

# Children and Young People's Partnership

A meeting of the Children and Young People's Partnership was held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2015

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

Gordon Lang (substitute for Ian Coates) (Cleveland Police), Chris Davis (TEWV), Maryssa O'Connor (Secondary School Rep), Steve Rose (Catalyst), Sarah Bowman – Abouna, Emma Champley, Ann M<sup>c</sup>Coy, Julie Nixon (SBC), Paul Williams (Clinical Commissioning Group), Gemma Clifford (substitute for Natasha Judge) (Healthwatch), Christine Smith (substitute for Anita Johnson) (4Children),

**Officers:** Dave Willingham, Michael Henderson (SBC)

**Also in attendance:** Nathan Duff (Catalyst)

**Apologies:** Janet Mackie (North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Trust), Julie Allan, Natasha Judge (Healthwatch), Peter Kelly (SBC), Phil Cook (Stockton Riverside College), Priti Butler (The Big Life), Anita Johnson (4Children), Lindsey Robertson (North Tees and Hartlepool NHS)

## 1 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

## 2 Minutes of the meetings held on 20 May 2015 for approval

Minutes of the meetings held on 20 May 2015 were considered and agreed as a correct record.

## 4 Troubled Families

Members received a report on the Troubled Families Programme.

It was explained that Troubled families Phase 1 had been completed and Phase 2 was scheduled for 2015 – 2020, though currently funding was only available for the first year.

The key strategic driver for the Troubled Families phase 2 delivery within Stockton-on-Tees was the Early Help and Prevention Strategy. This Strategy has been linked to key strategic aims within the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Local Safeguarding Children Board representing a shared commitment to the co-ordination of support to children, young people and their families across the borough.

The strategy formed part of a wider strategic approach to supporting children and families in Stockton-on-Tees which included:

- Stockton-On-Tees Local Safeguarding Children Board Business Plan
- Stockton-On-Tees Health and Wellbeing Strategy

- Stockton Borough Council's Corporate Plan

The Troubled Families programme would continue to engage and support families with multiple problems who were most likely to benefit from an integrated, whole family approach; and the families who were high cost to the public purse by:

- responding to local need in a clearly targeted way
- being coordinated across partner agencies to ensure a 'menu' or pathway of support for children and families
- empowering parents and families to take responsibility for their children
- focusing on clearly demonstrating an impact on outcomes for children, young people and their families.

The Troubled Families programme would contribute to the key objectives of the Early Help and Prevention Strategy and would help support the re-focusing of resources from crisis intervention to prevention.

Members noted how troubled families would be identified within the Borough. Identification would use two methods:

- a weighted matrix system based on data about families
- a referral system using the existing multi agency panel to ensure families did not slip through the net.

It was explained that there was a funding by results element to the programme, which could be up to £1,700 per family. The definition of success would be determined locally and would be based on the Outcome Plan that had been provided to members.

There was concern expressed by members about the 1 year funding and how this may put pressure on finances, if no further funding was identified.

It was noted that the Borough had entered into a delivery agreement with a voluntary sector consortium to assist with delivery and other areas had used the funding to bolster existing services. There had not been a comparison of the delivery options used to assess their effectiveness, sustainability etc., and this would be helpful. It was hoped that the programme would reduce Child Protection cases but should not be viewed as a panacea for this.

It was agreed that GPs should have details of who they could make referrals to. It would also be helpful, if those families, which were part of the programme, were highlighted on the GP computer system.

RESOLVED that:

1. the report be noted and an update be provided in the future.
2. consideration be given to highlighting families/individuals, that had been referred to the Troubled Families programme, to GPs via SystemOne.

## 5 Child Dental Health – Oral Health Programme

Members considered an update report on the oral health programme in schools.

The programme that was originally commissioned constituted three elements

- Tooth brushing programme
- Fluoride varnish programme
- Fissure sealant programme

The main element was the tooth brushing programme which was being offered to nursery and reception years in all primary schools.

The tooth brushing programme was designed to be rolled out in the schools with the poorest dental health first (quintiles 4 and 5). The programme was now in 18 out of 24 quintile 4 and 5 schools, with plans in place for roll-out by end of June in 2 of the remaining 6 Q4 and 5 schools. Work was ongoing with the remaining schools to address any concerns they may have about adopting the programme; a small number of schools have expressed they were not ready to adopt the programme at present.

Five schools in Q5 had been identified as pilot sites for roll-out in the whole school. The programme would be rolled out in nursery and reception first, but the whole school approach had been discussed in initial meetings with Heads, who had expressed their support.

A newsletter was being produced for all primary schools, outlining the progress-to-date and including a frequently asked questions document, to further support recruitment to the programme.

Participating schools will be offered packs for children to take home at the end of the Summer term 2015, to support ongoing tooth brushing in the school holidays.

Packs (toothbrushes, paste and racks) were provided for preschools feeding into Q4 and 5 schools. In addition, packs had been funded for health visitors to distribute at the 2 year development checks they carried out.

Members discussed the update, and, in particular, were concerned that some schools had not, to date, taken up the tooth brushing programme. It was suggested that some schools may see the programme as taking children away from their studies. Members felt strongly that poor dental health had a significant, detrimental effect on children's studies, in terms of their attendance and concentration at school. Dental problems were very distressing for children and their families, but were entirely preventable, if good dental hygiene was encouraged. The Chair indicated that she would raise this issue with the schools concerned, and their governors if necessary.

The Partnership saw the value of the programme and a whole school approach. There was discussion on extending the programme into

secondary schools and it was suggested that a pilot, at Thornaby Academy, may be an option, though rolling out in primary schools was currently the focus.

RESOLVED that:

1. the update be noted.
2. The Chairman write to relevant schools/governing bodies encouraging them to engage with the oral health programme.
3. an extension of the programme, to secondary schools, be investigated, with a possible pilot at Thornaby Academy.

## **6 Action Tracker**

Members considered the Partnership's current action tracker.

During consideration members discussed TEWV links with schools and, it was noted that each school, in the Borough, would have an identified support worker, to advise and/or allow access to CAMHS's services quickly.

The new model of service was due to begin in September and some feedback may be available March 2016.

RESOLVED that the action tracker and update be noted.

## **7 Forward Plan**

Members discussed the Forward Plan and agreed a number of amendments

RESOLVED that the Forward Plan be agreed.