

Decisions and Actions Log of the Nottinghamshire Children's Trust Executive Held on 14 September 2017

Present:

Dr Kate Allen (KA) - Nottinghamshire County Council (Public Health), Cathy Burke (CB) – NHS Bassetlaw, Derek Higton (DH) - Nottinghamshire County Council, Tracey Lindley (TL), Nottingham West CCG, Colin Pettigrew (Chair) (CP) – Nottinghamshire County Council, John Robinson (JR) – Gedling Borough Council, Ed Seeley (ES) – Edgewood Primary School, Dr Emma Shapiro (ESh) – GP representative

Sean Kelly (SK) – Nottinghamshire County Council, Safia Ahmed (SA) (Shadowing) - Nottinghamshire County Council (Public Health), Nicole Chavaudra (NC) - Nottinghamshire County Council (Public Health), Jill Norman (JN) – Nottinghamshire County Council

Apologies: Marion Clay (MC) - Nottinghamshire County Council, Chris Few (CF) - Independent Chair NSCB

Key:
Complete
Ongoing but in-hand
Requiring action/attention

Date of Meeting	Action Point	Lead	Progress Update
14.09.17	Community Children and Young People's Health Service		
	NC spoke to her previously circulated report, giving the background to the development of the Community Children and Young People's Health Service; she acknowledged that heath services for children and young people with complex needs have been difficult to navigate in the past. The new service has been designed to follow the needs of the child or young person rather than being setting dependent. Substantial progress has been made on improving the service with a single point of access and a website that offers all the up to date information now in place. The service uses 'Recap'; a web based platform which provides bespoke clinical advice to families in the form of individual clinical prescriptions. There was discussion about delivery and development of the service with specific focus on issues relating to the Speech and Language Therapy Service, collation and use of date and performance management indicators, impact and perception of partners and stake holders, incuding special schools and the Short Break Service and broader issue around the narrative in relation to children with disabilities with full acknowledgment of the increased prevalence of children and young people with complex needs linked to the rise in survival rates of early and low birth weight babies.		

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	 Following wide ranging discussion it was agreed that: The leads for the Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) and the Better Care Fund in Nottinghamshire would be invited to a future meeting of the Children's Trust Executive in order to explore how the STP and Better Care Fund reflect children and young people's needs currently and for the future. Consideration will also be given to inviting the STP lead for Bassetlaw and South Yorkshire to a future meeting in order to give a different perspective; CB and KA could discuss this outside the meeting. 	SK	Invitations made
	A specific report on speech and language therapy waiting times and thresholds should be brought to a future meeting.	SK	Added to Forward Plan
14.09.17	Nottinghamshire Integrated SEND Commissioning Strategy (2017-2019)		
	JN and NC explained that the Nottinghamshire Integrated SEND Commissioning Strategy had been brought to the Children's Trust Executive for approval. JN described the purpose of the strategy and the documents that it builds on as outlined in the covering report. The intention is that the Children's Trust will receive an annual report on the Integrated SEND Commissioning Strategy.		
	Following discussion the overall view was that the document was clear and understandable but that an additional explanation of the table at the top of page 9 would be helpful. The increase in requests for EHC Plans in Nottinghamshire, and the reasons behind this was noted, along with the challenges this presents; this, in part, is a 're-balancing' from Nottinghamshire's previously low statementing levels.		
	It was agreed:		
	That, subject to the amendments suggested, the Nottinghamshire Integrated SEND Commissioning Strategy as presented be approved.		
	That Children's Trust Executive members be provided with the link to the Local Offer including the Transitions Strategy. Please see below		
	http://nottinghamshire.familyservicedirectory.org.uk/kb5/nottinghamshire/directory/site.page?id=4P7Q9RzOd0o		

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14.09.17	Nottinghamshire SEND Strategic Action Plan (2017-2019)				
	JN explained the purpose of the report and noted the origins of the document and the monitoring arrangments which are in place.				
	There was discussion around the opportunities which the review will provide to look at other options to meet the needs of children and young people with SEND; the intention is for EHC Plans to become more outcome focussed and the difference they make to be demonstrable. The review includes increased gathering of feedback from children, young people and their families, with three 'Preparing for Adulthood' events already having been held. Following discussion around service user participation, CP requested an item on Participation Strategy to come to a future meeting.	SK	Added to Forward Plan		
	 The Children's Trust Executive noted the Nottinghamshire SEND Strategic Action Plan (2017- 2019). 				
14.09.17	Any Other Business				
	KA drew attention to the Health and Wellbeing Strategy consultation. This will be an agenda item at the Children's Trust meeting on 19 October and the link to the consultation will be circulated to members.				
	TL explained that the CCGs in Notinghamshire are moving towards a single structure and that Sam Walters has been appointed as the head of the new combined body.				
	CP informed colleagues of the re-structuring of the Place Department and congratulated DH on his appointment as the Service Director for Place and Communities. He also took the opportunity to thank DH for all his work specifically in relation to the Children's Trust.				