

11 December 2014

Agenda Item: 6

Children's Trust Board Sponsor:
Derek Highton, Corporate Director, Nottinghamshire County Council
Children, Families and Cultural Services

HELP AND PROTECTION EXECUTIVE

Purpose of the Report

1. To recommend the establishment of a Help and Protection Executive, as a sub-group of the Children's Trust Board.

Information and Advice

2. Children's Trust governance arrangements currently include an Early Help Executive, as a sub-group of the Children's Trust Board. It is recommended that the remit of this group be widened to encompass multi-agency work for the help and protection of children and young people, and that the group be renamed the Nottinghamshire Help and Protection Executive.
3. The purpose of the Help and Protection Executive would be to ensure the effective delivery of a diverse, high quality, easily accessible multi-agency help and protection offer that is informed by the views of children, young people and families.
4. Specific responsibilities of the Help and Protection Executive would include:
 - a. the delivery of the Children's Trust priorities to work together to keep children and young people safe and to provide children and young people with the early help support that they need;
 - b. the oversight of the development and delivery of a multi-agency Help and Protection Plan;
 - c. responding to any recommendations made by the NSCB in its role of co-ordination and scrutiny. It is anticipated that the Help and Protection Executive would work closely with the NSCB, and would oversee the planning and delivery of safeguarding developments.
5. It is further recommended that the Help and Protection Executive take on responsibility for partnership aspects of targeted support for children, young people and families, and that the current Targeted Support and Youth Justice

Board becomes a Youth Justice Board, continuing to report to the Safer Nottinghamshire Board.

6. Membership of the current Early Help Executive comprises:

- elected Member of the County Council;
- health commissioners and providers;
- Children's Centre representatives;
- representatives of the County Council's Children, Families and Cultural Services including Children's Social Care and Early Help/Targeted Support and Special Educational Needs and Disability services;
- the Integrated Commissioning Hub.

7. It is recommended that the Help and Protection Executive membership includes the above representatives and that it also includes:

- formal representation from the NSCB (in addition to any members of the Help and Protection Executive who may also be NSCB members);
- a representative of Nottinghamshire Police.

8. Subject to the approval of the Children's Trust Board, these arrangements would be implemented in the new year, with the first meeting of the Help and Protection Executive being in January 2015.

9. **Appendix 1** is the proposed Terms of Reference for the Help and Protection Executive. **Appendix 2** is a diagram indicating Children's Trust reporting arrangements, including the proposed Help and Protection Executive.

RECOMMENDATION/S

1) That the Children's Trust Board approves the establishment of a Help and Protection Executive, as a sub-group of the Board.

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Background Papers

None

Appendix 1:

Nottinghamshire Help and Protection Executive

Proposed Terms of Reference

1. Purpose of the Group

The purpose of the Group is to ensure the effective delivery of a diverse, high quality, easily accessible multi-agency help and protection offer that is informed by the views of children, young people and families.

Specifically, the Group will:

- Deliver the Children's Trust priorities to work together to keep children safe and to provide children and young people with the early help support that they need
- Lead the development and delivery of a multi-agency Help and Protection Plan
- Review and monitor the impact of a Help and Protection action plan
- Monitor risks and issues to ensure appropriate mitigating actions are undertaken
- Identify additional activity that may be needed and lead the delivery of such action
- Ensure that there is coherence between early help service delivery and specialist services such as children's social care
- Ensure the further development of the early help offer to improve outcomes for children and young people and reduce the need for specialist or statutory intervention
- Provide a partnership focus for the development of work with vulnerable groups, including Looked After Children
- Ensure that dependencies with other strategies and projects underway across the Council and wider partnerships are considered and managed
- Respond to recommendations made by the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board (NSCB) in its role to co-ordinate local work to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and ensure the effectiveness of that work.

2. Governance

The Group will report directly to and be accountable to the Nottinghamshire Children's Trust Board (NSCB).

The Group's membership will include representation from the NSCB and it will establish regular communication with the NSCB. The group will lead on the multi-agency delivery of safeguarding developments and respond to recommendations made by the NSCB.

It will be accountable for any sub-groups or working groups that it establishes to take forward specific help and protection developments.

N.B. Nottinghamshire has adopted Professor Munro's definition of Early Help, meaning help provided early in the life of a child and early in the emergence of a problem. In Nottinghamshire, services are considered to be providing Early Help when the child or young person's needs are assessed to be at levels 1 to 3 within the Pathway to Provision (Universal, Early Intervention and Targeted Services).

3. Membership

The Group will be chaired by the Corporate Director for Children, Families and Cultural Services. Other members of the Group will be:-

Nottinghamshire County Council

- Councillor
- Service Director, Children's Social Care
- Service Director, Youth, Families and Culture
- Group Manager, Targeted Support and Youth Justice Service
- Group Manager, Early Years and Early Intervention Service
- Group Manager, Young People's Service
- Group Manager, Social Work Services
- Group Manager, SEND Policy and Provision
- Consultant in Public Health
- Representative of Children's Integrated Commissioning Hub
- Representative of CFCS Quality and Improvement Service

Representatives from partner organisations:

- NHS England
- Nottinghamshire Health Partnerships
- Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust.

Representative of the NSCB tbc

Representative of Nottinghamshire Police tbc

Voluntary sector representation tbc

Group members will identify a suitable deputy to attend in their absence.

Executive Support to the Group will be provided by the County Council Children, Families and Cultural Services.

4. Ways of Working

Group meetings will be held on a monthly basis and additionally if required.

Further ad-hoc working group meetings will be held as deemed necessary by the Executive Group.

Agenda items should be submitted at least ten working days prior to the Group meeting.

Action notes of the meeting will be produced and distributed within five working days of each meeting.

Appendix 2:

Partnership groups responsible for outcomes for children and families

