

# Children and Young People's Partnership

A meeting of Children and Young People's Partnership was held on Wednesday, 21st October, 2015.

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

Cllr Mrs Ann McCoy, Emma Champley, Jane Smith, Priti Butler (Big Life), Ian Coates (Cleveland Police), Maryssa O'Connor (Secondary Schools), Natasha Judge (Healthwatch), Lorna Mclean (SRC), Peter Kelly, Julie Nixon, Julie Parkes (substitute for Lindsay Robertson) (NTHFT)

**Officers:** Michael Henderson, Margaret Waggott, Margaret Whellans, Peter Acheson, Jill Anderson, Mandie Morris, Jane Harvey

**Also in attendance:** Sharon Bartrum (More Life), Andy Hardy, Janet Seddon, Alison Thurston (NTHFT), Jill Edemenson (Healthwatch), Martin Gray (Observer)

**Apologies:** Chris Davis (TEWV), Gemma Clifford (Catalyst), Sue Harris (JCP), Hazel Ducker (Primary Schools), Simon Willson (SBC)

## 1 **Declarations of Interest**

Janet Mackie declared an interest in the item relating to neonatal proposals, as she was Head of Midwifery at North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust.

## 2 **Minutes of the meeting held on 23 September 2015.**

The minutes of the meetings held on 23rd September 2015 were agreed.

## 3 **Minutes**

**Children and Young People's Health and Wellbeing Joint Commissioning Group - 1st July 2015.**

**Adults' Health and Wellbeing Joint Commissioning Group - 17th August 2015**

The minutes of the following meetings were noted:-

Children and Young People Joint Commissioning Group - 1st July 2015  
Adults Joint Commissioning Group 17th August 2015

## 4 **School Nursing and Family Weight Management Services - update**

The Partnership received presentations relating to the Schools' Nursing Service and the Family Weight Management Service (FWMS)

Members noted the various services the School Nursing Team delivered, including:

- training and education in areas such as drugs, alcohol, smoking cessation.
- improved accessibility through regular drop in sessions, themed assemblies

etc.

- improved support - with named nurses for each school, termly meetings to discuss those who may need support and guidance regarding supporting pupils at school, with medical conditions.

- improved communications, including parent information leaflets, items in Stockton news, information sharing, holistic assessments.

- future development of a Service Improvement Plan, increased referrals, improved sexual health service.

Members discussed the information it had been provided with and discussion can be summarised as follows:

- it was noted that in terms of themed assemblies the service looked at the needs of the school and they were good ways of reaching lots of children about certain issues, such as smoking cessation. There would then be opportunity for children to attend drop in sessions. Taking the example of smoking it was agreed that the service needed to gather data that identified how many children had come forward for help and how many had ceased.

- help supporting children with medical conditions and specifically those who had inhalers or EpiPens. It was noted that schools had clear, comprehensive guidance on the use of these and had action plans for appropriate children, which were regularly reviewed. The secondary school representative explained that her school had received a significant amount of support from the School Nursing Service, in recent months, relating to this issue.

- the Partnership queried if every referral from the school nursing service, to the FWMS, generated a CAF. This had been discussed with the CAF Team and it had been felt that it wouldn't be appropriate to open one for each child. However, if a child/family was not engaging, or wasn't losing weight etc. then a CAF may be appropriate, to open the issue out to other services. One CAF had been opened to date.

- It was noted that self harm had been the subject of themed assemblies and children attended drop in sessions. All school nurses had received additional intensive training in dealing with self harm. School Nurses provided support to children and helped them develop coping strategies. There were issues in terms of confidentiality and information sharing and it was felt that opening a CAF would help with this as it was essential that such information was shared on a multi-agency basis, so organisations were not trying to manage this kind of risk in isolation. It was agreed that further discussion, outside the meeting, should take place on how CAF might be introduced when cases of self harm presented. A similar discussion relating to child obesity could also be held.

In terms of the Family Weight Management Service members were provided with :

- Key statistics for first six months, including 388 referrals (about half were children), 248 full needs assessments, 23 programmes either completed or scheduled.

- Successes - significant engagement, social media presence, close collaboration with Children's Centres, strong performance on BMI reduction, whole school interventions.

- Challenges - raising the issue of a child's weight often proved contentious, there had been low referral rates from professional.

- Case Studies

The service detailed what would help increase its impact:

- a strategic approach to addressing childhood obesity by all partners. Put it further up the agenda of organisations and was built into their policies

- addressing the skills gap required for initiating brief interventions around child weight. Pulling together some workshops.

- Access to schools

- Overcome the challenges presented by NCMP. How do we work best to make sure the process isn't as contentious, so parents engage better.

Members discussed the information it had been provided with and discussion can be summarised as follows:

- It was noted that at a recent event Elected Members of the authority had shown significant interest in the FWMS and it was agreed that further information should be distributed to them as they were a really good source of spreading the word across the whole borough

- link to deprivation - obesity in children was double the rate in deprived areas than it was in affluent areas. Therefore targeting was important in terms of addressing health inequalities. A universal service was needed but also extra attention in areas like Stockton Town Centre, the Clarences etc.

- the Partnership felt that extra attention on children aged under 5 would assist prevention and help drive down numbers of obese children. There may be an opportunity to link in with A Fairer start, and use volunteer champions to support families in healthy eating, sporting activity and routine. Children in year 5 would also be a good audience to engage with

- it was suggested that an item on FWMS and opening doors into schools should be placed on school governing body agendas. Also, the Chair would raise the issue at primary school and secondary school head teachers meetings.

It was agreed that these services would report back to the Partnership in 12 months.

RESOLVED that:

1. the presentations be noted.

2. the School Nursing Service considers gathering data that demonstrates its engagement with children and the impact of its interventions across various issues.
3. further discussions take place outside the meeting, relating to the use of CAF, when incidents of Self Harm and Child Obesity present to the SNS.
4. elected member be provided with further information about the FWMS.
5. an item relating to the FWMS be placed on the agendas of school governing bodies and primary and secondary head teacher forums, with a view to improving the service's access to schools.
6. the Partnership receive an update from the SNS and FWMS in 12 months.

## **5 School Performance/Pupil Attainment (including vulnerable children)**

Members received two report, one relating to school performance, across key stages during 2014/15 and one that looked at school performance of vulnerable pupils.

The performance of the primary schools in Stockton haD been very strong. All maintained schools were presently judged by Ofsted to be good or better. Two academies in Stockton had been judged to be 'Requiring Improvement' in their recent inspection. As more primary schools converted to academy, more schools had no current Ofsted judgement (10 schools - 16% - from September 2015). The challenge was, therefore, to ensure that the monitoring, challenge and support mechanisms of the Local Authority extend to academies to sustain effectively the high quality of performance and maintain the strong Ofsted outcomes.

Of the Borough's 16 secondary schools, 6 did not have an Ofsted judgement due to their conversion to academy status, and one as a Free School. Of the 10 remaining, 2 were judged outstanding, 2 good, 6 requiring improvement and none inadequate. The percentage rated good or better, was therefore 40% which was significantly below the North East and national average.

The performance of secondary schools against National and North East averages continued to rise.

In 2012, against the key indicator of 5 x A\*-C including English and maths, Stockton secondary schools were 10th out of the 12 North East authorities. In 2013 Stockton was ranked 8th and 6th in 2014. This year Stockton is ranked second.

Stockton's performance in 3 levels of progress for maths ranks 3rd but the performance in 3 levels of progress for English was weak. This was an area of intense focus for 2015 and the appointment of two secondary colleagues to the team with English expertise would respond to this underperformance.

Stockton was also engaging with a Tees wide collaboration to improve standards. The Transforming Tees; Education and Skills Challenge would be

launched in September 2015 and would offer strategies, seminars and the opportunity to share progress towards improving performance across the Tees authorities.

Members considered school performance in the academic year 2014 – 2015 for vulnerable pupils and considered data across the following:

- Pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium Funding;
- Pupils with Special Educational Needs (SEN);
- Performance of boys;
- Black and minority ethnic children;
- Looked After Children;
- Attendance and exclusion figures for Stockton.

Members were encouraged by the improvements in performance and particularly the increases in grade A\* - C including Maths and English, being achieved by many of the secondary schools. It was envisaged that these improvements would be reflected by improved Ofsted scores during the coming year.

RESOLVED that the reports be noted.

## **6 CAF Update**

The Partnership received a report on progress of the Common Assessment Framework (CAF) and enhanced CAF Team.

Members noted the positive impact of the enhanced CAF Team during the last 4 Quarters. The primary reason for this increase was the substantial improvement in the number of CAFs undertaken across all education settings. Although this was a significant achievement, the reality was that CAF engagement in some settings was still patchy. There had been a lack of progress within children's centres and a significant decrease within North Tees and Hartlepool Foundation Trust, despite a substantial investment with both of these sectors by the CAF Team.

The Partnership noted that the Early Years Panel was making an impact in terms of identifying families for CAF and it would be important that CAFs were progressed through that Panel rather than coming to Social Care. It was recognised that there was a challenge to health and children's centres and the situation had to improve. The next three to six months would hopefully see improvements.

Members were reminded of previous discussions on Early Help proposals and it was explained that in addition to the Early Years Panel there would be an Early Help Panel from January of next year. It was noted that CAFs would be known as Early Help Assessments, which would be more understandable to people, though documentation would not change. Lots of work around supporting early help would be taking place in the coming months and it was important that all work was documented/evidenced.

It was pointed out that figures detailing reasons for CAFs suggested that, many of the parents, in families where a CAF was in place, needed support, as their parenting skills needed to be developed. This could be an area to target

There was a suggestion that a successful CAF/Early Help Assessment process would lead to a better understanding of where resources needed to be placed to better help families at an early stage.

A representative from North Tees and Hartlepool Foundation Trust explained that its CAF referrals would form part of its monthly internal performance monitoring process to ensure CAF levels were appropriate.

RESOLVED that the report and discussion be noted.

## **7 Special Educational Needs (SEN) Reform – proposals for workstreams**

The Partnership received a report that updated members on progress against the implementation of the SEN reforms.

Members noted areas of the reforms, which needed further attention and focus to develop them further and achieve full implementation:

- Joint commissioning
- Personal Budgets
- Preparing for Adulthood
- Preparation for the new SEND Local Area Inspections.

Members noted proposals for the workstreams for SEN reform from Autumn 2015:

- The 0-25 SEN team would be responsible for:

Focus  
EHC Assessments, Plans, Reviews  
Local Offer  
SEN Support  
leading work on performance management/inspection

- A SEN Development Group would be set up to meet half termly to focus on the areas requiring further attention and focus as noted in paragraph 4 above. This would be led by the 0-25 SEN Team Manager with representation from:

- Relevant officers in the 0-25 SEN Team and where appropriate the wider Schools and SEN Service.
- Health providers and commissioners
- Social care
- Youth Direction
- Education providers
- Finance

The group would develop and work to an action plan for these areas and will link in with other Local Authority services and teams as required..

- Consultation and engagement would be carried out, as required involving groups such as:

- Stockton United for Change/parents and carers
- Young people
- Education providers
- Health providers
- Social care
- Voluntary and community sector.

- The 0-25 SEN Team Manager would report to the Schools and SEN senior management team, and then to Children and Young People's Management Team and the Children and Young People's Partnership.

The Group asked for some clarification around the membership of the Development Group and it was agreed that senior representation was needed from Public Health, NTHFT and TEWV. There would also be representation from Adult and CYP Social Care. It was envisaged that there would be a core group of members and others would be pulled in for specific pieces of work.

There was a brief discussion on personal budgets and assistance given to young people in the management of their budget and it was agreed that there may be some learning from Adults Social Care and Integrated health budgets.

RESOLVED that:

1. the update be noted and proposals endorsed.
2. the Development Group include senior representation from Public Health, NTHFT, TEWV, Adult and Social Care

## **8 Neo-natal proposals**

Members received a brief update on plans associated with proposals to consolidate Neonatal Intensive Care (NIC) Services in the North East. Locally that would mean that such services currently based at North Tees Hospital and James Cook Hospital would be based solely at James Cook. Hospital. There would be one unit on Teesside for the most poorly and vulnerable babies. There would be some changes in the north of the region too.

In Stockton there were approximately 2500 births per year. According to NHS England this would impact on about 28 babies a year who would be treated at James Cook Hospital, rather than North Tees.

The proposals were the subject of consultation.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

**9 Annual Conversation**

Members were advised of a revised date for the Annual Conversation - Monday 7th December 2015 4- 7pm in Stockton Town Hall, High Street, Stockton.

It was suggested that More Life be invited.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

**10 Action Tracker**

Members were encouraged to provide updates to Michael Henderson.

RESOLVED that the Action Tracker be noted and members provide updates where appropriate.

**11 Forward Plan**

Member noted the Forward Plan and were encouraged to suggest items for future meetings.

It was agreed that UNICEF Breastfeeding Audit update would be provided circa June 2016. Also details of work that was being undertaken with libraries around ready to babies.