

**Decisions and Actions Log of the Nottinghamshire Children’s Trust Board
Held on 17 November 2016**

Present:

Kerrie Adams (KAd) (representing Kate Allen) – Nottinghamshire County Council (Public Health), Tracy Burton (TB) – NHS Bassetlaw, Chris Few (CF) - Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board, Cllr Kate Foale (KF) – Nottinghamshire County Council, Liz Harris (LH) (representing Tracey Lindley) – Rushcliffe CCG, Susan Laplanche (SL) – Robert Mellors Primary and Nursery School, Cllr John Peck (JP) (Chair) – Nottinghamshire County Council, Colin Pettigrew (CP) – Nottinghamshire County Council, Cllr Liz Plant (LP) – Nottinghamshire County Council

Chris Jones (CJ) – Nottinghamshire County Council

For item 2 Laurence Jones (LJ) – Nottinghamshire County Council, for item 3 Anne Pridgeon (AP) and Diane Steiner (DS) – Nottinghamshire County Council (Public Health), for item 4 Liz Maslen (LM) – Nottinghamshire County Council

Apologies:

Kate Allen (KA) – Nottinghamshire County Council (Public Health), Dr David Hannah (DH) – Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Groups, Tracey Lindley (TL) - Nottingham West CCG, John Robinson (JR) – Gedling Borough Council

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

Date	Agenda items and actions	Progress Update
17.11.16	Actions and Decisions arising from previous meeting on 30 June 2016	
	<p>CJ reported that he had met with John Robinson, Chief Executive of Gedling Borough Council who had agreed to be the District Council representative on both the Children’s Trust Board and the Children’s Trust Executive. Unfortunately Mr Robinson was unable to attend today’s meeting due to a prior commitment.</p> <p>As agreed a letter had been sent by JP to Ruth Hawkins, Chief Executive, Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust regarding the plans for the future of CAMHS and the anticipated timeframe for service improvements. A response has been received outlining the changes that have been made and the work that is being undertaken to improve data quality. It was agreed that copies of the original letter and the response would be circulated to Children’s Trust Board members.</p> <p>CJ informed colleagues that the government intends to continue to publish the Children Living in Low Income Families dataset which will enable ongoing benchmarking.</p>	Letter and response emailed to Board members
17.11.16	Business of the Children’s Trust Executive (July to September 2016)	
	<p>It was noted that paragraph two of the circulated report should read ‘The Children’s Trust Executive ...’.</p> <p>In response to a question from LP, CP explained that the intention was that Locality Management Groups (LMGs) would need to be self- sustaining; arrangements for this are ongoing. It was agreed that Irene Kakoullis, Group Manager, Childhood and Early Help Locality Services would be asked to bring a progress report to The Children’s Trust Board during 2017/18.</p>	Added to forward plan

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	It was agreed that details of the membership of the Children's Trust Board and the Children's Trust Executive would be circulated to members.	Information circulated
17.11.16 Youth Homelessness Prevention Plan 2016-2020		
	<p>LJ explained that the report was being brought to the Children's Trust Board to seek approval of the Youth Homelessness Prevention Plan 2016-2020.</p> <p>LJ outlined the context in which the Plan has been developed including the need to be mindful of emerging challenges that will be faced in light of changes to the benefits and housing systems. Planned changes to universal credit are likely to see a rise in the number of young people requiring accommodation for whom the Local Authority has a statutory duty. Limitations on housing benefits will mean that it will only be paid towards rent for accommodation in houses of multi occupancy for single people up to the age of 35.</p> <p>LJ clarified that young people under the age of 18 are the responsibility of Nottinghamshire County Council and those over 18 are the responsibility of the District Councils. LJ outlined the three strands of provision: supported lodgings, core provision and cluster provision.</p> <p>The Accommodation Panel meets every week and brings all the accommodation providers and Nottinghamshire County Council managers together to look at new referrals. LJ said that all the current accommodation providers are very good and the system works well. LJ emphasised that the accommodation is paid for by housing benefits; it is the support that is commissioned by Nottinghamshire County Council.</p> <p>Action: The Youth Homelessness Prevention Plan 2016-2020 was approved by the Children's Trust Board.</p>	
17.11.16 Dental Public Health in Nottinghamshire		
	<p>AP outlined the key data in respect of oral health within Nottinghamshire, placing it within the context of the impact that poor oral health has on overall wellbeing. Details of current oral health promotion activity were outlined including the use of water fluoridation in Nottinghamshire. It was noted that since the report was taken to the Children's Trust Executive the national Children's Oral Health Improvement Board has been launched.</p> <p>At the Children's Trust Executive meeting there was clear support for the extension of the water fluoridation programme to include all areas of Nottinghamshire and the report to the Board gives details of the process that would need to be followed if changes to water fluoridation in the County were to be considered. This would be a lengthy process involving consultation with other local authorities and requiring Secretary of State agreement.</p> <p>AP informed colleagues of the Oral Health Needs Assessment which is currently being undertaken and will inform the development of the local oral health strategy including the possibility of water fluoridation.</p> <p>Action: The Children's Trust Board agreed that it would support water fluoridation depending upon the outcome of the Oral Health Needs Assessment.</p>	

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17.11.16	Children's Workforce Development	
	<p>LM explained that there has been a drive to bring training together for the whole children's workforce so that that the right training is offered to equip the workforce to perform its roles and also to offer good career progression. In the past training was offered by Nottinghamshire County Council and separately by its partners. Through the Locality Management Groups (LMGs) regular multi-agency, practice focused events have been arranged and are open to all members of the Nottinghamshire children's workforce. Training to date has been well received.</p> <p>LM drew attention to the continuous professional development opportunities that have been offered and are planned including e-learning opportunities focussing on the development of the child/young person. This is aimed at all those who work directly with children, young people and families.</p> <p>Work is being undertaken at a regional level to develop clearer career pathways across the various aspects of the children's workforce. This has the wider support of the Association of Directors of Children's Services.</p> <p>The Teaching Partnership bid has been successful and the intention is to develop relationships with Higher Education Institutes and other regional local authorities to develop training opportunities for social workers, both existing practitioners and new recruits.</p> <p>Action: The work in respect of workforce development was noted and supported by the Children's Trust Board.</p>	
17.11.16	Inspection update including Joint Targeted Area Inspections (JTAI)	
	<p>CJ informed colleagues that the Joint Targeted Area Inspections (JTAI) are in addition to the single inspection framework and include a 'deep dive' theme. JTAs are joint inspections undertaken together by Ofsted, Care Quality Commission (CQC), Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) and Probation. No gradings are given but a detailed letter is produced post inspection.</p> <p>The 'Time to listen' report has been produced following the first five JTAs focussing on CSE and missing children; this has identified areas of good practice and areas for improvement.</p> <p>So far in Nottinghamshire one set of internal audits have been completed using the JTAI inspection tool and the process has begun to pull evidence together of best practice in the identified future inspection themes. Engagement has been made with the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board (NSCB) multi-agency audit sub-group about the process of joint evaluations in respect of the 'deep dive' element of inspections.</p> <p>KF noted the time and resources that have been put into the preparation for inspections in the past which can impact on good outcomes for children and young people and asked if the JTAI will be better in this regard. CJ said that Nottinghamshire is now on a journey of improvement which is being maintained and that a continuous process of ongoing self-evaluation is part of the usual business of the authority. CP echoed this; the inspection framework should be seen as part of putting children first not as something separate. The inspectorates involved will make recommendations specific to agencies; this will be made very clear.</p>	Electronic version of presentation circulated.

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	Action: The information as presented was noted.	
17.11.16	Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board's Annual Report	
	<p>CF explained that the Annual Report as circulated had already been taken to the Children and Young People's Committee. CF drew attention to the range of activities that have been undertaken throughout the year, including work with schools, parents and carers in respect of CSE e-learning and to the end of the report which gives an overview of the areas for development. He commented on the dedicated and effective workforce which make things better year on year.</p> <p>The outcomes of the Wood review will not be fully implemented until 2018; when these are fully known the NSCB will respond to them.</p> <p>In response to a question from LP, CF explained that in the post inspection Ofsted Improvement Plan there were four areas identified for the NSCB which have been built into the Board's own business plan which is subject to regular monitoring. CF expected that by the end of 2016/17 all these areas will have seen improvements.</p> <p>CJ informed colleagues that progress on the overall Ofsted Improvement Plan has been significant and is on track for completion by March 2017, with some ongoing items. Lead Members will be briefed on progress shortly.</p> <p>Action: Children's Trust Board members noted the annual report as presented.</p>	<p>Letters sent to school/parents and carers re CSE e-learning circulated to Board members.</p>
17.11.16	Any Other Business	
	<p>KF asked if it would be possible for a report on migration, including unaccompanied asylum seeking children, and its impact to be brought to the Children's Trust Board.</p> <p>Action: It was agreed that a report on migration and related issues would be scheduled.</p>	<p>Added to forward plan</p>