



Meeting title: Nottinghamshire Children’s Trust Board

Date and time: Thursday 11 December 2014 – 2pm

Location: County Hall (C1.90 Clasp Block)

Present: Sue Gill (SG) Chair – Bassetlaw Clinical Commissioning Group
 Anthony May (AM) – Nottinghamshire County Council (CFCS)
 Dr Kate Allen (KA) – Nottinghamshire County Council (Public Health)
 Derek Higon (DH) – Nottinghamshire County Council
 Chris Few (CF) – Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board
 Debbie Barton (DB) representing Richard Stapleford – Nottinghamshire Police
 Stephanie Cook (SC) representing Vikki Taylor – NHS England
 Sharon Pickett (SP) representing Sam Walters – Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Groups
 Dr David Hannah (DDH) – Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Groups
 Ruth Marlow (RM) - Mansfield District Council

Also in Attendance: Chris Jones (CJ) – Nottinghamshire County Council (CFCS)
 Denis McCarthy (DM) – Nottinghamshire County Council (CFCS)
 John Slater (JS) - Nottinghamshire County Council (CFCS)
 Rachel Clark (RC) – Nottinghamshire County Council (CFCS)
 Maggie Pape - Nottinghamshire County Council (CFCS)
 Fiona Argyle (FA) - Nottinghamshire County Council (CFCS)

		ACTION
1a	Welcome and Introductions	
1b	Apologies for absence Apologies were received from: Vikki Taylor – NHS England; Richard Stapleford – Nottinghamshire Police; Sam Walters – Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Groups	
1c	Minutes and matters arising from previous meeting on 6 November 2014 The minutes of the meeting held 6 November were approved as an accurate record. Matters arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Framework for Action on Tackling Excess Weight – Report to be provided to the Board in June 2015 on the 2013-14 NCMP. • School Nursing Review – Update on the commissioning priorities of the new service to be provided to the Board in April 2015. • Commissioning of Domestic Abuse Services – the details of the proposed service specification will be reported to the Board in February 2015. 	
2	Six month review of the Children Young People and Families (CYPF) Plan’s delivery plan Chris Jones (CJ) presented the six monthly performance report for the period 1 April to 30 September 2014 along with outcome indicators for the period. Comments/Actions:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was asked if the outstanding milestones would be completed by the end of 	

	<p>March 2015. CJ replied that the delivery plan covered both years and many of the actions crossed over both years with some milestones to be completed in the first year and others in the second one.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KA explained that the mystery shopper exercise has been completed, but as the team involved had now been disbanded the report has not yet been produced. Action: CJ to log the delay on the forward plan. • CF commented that the level of re-referrals to Children’s Social Care was high which had a relationship to the numbers of children being placed on Child Protection Plans for more than one occasion. • DDH commented on the relatively low percentage of children who were placed with their adopters within 16 months. DH explained that this delay was partly due to our ethical approach such as attempting to keep siblings together. 	CJ
3	<p>Raising the Participation Age Strategy</p> <p>Denis McCarthy (DM) presented an update on the implementation of the Raising of the Participation Age (RPA) Strategy for Nottinghamshire and the draft RPA Strategy. From 26 June 2015 the duty to participate will be extended from the academic year a young person turns 17 to their 18th birthday.</p> <p>Comments/Actions:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RM asked how we ensure that we are tracking all young people tracking takes place. DM replied that there is a mechanism for tracking in place which covers all young people. • DM commented that Ofsted are now monitoring schools around matching the needs of pupils with the courses which are being offered and are starting to carry out inspections on the quality of these courses. • DDH asked if parents of young people up to the age of 18 could be challenged around their decision to home educate? DH explained that it was a parent’s legal right to home educate and the Local Authority aims to carry out visits yearly during which any safeguarding issues could be picked up. 	
4	<p>Strategy for Closing the Educational Gaps in Nottinghamshire</p> <p>John Slater (JS) presented an overview of the report summary of the impact of Nottinghamshire’s Closing the Educational Gaps (CtG) Strategy (2012-14) and explained that Ofsted are now looking more closely at how vulnerable groups are performing.</p> <p>Key points from the report were:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free School Meals – The gap has narrowed in terms of children who have been entitled to FSM’s at some stage over the previous 6 years at key stage 2 by 3.4% and at key stage 4 by 4.1% with schools being given extra money in the form of a pupil premium, as well as, advice and guidance. • Special Educational Needs & Difficulties – The new strategy to improve provision and outcomes for SEND children has resulted in the number of exclusions being reduced by 30% over the last 2 years with September being the first exclusion free month. At key stage 2 the gap between SEN and non-SEN pupils has narrowed by 3.3% and at key stage 4 by 4.2%. • The CtG Performance Board is meeting termly to review the Strategy with each team/service being held to account for the impact of CtG activity. • The Fair Access Protocol has helped to reduce the waiting time for a school place from 94 days in 2012 to 25 days in 2013 with the longest waiting time being reduced from 467 days in 2011/12 to 178 days in 2012/13. • Targeted Support/Youth Justice – 16-18 years olds at risk of not being in education, employment or training In Nottinghamshire the figure was 2.8% in 	

	<p>2013/14 compared to an England average of 4.7%.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Education Improvement Service is working closely with the Governing Body Service by offering advice, support and training on CtG to Nottinghamshire Governors. • Together for Newark – Represented by partners from a range of services including, Newark and Sherwood District Council, has formed a structure aimed at CtG in that area with their primary schools' key stage 2 results having improved by 11.7% between 2012/14. <p>Comments/Actions:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CF queried the closing of the Pupil Referral Units which had offered a safety net for excluded pupils. JS explained that schools will make alternative provision for excluded pupils with links with attendance and behaviour partnerships. An example of this would be the successful centre is being run from Tuxford which has attendance rates much higher than Pupil Referral Units. • RM asked if similar initiatives to the Together for Newark would be established in other areas of the County. JS replied that this be included as part of the development of co-located services across the County. 	
5	<p>Nottinghamshire Child and Family Poverty Strategy Refresh</p> <p>Rachel Clark presented the Child & Family Poverty Strategy which was refreshed in Spring 2014 with briefings having been held in November.</p> <p>Key points from the report were:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new Child Poverty Reference Group will meet 4 times a year with an Action Plan. • Poverty awareness training has begun for frontline staff with 3 workshops having been held and more planned in January 2015. <p>Comments/Actions:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CF asked if there was anything in the Action Plan around offering learning to prepare young people for the adult world. RC replied that there was reference in the action plan to debt and money management advice. • DDH asked if it would be possible for schools to provide dinners during the holiday period. RC replied that work was being done in Bassetlaw at the moment around 'holiday hunger'. DH commented that during the summer a local sandwich manufacturer in Bassetlaw had provided free sandwiches through the children centre network to be distributed to children who would normally have free school meals. • Action: RC will be contacting local East Midland councils to discuss the possibility of developing a regional approach and strategy to the issues concerning Child Poverty • Action: RC to provide RM with the names of District Child Poverty Reference Group members • Action: RC to provide child poverty data details together with maps for districts where available 	<p>RC</p> <p>RC</p> <p>RC</p>
6	<p>Help and Protection Executive</p> <p>Derek Higon (DH) presented the report which recommended the establishment of a Help and Protection Executive as a sub-group of the Children's Trust Board to encompass multi-agency work for the help and protection of children and young people.</p>	

	<p>Comments/Actions:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CF commented that he felt this was a good initiative with some clarification needed around ownership, coordination and proposed terms of reference. CF also asked if this proposal would be taken through other groups eg. MASH Governance Group. Action: DH & CF to meet and discuss the fit of the proposed Help and Protection Executive and the NSCB including membership. 	DH/CF
7	<p>Mid-term Review of the CYPF Plan</p> <p>Chris Jones (CJ) presented a report outlining the mid-term process for the review of the CYPF Plan for 2014/15.</p> <p>Key Points from the report were:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The five priorities of the CYPF Plan (and the Health & Wellbeing Strategy) will remain the same for 2015-16. However, the key actions will need to be reviewed along with appropriate outcomes and performance indicators. It is planned to undertake a review of the key actions for the between now and March 2015. The review process will be led by the appropriate sub-group of the Children's Trust Board. The final plan should be based upon the following principles as agreed by the Health & Wellbeing Implementation Group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each priority should be supported by 2 to 4 key actions for 2015-16 Each key action should have an overall outcome Each key action / milestone should focus on what can be achieved through partnership working Each milestone should include a description of what success will look like Integrated Commissioning Groups should develop a dataset for reporting Performance to be measured against national averages and statistical neighbours where available. <p>Comments/Actions:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DDH suggested having a column in the Delivery Plan for what success would look like. Action: CJ to bring a review of progress made to the February meeting of the Board. 	CJ
8	<p>Review of Board's Forward Plan</p> <p>Chris Jones (CJ) presented the proposed forward Plan for 2014/15 which included items added following the Board's November meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action: It was agreed to add to the forward plan an agenda item on the NSCB audit on the access to services. CF to let CJ know the most appropriate meeting date. 	CJ /CF
9	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>There was no other business.</p>	
10	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting will take place on Friday, 16 January 2015 2pm-5pm in Committee Room B, County Hall.</p>	

The meeting closed at 4.20pm