

# Children and Young People's Partnership

A meeting of Children and Young People's Partnership was held on Wednesday, 21st September, 2016.

**Present:** Martin Gray (Chairman)

Bev Bearne, Jane Smith, Priti Butler, Emma Champley, Dave Snaith (Sub for Alastair Simpson), Liz Boynton, Natasha Judge, Cllr Ann McCoy, Janet Mackie, Hazel Ducker, Janet Seddon (Sub for Lindsey Robertson), Jo Heaney, Steve Rose (Sub for Gemma Clifford)

**Officers:** Michael Henderson (DCEO), Jane Harvey, Diane McConnell

**Also in attendance:** Dave Pratt (Virgin Care)

**Apologies:** Jane Humphreys, Alastair Simpson, Gemma Clifford, Lindsey Robertson,

## **1 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **2 Minutes of the meeting held on 18 May 2016**

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th May 2016 were agreed as a correct record.

## **3 Draft Minutes Adults Partnership - 5 July 2016**

The minutes were noted.

## **4 Sexual Health Services**

Members received a presentation and report relating to the Sexual Health Service new contract 2016 - 2021. The service had been jointly commissioned from Virgin Care Services Ltd by Stockton on Tees, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough and Redcar and Cleveland Borough Councils.

It was explained that the award of a 5 year contract would mean that the local population of Teesside would continue to receive high quality integrated sexual health services, ensuring all aspects of sexual health, including contraception and STI testing and treatment, were provided wherever possible from easily accessible 'one stop' clinic locations under robust clinical governance arrangements.

The Service would continue to operate a hub from Lawson Street but would be exploring other estate options for re-locating the hub, as Lawson Street was difficult to access and far too small.

To address the lack of outreach in the past, within Stockton, Virgin Care was subcontracting Brook, a national organisation which specialised in offering sexual health services to young people.

The Partnership was provided with details of other services provided within the new contract and noted that a virtual hub was being developed which would provide a platform for improved patient access and experience. It would ensure

24 hour access to support services and information 365 days of the year. Patients would be able to book an appointment and order home testing kits.

An Out of Hours telephone service would be provided, operating from 5pm to 8am Monday to Friday.

In terms of governance arrangements fortnightly mobilisation meetings were being held with the service and Tees Valley Public Health Shared Service (TVPHSS). Quarterly updates were provided to the Contract Mobilisation Team (formerly the Sexual Health Service Review and Re-procurement Group). Members included the sexual health leads from each Local Authority, NHSE and the two local CCGs - Hartlepool & Stockton-on-Tees CCG and South Tees CCG.

Following the commencement of the new contract from 1st July 2016; quarterly meetings would take place with the Sexual Health Strategic Leads Group (LA representatives) and the Sexual Health Collaborative Commissioners Group to oversee governance of the contract.

In addition, TVPHSS would hold bi-monthly Contract Review meetings with the provider to manage the day-to-day contract.

The new 5 year contract was expected to save the 4 Local Authorities in excess of £1.4m over 5 years. Stockton's annual contribution would reduce from £1,212,152 to £1,134,751.

Members considered the information provided and there was discussion as summarised below:

- In terms of engaging with children and young people and using appropriate language, it was explained that Brook was a specialist provider for young people and were required to obtain service user feedback. It was very important to engage well and Brook was well equipped to provide this.

- important for the new service to engage with the school nursing service. There could be some positive partnership working to enhance outcomes and ensure no contradictions in the message. North Tees and Virgin would discuss further outside the meeting.

- Estate option may be available within the community sector.

RESOLVED that the information and discussion be noted and an update be provided to a future meeting of the Partnership.

## **5 SEND Update for Stockton**

Members considered a report relating to reviews of Special Educational Needs services in Stockton on Tees. The report also provided information about the local area SEND inspection and the implications for all agencies.

With regard to the reviews it was noted that they had looked at services for schools, including the staff and structure of the service. The report summarised the changes from 2015, the new ways of working, starting in

September 2016 and proposed remodelling for 2017.

Members noted that the SEN Team and the Engagement and Learning Team had been merged into one team. It was envisaged that this would, amongst other things, improve outcomes for pupils with SEN, ensure better communication, assist in responding to pupils families and schools earlier and more effectively.

Partners noted that it was proposed to move to a model of specialist provision based on locality SEN Hubs and a specialist Free School. Formal consultation would begin in the Autumn with a view to Additionally Resourced Provisions being recommissioned and a new hub model being developed. Specifications for the new model of ARPs would be shared with schools and they would be invited to apply to host the new locality hubs. This procurement process would commence in autumn 2016 with a view to phasing in the new model in September 2017. No children would be moved from provision unless it was a natural transition point or parental preference whilst the new model was introduced.

Members were provided with information about the recently introduced inspection of local areas' effectiveness in identifying and meeting the needs of children and young people who had SEND. The information covered preparation, process and feedback of the inspection. Additionally, learning from inspections that had already taken place was provided.

It was noted that Stockton would develop a self-evaluation against the Ofsted framework. This would be led by the SEN Development Group. It was also proposed that, moving forward, there should be an approach to the work on SEND which was based on a commissioning, operating at a strategic, operational and individual level.

Members discussed the report and the following issues were raised:-

- SEND had been raised at the HWB as being an area where a more integrated way of working might be developed.

- there was discussion on linking CCG plans and the Council's plans. It was noted that the SEN Development Group was taking this up and it was envisaged that one plan would be produced.

- it was explained that the commissioning type approach for SEND was an attempt to address connectivity problems across a number of areas, including OT, speech and language, physiotherapy. Questions of responsibility for provision, funding etc. was a national issue as well as local. This approach attempted to encourage joint working to make services seamless and clear to those who needed to receive them.

Agreed this issue would come back to the Partnership, when appropriate.

RESOLVED that

1. the report be noted and the approach be supported.

2. updates be provided to future meetings.

## **6 Scrutiny Review of Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder**

Members were provided with a report prepared by the Council's People Select Committee, following a review into Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder. The Action Plan coming from the review was also considered.

It was noted that the Committee had felt that a national campaign on the scale of No Smoking or Drink Driving was needed to ensure widespread awareness, and even then it would take some time for the messages to be as widely accepted and acted upon.

There was a need for sensitive conversations regarding levels of drinking; it was perceived that many knew that it was not advisable to drink in pregnancy but not necessarily why this was the case. Prevention messages also needed to be aimed at males, recognising their supporting role.

The number of unplanned pregnancies was 50% so it was likely that many women would drink to some extent without knowing they were pregnant. Preventative messages needed to be sensitive to this, and revised to reflect this.

Reducing levels of drinking overall by targeting the whole population would reduce risks at most levels, and it is important to include FASD in wider campaigns and strategies to reduce alcohol harm overall.

It was noted that good progress had been made on a number of the recommendations.

RESOLVED that the report and action plan be noted.

## **7 School Performance 2015 - 2016**

This report presents a headline, summary analysis of performance in the academic year 2015 v 2016 against all the key stages for all providers in the Borough.

Discussion on the report could be summarised as follows:

- reference was made to issues relating to children leaving primary schools and not maintaining levels of achievement following transition to secondary. It was noted that the primary and secondary sectors had been working together to improve this situation. There was now a transition guarantee which set out requirements for schools in how they conducted themselves, in terms of sharing social information, passing on academic information, in an appropriate way. Pupils, at transition, took a book demonstrating what the child was capable of, so schools could ensure that those standards were maintained/developed. A full survey was being undertaken of schools and children and the outcomes of this could be brought back to the Partnership.

- it was suggested that the voluntary sector could assist with transition by holding events at schools e.g fun days that would help with the social contact

ahead of transition.

- concerns were expressed that some parents were not equipped to help support their children academically and those children may need further support from schools. It was suggested that primary schools had some insight into this and such information may be useful to secondary schools.

- it was explained that the local authority tried to work with all schools but, ultimately, responsibility for performance within academies lay with the sponsor.

RESOLVED that the report and discussion be noted/ actioned, as appropriate.

## **8 OFSTED Inspection of Services for Children in Need of Help and Protection, Children Looked After and Care Leavers and Review of the Effectiveness of the Local Safeguarding Children Board**

Consideration was given to a report on an inspection that Ofsted had undertaken of Stockton-on-Tees Services for Children in Need of Help and Protection, Children Looked After and Care Leavers and a Review of the Effectiveness of the Local Safeguarding Children Board.

The report provided details of the Inspection process and the key findings. The overall judgement for services in Stockton on Tees was Good which included a judgement of Outstanding for experience and progress of care leavers.

Members were provided with the 10 recommendations coming from the inspection and noted that an action plan around these recommendation would be submitted to Ofsted in November.

An update on the action plan would be provided to this Partnership.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

## **9 Action Tracker**

ActionTracker received updates.

Members considered the action tracker and it was agreed that it would be considered with the minutes at future meetings.

Members must consider if any useful updates to the actions could be provided and whether any should be removed, as complete. The tracker would be provided ahead of the next meeting.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

## **10 Forward Plan**

Members considered the Partnerships Forward Plan.

RESOLVED that the Forward Plan be noted.

## **11 Information Sharing**

It was explained that the Fairer Start Steering Group had raised concerns about information sharing. The Group considered that open, professional dialogue was key to improving outcomes for children and families but this was not always being achieved.

The Chairman of the Steering Group had been asked to raise this matter with the Partnership for it to consider how issues might be resolved.

**RESOLVED** that Partners involved with the Fairer Start Programme bring a discussion paper to a future meeting of the Partnership.