



Children and Families Alliance Meeting 22 November 2018

Key items covered at this meeting

Adverse Childhood Experiences

Ann Berry, Public Health and Commissioning Manager gave an informative presentation on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs).

Ann defined what is meant by ACEs, explained the science behind the concept, considered the impact that ACEs can have throughout an individual's life, suggested an approach to be considered in Nottinghamshire and offered opportunity for questions and discussion.

Following wide ranging discussion the view of the meeting was that a collective response was the way forward. It was recognised that ACEs impact throughout the life course and therefore are not solely the remit of the Children and Families Alliance. ACEs connect to the ambition to ensure that everyone is having a good start in life. Careful consideration is needed of how trauma informed work can be delivered when there are less targeted resources. It was suggested that Ann could be asked to outline her key recommendations to make a trauma informed workforce to be considered by the Children and Families Alliance prior to reporting to the Health and Wellbeing Board on the Children and Families Alliance's response to this 'deep dive'. **Joint Health and Wellbeing Board**

Meeting and Commissioning Summit Outcomes

Laurence Jones, Service Director, Commissioning and Resources explained the recommendations that came from the joint Health and Wellbeing Board. These change the approach that the Children and Families Alliance were proposing to take in identifying their focus.

Laurence worked through the recommendations (*detailed below in bold and italics*) given in the report to the Health and Wellbeing Board and following discussion the following actions were agreed:

- 1. The Health and Wellbeing Board tasks the Children and Families Alliance to undertake a review of the JSNA chapters relating to children and young people in***

collaboration with the JSNA Steering Group and in consultation with CCGs and local government partners, to ensure alignment with commissioning plans. The Children and Families Alliance to report back on their findings with recommendations for action.

Whilst it was noted that the Children and Families Alliance has no commissioning groups itself, there are commissioners within its membership and it would be possible to include commissioning information against topics within the JSNA chapters. Kate Allen, Consultant in Public Health will be able to provide the Children and Families Alliance with a list of the relevant JSNA topics so that a review can be planned.

2. That the Director of Children's Services identifies a nominated deputy (from within the Children and Families Alliance membership) to ensure consideration of children and young people within all Health and Wellbeing Board discussions.

Ed Seeley, as vice chair of the Children and Families Alliance, agreed to act as nominated deputy and attend Health and Wellbeing Board meetings when Colin Pettigrew, as chair of the Children and Families Alliance, is unable to attend.

3. The Children and Families Alliance reviews its work programme to include in depth reviews (deep dives) of:

- i. Child and family resilience***
- ii. Family homelessness***
- iii. Risk taking behaviours in children and young people***
- iv. School readiness***

and reports findings to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Some of these topics have already been covered, or partially covered, by 'deep dives' that the Children and Families Alliance have undertaken including child and family resilience. It was suggested that John Robinson, Chief Executive, Newark and Sherwood District Council and Children and Families Alliance member, could lead a session on family homelessness, possibly for the scheduled March meeting and Children and Families Alliance colleagues will be able to offer something on school readiness and also risk taking behaviours in children and young people.

4. The Health and Wellbeing Board appoints a lead member to participate in the Children and Families Alliance in depth reviews.

Sue Shaw, Bassetlaw District Councillor and member of the Health and Wellbeing Board has indicated her willingness to attend the Children and Families Alliance. It was agreed that she will be invited to attend 'deep dives' in the future.

5. The Health and Wellbeing Board tasks the Children and Families Alliance with preparing and presenting an action plan for each of the four identified priorities

within the Good Start ambition of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy, with a focus on actions for partners and reference to wider action plans where appropriate.

There was a discussion about the sort of action plan that the Children and Families Alliance can realistically produce. It was agreed that a brief summary of the blocks to progress and bullet points of what changes are required would be appropriate including asking the presenters of the 'deep dives' for their recommendations of required actions.

Consideration is needed of what the Health and Wellbeing Board can influence and where the Board and the Children and Families Alliance, through its membership, can realistically add value.

6. The Health and Wellbeing Board invites leaders of the emerging Integrated Care Systems to outline how new Integrated Care System approaches will focus on and meet the needs of children, young people and families.

There has been discussion regarding having a children's stream within the Integrated Care Systems; it will be necessary to explore how the Children and Families Alliance can influence this. The possibility of inviting a representative from the Integrated Care System to participate in a 'deep dive' was discussed. It was agreed that Laurence Jones and Kate Allen would meet to discuss the way forward.

Laurence explained that following Karen Talbot leaving Nottinghamshire County Council that, as it is a discretionary body, there will be no designated officer allocated to the Children and Families Alliance and the only resources will be the Children and Families Alliance membership and limited administrative support; expectations need to be managed accordingly.

Dates of future meetings

These were agreed as follows:

- 17 January 2019
- 21 March 2019

The meeting planned for 17 January will be replaced by a session led by Professor Gill Richards from Nottingham Trent University where she will speak about the research and findings for her publication - Working Class Girls, Education and Post-Industrial Britain: Aspirations and Reality in an Ex-Coalmining Community. This session will take place from 9.30am to 11am at the Rushcliffe Arena and will be opened up to participants beyond the Children and Families Alliance.

The intention had been for the March meeting to be used as an opportunity to review the 2018/19 work programme but as there are more 'deep dives' to complete it was agreed that the work programme should be reviewed following their completion.