

# Children and Young People's Partnership

A meeting of the Children and Young People's Partnership was held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2015

**Present:** Jane Humphreys (SBC ) (Chairman),

Peter Kelly, Simon Willson, Emma Champley, Julie Nixon (SBC), Cllr Mrs Ann McCoy, Sarah Bowman- Abouna (SBC); Janet Mackie, Lindsey Robertson (NTHFT); Chris Davis (TEWV), Natasha Judge (Healthwatch), Priti Butler (Big Life), Christine Smith (Substitute for Charles Ellis) (4children), Steve Rose (Catalyst),

**Officers:** Michael Henderson, Margaret Waggott (SBC)

Also in attendance: Alison Thurston (Acting School Nurse Lead Stockton); Jackie Lothian (Contracts Manager MoreLife), Andy Hardy (General Manager Integrated Care Services), Alda Hummelinck (Project Lead SN mobilisation)

**Apologies** Julie Allan (Probation), Caroline Reed (Primary School Rep), Maryssa O'Connor (Secondary School Rep) Paul Williams (CCG), Ian Coates (Cleveland Police), Phil Cook (SRC), Karen Blackburn (Probation Trust), Kate Birkenhead (NHS England), Kate Birkenhead (NHS Trust)

## 1 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

## 2 Minutes of the meeting held on 23 February 2015

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 February 2015 were agreed as a correct record.

## 3 Minutes Joint Commissioning Groups and Adult Partnership

The Partnership noted the following minutes:

- Children and Young People's Health and Wellbeing Joint Commissioning Group – 19 January 2015
- Adults' Health and Wellbeing Joint Commissioning Group – 20 January 2015
- Adults Health and Wellbeing Partnership – 3 February 2015

During consideration of the Adults' Health and Wellbeing Partnership minutes members noted that an event was being organised to consider issues relating to drugs misuse, drugs strategy, services/treatments etc. The Chair of the Adults Partnership agreed that members from the Children's Partnership be invited to attend the event too.

## 4 School Nursing and Family Weight Management

The Partnership received a presentation relating to the New School Nursing service which would include the Family Weight Management services.

It was noted that the School Nursing service and Weight Management services were commissioned by the Council. From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 the School Nursing Service (SNS) would be provided by the North Tees and Hartlepool Foundation

Trust and, as a sub contract, MoreLife would provide a Family Weight Management Service (FWMS)

The School Nursing Service would bring together the wide range of recommended programmes and initiatives for local areas to consider, underpinned by the Healthy Child Programme.

The new model would provide:

- an increased focus on the Public Health agenda
- improved visibility and access to the school nursing service
- structured care delivery
- an improved governance structure

The school nursing pathway portfolio included:

- complex and additional needs
- emotional and behavioural concerns , and self-harm
- supporting immunisation uptake
- screening of hard to reach children and young people
- National Child Measurement Programme and FWMS (MoreLife)

With regard to the FWMS members noted the close links there would be with the SNS and the contract arrangements that would support this. The service would be universal but there would be targeting of families, most in need, within deprived wards.

The service would have two programmes one for children, young people and families and one for parents only.

It was noted that the SNS and FWMS would be located in Ragworth.

Discussion around the presentation has been summarised below:

- CAF would be a priority.
- mental health problems could be a cause of some cases of obesity, so links with mental health services would be important as, although the programmes would be underpinned by psychological therapies, some referrals were likely. It was agreed that NTHFT, MoreLife and TEWV meet outside this meeting to consider the interface between services.
- the Services were committed to making themselves much more visible and accessible within the wider community, not just in schools. Services would be available throughout the year.
- there needed to be communication/ a pathway between children's centres, health visitors and the SNS and FWMS. A discussion outside this meeting should take place to consider this.
- awareness of the services needed to be raised with primary and

secondary schools. It was noted that schools would have a lead contact and they would be able speak to those contacts on any issues. The Chair requested that a list of contacts be forwarded to her when the services had commenced.

- services would be available to private and academy schools.
- there was some concern that referral criteria for the FWMS may be a little low and there may be too many referrals as a result. This would be monitored. It was expected that most referrals would come via the NCMP.
- When targeting families in deprived areas it may be necessary to work with a range of other agencies, because of the multiple complex issues involved. It was noted that a full needs assessment would be undertaken which would enable pathways to other services and identify necessary work with partners. CAFs would be opened.
- Information sharing arrangements would be key in achieving good outcomes and CAF would assist with this.
- Pregnant women could not be referred to FWMS until after delivery.
- Obesity prevention packages in schools would be aimed at staff as well as children. The service would work with the school's lead and up-skill that person to provide training to others at the school.

RESOLVED that:

1. The presentation be noted.
2. a meeting between the SNS/FWMS take place with TEWV to discuss how the interface between the services will work.
3. Further consideration of links between children's centres and the SNS/FWMS take place outside the meeting.
4. Contact details of the leads for each school be forwarded to the Chair.
5. an update be provided to the Partnership in October 2015.

### **Children's Services Review**

Members received a presentation relating to a review of Children, Education

and Social Care.

Members noted some of the outcomes coming from the review:

- the deletion of the existing 3 Heads of Service posts and the creation of 3 more.
- Each head of service would be responsible for Quality Assurance, Performance, Outcomes, Inspection preparation and readiness
- New structures would provide additional capacity.
- Some functions would move to other Heads of Service.

There was a brief discussion and the Chair, who had undertaken the review, as the Corporate Director responsible for Children's Services, indicated that she was happy to speak to anyone outside the meeting should they have any queries.

RESOLVED that:

1. the presentation be noted.
2. the presentation slides be circulated to the Partnership.

### **Domestic Abuse**

Members considered a report that provided an update on the Domestic Abuse Strategy and the 14/15 Action Plan.

Members noted that the Action Plan supported the three year Domestic Abuse Strategy that was coming to the end of its first year. The Strategy and Action Plan had been based on extensive consultation with stakeholders, social care staff, perpetrators, victims and children affected by domestic abuse.

Four key themes had emerged from this for Action:

Communication and Consultation

Data Collation and Information Sharing

Education and Training

Support Pathways

The Action Plan was an ambitious one for a year and some action will be carried over to 15/16. However, the majority of actions were on track.

Outstanding actions mainly related to consultation; some organisations were reluctant to enter into consultation until further training around domestic abuse had been provided; communications; in depth discussions had taken place at

the Adults Health & Wellbeing Partnership regarding this, what the message should be, how the message should be relayed and where to, a communications plan was being drawn up; data, the aim of increasing data knowledge around domestic abuse was to ensure that a fuller picture was known to better inform response.

Key positives from the Action Plan were identified as:

- holding a 'don't be a bystander' campaign in Billingham Town Centre and forthcoming in Thornaby Town Centre.
- domestic abuse link workers based in both the University Hospital of North Tees and Social Care, the CCG had confirmed that the Improving Access to Psychological Therapies service could be promoted around support relating to psychological and emotional abuse, this would give more options regarding access to services and Harbour was developing links with IAPT,
- work was on-going with school nursing, health visitors, youth services and the Fairer Start project.

Points for the partnership to consider were identified as:

- Organisations to review their policies relating to Domestic Abuse to assess if they were fit for purpose around identification, response and information sharing;
- Members to distribute and encourage employees to complete the Domestic Abuse Training Needs questionnaire when circulated to the partnership members;
- Organisations to consider whether they would be able to nominate an employee to become a Domestic Abuse Champion. 25 champions had been trained so far.
- Members to identify whether they had any particular actions they would like to identify for the 15/16 DA Action Plan.

During discussion members noted that:

- If there was an increase in reported incidents of DA this could indicate an improving position in that people were more willing to come forward.
- A concern relating to delays in accessing Harbour services for families on CP plans. It was agreed that any such cases should be referred to Emma Champley in the Council's Public Health Service.
- Midwives were working with mothers suffering DA. The Trust's workforce was trained on engaging and teasing out low level abuse.

- New computer systems would indicate if individuals had been to A and E
- Members noted that in Durham the Police informed midwives if they were called to a pregnant women's house. This did not currently happen in Stockton. It was suggested that this issue be considered and possibly raised at the Local Safeguarding Children Board.
- Reference was made to developments linked to MACH (North of Tees) and plans to roll out operation Encompass.

RESOLVED that:

1. organisations review their policies relating to Domestic Abuse to assess if they were fit for purpose around identification, response and information sharing;
2. members distribute and encourage employees to complete the Domestic Abuse Training Needs questionnaire when circulated to the partnership members;
3. organisations consider whether they would be able to nominate an employee to become a Domestic Abuse Champion.
4. members identify whether they had any particular actions that they would like to identify for the 15/16 DA Action Plan.
5. the Chairman raise, with the Local Safeguarding Children Board, the issue relating to Cleveland Police notifying midwives when its officers were called to a house containing a pregnant women.

### **Children and Young People's Plan Update**

Members were provided with a verbal update on the drafting of the Children and Young People's Plan.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

### **Forward Plan**

That the Forward Plan be noted.