

## Children and Young People's Partnership

A meeting of the Children and Young People's Partnership was held on Wednesday 15 April 2015

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

Peter Kelly, Emma Champley, Julie Nixon, Cllr Mrs Ann McCoy, Simon Willson (SBC); Maryssa O'Connor (Secondary School Rep) Paul Williams (CCG), Lindsey Robertson (NTHFT); Priti Butler (Big Life), Anita Johnson (4Children)

**Officers:** Michael Henderson, Margaret Waggott, Judy Trainer, Diane McConnell, Mark McGivern, Jane Smith (SBC)

**Also in attendance:** Councillor Carol Clark (for items 5 and 6)

**Apologies** Caroline Reed (Primary School Rep), Phil Cook (Stockton Riverside College) Ian Coates (Cleveland Police), Sarah Bowman- Abouna, Chris Davis (TEWV), Steve Rose (Catalyst), Claire Naylor (Job Centre Plus), Janet Mackie (NTHFT), Natasha Judge (Healthwatch)

### 1 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### 2 **Minutes of the meetings held on 18 and 30 March 2015.**

Minutes of the meetings held on 18 and 30 March 2015 were considered and agreed as a correct record.

The Chair referred to the meeting held on 18 March and the School Nursing service, which had commenced 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015. She had recently circulated contact names, for the service, to all schools and asked if each could indicate whether it had been aware of who its contact was. It was explained that, out of the schools that had responded, there was a large percentage who had not been aware and one had been given different information. It was noted that awareness raising work was on going including two events that week, and it was anticipated that schools would be familiar with their contact soon.

The Chair provided an update on the Children's Services Review and explained that she would circulate final structures to the Partnership.

The Partnership was advised that, at that point, no members had requested any additional actions for the domestic violence action plan, or put forward potential domestic abuse champions. Members were asked to contact Emma Champley on these issues.

With regard to the 30<sup>th</sup> March Partnership meeting it was explained that a meeting was being organised to take forward what had been agreed in terms of the use of social media, to engage with Children and Young People. A meeting would also be arranged to consider arrangements around the Annual Conversation.

### 3 **Scrutiny Review – Child Sexual Exploitation**

The Partnership was provided with a report that presented the findings of the Task and Finish Scrutiny Review of Child Sexual Exploitation.

It was noted that the Partnership had recently received a presentation and had a lengthy discussion on this issues.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

#### **4 Scrutiny Review of Transition from Primary to Secondary**

Members considered a report that presented the findings of the Council's Children and Young People's Select Committee, following its Scrutiny Review of transitions from Primary to Secondary.

Discussion on the report could be summarised as follows:

- it was noted that a considerable amount of consultation had been undertaken with parents, as part of the transition pilot, in Billingham, and this evidence had been used to inform the report.
- in terms of examining the effects of the recommendations, it was explained that, primarily, this would be done by monitoring the sign up and completion of the Transition Guarantee. Also, it was anticipated that there should be an improvement in academic results.
- targets would be reviewed on a termly basis to ensure aspirations were appropriate.
- it was noted that issues associated with underachievement, at transition, were greater for children from poorer backgrounds.
- it was important that children were engaged and there was an opportunity for them to articulate their hopes, for them to be able to say 'these are my priorities but these are the problems I face'. Mentoring worked well and helped maintain focus. It was noted that work of this nature was taking place in the Borough. Priti Butler described work she had been involved in around mentoring, and associated initiatives, and indicated that she would share this with Diane McConnell.

RESOLVED that the report and discussion be noted and actioned where appropriate.

#### **5 Transfer of Commissioning responsibilities of children's 0-5 public health services.**

The Partnership considered a report that provided an update on progress regarding the transfer of the 0-5 Healthy Child Programme from NHS England to the Council, from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015. The Healthy Child Programme included the Health Visiting services and the Family Nurse Partnership. Members were provided with background to these services.

Members noted that work had identified six areas where the intervention of health visiting teams was particularly important to tackle major child public health issues, and documents on each of these areas had been developed to support the transition of commissioning to Local Authorities. These areas included:

- transition to parenthood and the early weeks
- maternal mental health
- breastfeeding
- health weight, health nutrition ( including physical activity)
- managing minor illness and reducing accidents (reducing hospital admissions)
- Health, wellbeing and development of the child aged 2 – integrated review and support to be 'ready for school'.

It was explained that the Government had mandated certain universal elements of the Healthy Child Programme:

- antenatal health promoting visits;
- new baby review;

- 6-8 week assessment;
- 1 year assessment; and
- 2-2½ review

The mandation regulations for Local Authorities would be in place from 1 October 2015. The regulations provide for a 'sunset clause' at 18 months that would have the effect of ending mandation, unless further legislation was made that continued the provisions in force. A review, involving Public Health England, was intended to inform whether the sunset clause needed to be amended.

Members noted the financial aspects of the transfer. It was explained that the funding for the service would be added to existing public health grant allocations, to form an overall public health grant allocation. The public health grant allocation formula would be amended, to take account of the transfer of the commissioning responsibility for 0-5 HCP and FNP. Members noted that the final allocation for Stockton had been £1,403,000 for the 6 months 1 October 2015 – 31 March 2016

The Partnership raised the following questions/issues

- could ways of strengthening communications between GPs and Health Visitors be looked at? It was noted that a review of delivery, including consultation with service users and stakeholders, would commence once the transfer had taken place and this question would be picked up as part of that. It was also explained that Health Visitors would be receiving corporate caseloads, aligned with practices, which should strengthen communication.
- given budgetary limitations, had consideration been given to group FNP ? The questioner suggested that there had been discussions around relaxing some of the FNP licence requirements, which would allow this to happen. Members were advised that it was planned to replicate current provision i.e on an individual basis, however, group FNP could be looked at as part of the review.
- it was noted that, though not specifically referred to as a high impact area (non-mandated) there was scope to look at, and target, broader lifestyle risks, like smoking and drinking.
- in terms of the universal mandated services, it was suggested that there would need to be scope for more, and different types of visit to those where additional targeted help might be considered necessary.
- consideration would be given to CAF issues, links with early years and school. Members noted that work was ongoing to consider how an integrated review could be undertaken at 2-2½ and how information could be shared.
- there was concern about the level of funding and the impact this had on the retention of Health Visitors in Stockton, as other boroughs could offer larger salaries. Attempts to deal with the problem, by offering flexible working had been largely unsuccessful. It was agreed that some collaborative working between council's should be considered.
- there was a discussion about the wider Public Health budget, post 15/16, and how the application of government formula might result in the loss of some funding.

RESOLVED that the report and discussion be noted.

### **Action Tracker and attendance**

Members considered the Partnership's Action Tracker and agreed to forward any updates to Michael Henderson.

During discussion it was noted that the Ofsted framework included a health and wellbeing element and it was agreed that Maryssa O'Connor present a report, on this element, to a future Partnership meeting.

Members were provided with a schedule detailing attendance at meetings of the Partnership. It was noted that the Chairman would review attendance and contact representatives/organisations if necessary.

RESOLVED that

1. members progress the issues, detailed on the tracker, that they were responsible for and provide Michael Henderson with any update text.
2. a report on the Ofsted framework, as it relates to health and wellbeing, be presented to a future meeting.

### **Forward Plan**

It was agreed that the Plan be amended as follows:

- Self Harm to be scheduled for 17 June 2015
- Ofsted framework – health and wellbeing – 'to be scheduled'
- Young Carers need to reschedule cancelled meeting