



**Decisions and Actions Log of the Nottinghamshire Children’s Trust
Held on 19 April 2018**

Present:

Steve Baumber (SB) – Nottinghamshire County Council, Tina Bhundia (TB) representing Kate Allen - Nottinghamshire County Council (Public Health)
Cathy Burke (CB) - NHS Bassetlaw, Marion Clay (MC) – Nottinghamshire County Council, Chris Few (CF) – Independent Chair NSCB, Laurence Jones (LJ) -
Nottinghamshire County Council, Susan Laplanche (SL) – Robert Mellors Primary and Nursery School, Colin Pettigrew (CP) (Chair) – Nottinghamshire County
Council, Ed Seeley (ESe) – Edgewood Primary School, Dr Emma Shapiro (ESh) – GP representative, Karen Talbot (KT) – Nottinghamshire County Council

Apologies: John Robinson (JR) – Gedling Borough Council, Dr Kate Allen (KA) - Nottinghamshire County Council (Public Health)

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| Requiring action/attention |

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| 19.4.18 | Actions and Decisions arising from previous meeting held on 1 February 2018 | | |
| | It was confirmed that work is progressing and the JSNA chapters on Early Years and Maternity are nearly complete. Identified items have been added to the forward plan | | |
| 19.4.18 | Children, Young People and Families Plan 2016-18 outcomes | | |
| | There was an opportunity to talk through the outcomes of the Children, Young People and Families Plan for 2016-18, look at progress and consider items that need to be carried forward and new items that should be included in the 2018-20 Plan. KT worked through the previously circulated spreadsheet giving information on evidence and outcomes of progress on the 2016-18 Plan, incorporating comments previously received from members and adding updates received during the meeting. | | |

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| | An updated version of the evidence and outcomes document will be sent to members. | KT | Circulated |
| 19.4.18 Role of Children's Trust, Vision and priorities going forward | | | |
| | <p>KT explained that she had made enquiries with other Local Authorities regarding what arrangements they have in place in respect of Children's Trusts. She provided an overview of the situation in Rotherham, Derbyshire, Staffordshire and Leicester as outlined in the attached presentation.</p> <p>Going forward one of the options for Nottinghamshire would be to retain similar priorities as at present: Irene Kakoullis leads on Child Poverty, Chris Few leads on Keeping Safe and Kerrie Adams leads on Happiness and Health. It is possible to map the priorities of the Health and Wellbeing Board, which CP sits on, to the priorities of the Children's Trust. In the past the links between the Children's Trust and the Health and Wellbeing Board have not been as clear as they could have been; the Children's Trust reports to the Health and Wellbeing Board and there should be strategic links between the two. It was noted that the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board takes an annual report to the Health and Wellbeing Board and then influences via the Children's Trust.</p> <p>SB explained that in Milton Keynes the Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) is 'owned' by the Health and Wellbeing Board; this is interesting in relation to earlier observations about the impact of the STP. SB agreed to send CB the information about the arrangements in Milton Keynes. In response to a question about links between the Health and Wellbeing Board and Child Death Reviews, SB responded that he was hopeful that the forthcoming guidance would offer a greater steer on where this work should sit.</p> <p>There was discussion about the way forward for the Children's Trust; there needs to be clarity about what the Children's Trust can offer, its impact and additionality. It is a unique group of people which can add benefit but it needs to be a good use of time and there needs to be a clarity of purpose. It is not appropriate for the Children's Trust to deal with matters which are single agency concerns.</p> <p>It was noted that other Local Authorities have a family focus in their priorities whereas Nottinghamshire refers to children and young people. It was recognised that ways need to be found to make families more resilient as in the future there will not be the agencies to support them. The impact of the family environment is seen in schools including issues with language development. East Midlands is the worse area for social mobility; this touches numerous aspects of life and consideration is needed regarding the impact which the Children's Trust can have. There was discussion around the limitations that the concept of 'achieving potential' can create; the view was that aspiration needs to be embedded.</p> | SB/CB | In hand |

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| | <p>There are lots of thematic groups in existence but the Children's Trust is recognised as being a multi-agency forum with a breadth of representation that can add value. The Children's Trust can be seen as a group to champion the interests of children, young people and families. It was agreed that strands need to be identified to come to the Children's Trust for a cross sector approach and that families should be included alongside children and young people as a priority for the future Plan.</p> <p>Following discussion it was determined that the Children's Trust going forward should be a 'think tank'/discussion forum where a series of key themes could be identified for a 'deep dive' approach. LJ posed the question whether there would be enough resource and willingness across organisations to do 'deep dives'. It was agreed that it will be a matter of inviting people to the Children's Trust who are already doing the work. There will be a benefit in hearing the questions that are raised around an issue from colleagues from different backgrounds. A lot of time is spent working in silos and the re-focused Children's Trust will give an opportunity for discussions in broader terms to get a shared understanding and a shared vocabulary with colleagues coming from different perspectives.</p> <p>CP suggested that the use of the name 'Trust' did not convey the sense of an alliance and consideration will be given to a new name for the group with suggestions being sought from group members.</p> | KT/All | In hand |
| 19.4.18 Consideration of frequency of future meetings and agreement of dates | | | |
| | <p>Following discussion it was agreed that six meetings a year should be held: one to set the agenda, four for 'deep dives' and one to review the year. It was agreed that two hours was long enough for meetings to have a tightly focussed discussion.</p> <p>Careful consideration will be needed regarding the four priorities that will be the subject of the 'deep dives' for 2018/19 and it was agreed that ideas would be sought from group members in advance of the next meeting including details of who would be best placed to bring these suggested themes to the group.</p> | KT/All | In hand |
| 19.4.18 Date of next meeting | | | |
| | The next meeting of the Children's Trust (combined Board and Executive) was set as 21 June 2018 at 9am at County Hall. | | |