenda
- The Family Weight management Service.
- Child Sexual exploitation to be considered on the Forward Plan and services to be looked at in closer detail
- Accommodation for Vulnerable and Young People and impact of Welfare Reform
- Child dental health and how illness can be caused by poor dental health
- ASB & Engagement of Young People
- Opportunities for Children and Young People

Members agreed that in the New Year, it was hoped that each month a discussion with Children and Young People accessing services could be arranged.

RESOLVED that the Forward Plan and discussion be noted.