

**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S
STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP
12 DECEMBER 2012**

PRESENT: Debbie Barnes (Chairman)

Debbie Barnes (Lincolnshire County Council), Councillor D Brailsford, Stuart Carlton (Lincolnshire County Council), Chris Cook (Independent Chair of LSCB), Michael Follows (Lincolnshire Schools' Forum), Sarah McKown (on behalf of Ginny Blackoe, Lincolnshire Community Health Services), Lynne McNiven (NHS Lincolnshire), Kerri Mitchell (Participation & Engagement Sub Group Chair), Rachel North (West Lindsey District Council), Karen Parsons (VCS), Chris Seymour (Special Schools –Pilgrim), Keith Smy (Lincolnshire Police) and

Also in attendance: Rebecca Allen (Lincolnshire County Council), Dr Charles Beck (NHS Lincolnshire), Andrea Brown (Lincolnshire County Council), Helene Denness (NHS Lincolnshire), David McWilliams (Lincolnshire County Council), Zania Stevens (Lincolnshire County Council) and Sal Thirlway (Lincolnshire County Council).

The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting and suggested that membership of the Partnership be refreshed given the recent changes within public sector organisations. David McWilliams agreed to contact all organisations who form the Partnership to confirm their representatives. Where representatives have not attended for two consecutive meetings, they will be requested to reaffirm their membership.

42. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from John Allen (Lincoln College) Malcolm Barham (VCS YMCA), Ginny Blackoe (Lincolnshire Community Health Services), Councillor Mrs P A Bradwell, Jo Cavanagh (Youth Offending Service), Andy Payne (Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue), Janice Spencer (Lincolnshire County Council) and Joanna Tubb (Lincolnshire County Council).

It was confirmed that Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue Service wanted to reengage with the Partnership and had identified Andy Payne as their representative. Unfortunately, Mr Payne had to give apologies for this meeting.

43. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING AND ACTION POINTS OF THE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 18 JULY 2012

ACTIONS

David McWilliams

The following points were raised from the minutes of the previous meeting of the Partnership held on 18 July 2012:-

- Debbie Barnes confirmed that she had contacted Dr Tony Hill, Director of Public Health and Chair of the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board, who agreed to give a presentation to the Partnership regarding Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG). A date was yet to be confirmed.
- Lynne McNiven confirmed that work was ongoing in regard to the Public Health Framework Indicators. Further discussion would be required in regard to the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and the key performance indicators to measure improved outcomes for children. Debbie Barnes agreed to draft a response, circulate to members of the Partnership and collate comments for final submission. Lynne agreed to resend the most up to date version to Debbie.
- Minute number 40, Branding/Visual Identity, was ongoing and in terms of the logo, it was limited in terms of colour, size and branding. The Children and Young People Plan was being looked at in terms of formatting. The group were also asked for ideas of what should be included. It was planned to have 'glyphs' included on posters, etc., so that once scanned on mobile phones, could take young people straight to the interactive video and the Children and Young People Plan.

Debbie Barnes

Debbie Barnes/
Lynne McNiven

David McWilliams

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 18 July 2012 be confirmed and agreed as a correct record.

44. CYPSP CHAIRS COMMENTS

The Partnership received an update from Debbie Barnes which highlighted four key areas to the Partnership:-

- It had been announced that a 27% reduction in the Early Intervention Grant was expected. This funding had been ring-fenced previously and used to provide most preventative services including children's centres. The reason for the reduction was that Government have requested that the 2-year old offer be extended. Although a good thing to do in improving a child's readiness for school, the money was to be taken from the Early Intervention Grant (EIG) and moved to Dedicated Schools Grants (DSG), with a 40% increase in the offer as a result. Until the final settlement was received by the Local Authority, the potential implications could not be reported.
- The four Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) were expected to be formally established from 1st April 2013.

- Early negotiations were underway with CCGs in regard both tier two and tier three CAMHS services.
- Lincolnshire County Council had also entered into an extended contract with CfBT, who would be responsible for providing all school support services until 2017.

RESOLVED

That the update be noted.

45. LSCB CHAIR COMMENTS

The Partnership received an update from Chris Cook, Chair of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board.

- A number of different boards were running at present which appeared to include the same membership. Following discussion, it was thought to be prudent to develop an overarching Public Protection Board as a Multi-Agency Single Hub (MASH) for different agencies. Comments received so far had been supportive.
- Work was underway in respect of sexual exploitation following a number of high profile trials around the country which had attracted high media attention. Detective Superintendent Rick Hatton was the Chairman of a group looking into this. It was likely to develop further and anticipated to be busy.
- The conclusion of a Significant Learning Event following the suicide of an 11-year old boy had highlighted services for children on the autistic spectrum and their effectiveness. The LSCB suggested that further work in the support of autism was required. Sarah McKown confirmed that Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (Dr Anne Thompson) was leading a review of community services and CYPSP asked that this existing group consider services for children on the autistic spectrum and their effectiveness. It was agreed to share the scope of this group at the next meeting.

Ginny Blackoe

RESOLVED

That the update be noted.

46. PERFORMANCE LEADS – UPDATES

The Partnership received updates from the relevant performance leads.

Priority 1 – Safe & Protected

Stuart Carlton, Assistant Director of Children's Services, introduced this section of the report, which reiterated the position currently. The

following points were noted:-

- Looked After Children (LAC) remained above target and was likely to remain so due to changes in how connected persons and Southwark judgement had been implemented.
- Above highlights that we need a focus on teenagers with a risk of homelessness and how to ensure that a coordinated approach was taken between services to ensure the best support for the individual. As a result, a Task & Finish Group had been developed, which brought together various services to look at a strategic way forward and development of a clear pathway.
- Although the figures for Looked After Children were nationally low, there had been a 10% increase on the previous year's figures.
- By using a much improved process, Lincolnshire was now the quickest Local Authority in the country implementing and dealing with care proceedings in relation to Looked After Children.
- As exclusions had doubled this year, it was reported that schools were under pressure regarding floor targets and therefore engagement with schools would be vital to improve this area. On day 6 of an exclusion, the Local Authority has a statutory duty to provide education to a child. Should negotiations with other schools fail, centres were available across the county for pupils to undertake an intervention programme.
- In relation to Team Around the Child (TAC), a review had been undertaken by the LSCB and an action plan developed as a result. A timetable would be devised at the next meeting of the LSCB as more work was required.
- It was suggested that, due to conflicting priorities, some TAC meetings had not been attended by all relevant professionals. It was stressed that it was the responsibility of all professionals involved in these meetings to challenge others in respect of non-attendance. Members were asked to escalate where this was an issue.

Priority 2 – Community Aspiration

Stuart Carlton, Assistant Director of Children's Services, introduced this section of the report, noting that the position had not changed since the Partnership last met.

Priority 3 – Tackling Poverty

The Chair, Debbie Barnes, introduced this section of the report, confirming that the Childcare Sufficiency Statement was complete and resulted in an increase from 20% to 40% of two year olds to try and increase the amount of early education. The position, otherwise, remained unchanged.

Priority 4 – Happy & Healthy

Lynne McNiven, Consultant and Assistant Director of Public Health – NHS Lincolnshire, introduced this section of the report. The following points were noted:-

- A summary page was circulated which provided an update to the Partnership in relation to Teenage Pregnancy Targets, as these remained under target.
- The implementation of the Child Obesity Strategy was out for consultation until the end of 2012. Both the strategy document and the Childhood Obesity Annual Report were circulated to the Partnership for their information.
- An Anti-Bullying Update was circulated which suggested that the online anti-bullying census data would provide the view of children and young people in regard to bullying. The census had seen an 80% increase in the number of schools taking part and a 93% increase in responses received.
- The provision of a school nurse was separate to the services schools were encouraged to buy-in. School based nursing services were previously piloted then rolled out but there had been a recent reduction of school nurses within schools. It was acknowledged that there was approximately 6% comprehensive coverage of school nurses within schools as services provided may only be beneficial to certain schools.

Priority 5 – Learning & Achievement

The Chair, Debbie Barnes, introduced this section of the report, which detailed targets for learning and achievements of children and young people.

- Although the figures for young people Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) appeared to be exceptional, this was due to the fact that there was currently a high number of 'unknowns'. Until the outcome for these figures have been finalised, it was difficult to provide an accurate picture.
- The "Live and Learn like a 'Champion'" Programme would continue. Although working with sports clubs was a key way forward, it was not sustainable and therefore the programme would focus on skills development for teachers within primary schools to improve the provision provided by the schools themselves.

The following actions arising from discussions were agreed:-

1. That a day workshop be arranged for early in the New Year, at The Showroom, to further discuss welfare reforms and the impact they will have on families as a result of the changes. Derek

Brown to be contacted with a view to giving a presentation on the day.

David McWilliams

2. That a briefing note in relation to the "Live and Learn like a 'Champion'" Programme be provided to the Partnership.

Debbie Barnes

RESOLVED

That the update be noted.

47. PREVENTING EMERGENCY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS CAUSED BY INJURIES TO CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN LINCOLNSHIRE: A STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

Dr Charles Beck, Speciality Registrar in Public Health – NHS Lincolnshire, presented a report to the Partnership and provided an update on the key objectives going forward.

- The report highlighted specific groups of children and in what area they have had increased numbers of hospital admissions. It was noted that there are regular seasonal admissions, as would be expected, but that would could be commissioned to improve certain areas to avoid these types of admissions. For example, improved playground equipment and home safety.
- Acknowledgement was given that no one agency could manage this indicator in isolation due to the number of factors involved so would require good local support from a variety of partners.
- A large list of clinically driven codes in differing areas was used to develop the indicators, however they were clinical and inference could be taken from them. Not quite as literal as the titles would suggest.
- Although no particular timescale had been set, it was hoped that this would be progressed by the end of January 2013. David McWilliams agreed to liaise with Helene Denness in order to take this forward and discuss requirements for resources.

David McWilliams

RESOLVED

That the adoption of the strategic framework and release of resources to support further work of the N170 Strategy Group, and leading to the production of documents such as action plans and business cases which aim to meet the strategic objectives, be **agreed**.

48. CHILD POVERTY ACTION PLAN

Rebecca Allen, Commissioning Officer, Lincolnshire County Council, introduced the report which provided an update on the effect of children's health as a result of deprivation and poverty. The Partnership were

asked to identify individuals who would be responsible for each area of the action plan.

During discussion, the following points were noted:-

- The Action Plan was designed to bring together all these areas but it was agreed that the action plan needed to only focus on current gaps.
- It was important that the Partnership own the strategy as an overarching document in order to help them target particular areas, with the ability to apply pressure should no progress be made within the plan.
- It was felt to be difficult to provide names for each work stream given the complexity of areas involved.

RESOLVED

That the Chairman would discuss the plan further with Dr Tony Hill and provide an update at the next meeting.

Debbie Barnes

49. YOUTH OFFER

The Partnership received a presentation from the Head of Service (Lincoln/North Kesteven/Teenage Services) – Lincolnshire County Council, Sal Thirlway, who confirmed that the Youth Offer would be formed by eight areas. Following the presentation, the group were asked to discuss further and highlight any potential additional areas.

During discussion, the following points were noted:-

- It was suggested that the process shown within the presentation would be appropriate to use to develop a Youth Offer.
- Partnership working was essential in ensuring a comprehensive offer to young people.
- Coordination of all activities for the benefit to all young people was highlighted as a potential concern as a number of organisations within towns and villages were providing clubs, etc., but not liaising with each other. It was hoped that the partnership could be used to coordinate all contributions, including churches, health, local authorities, private clubs and many more, thus having a central bank of information for young people to refer to.
- It was agreed to append to the minutes one of the existing specifications in this area so that the group could consider how it was presented as a Youth Offer.
- The key message was to be open and honest with young people. Language used throughout the Youth Offer must also be clear to avoid any misinterpretation of messages.
- It was agreed that this could be a good method of communication to young people for all services, including TAC Practitioners,

Sexual Health Services, Chlamydia Screening, School Nursing and general health of young people.

- The Youth Offer was to be open to young people up to the age of 25 also and so this work could be essential to feeding into the key strategic priorities for this area.

RESOLVED

1. That the presentation be noted.
2. That reflection on the discussions in regard to the 'bubbles' be undertaken.
3. That members of the Partnership volunteer or nominate an appropriate other to form a group to take this forward.

Sal Thirlway

All

50. ACTION GROUP UPDATES

Lincolnshire Participation Action Group

Kerry Mitchell from Barnado's updated the Partnership on the Lincolnshire Participation Action Group. It was reported that an event on the 17th November 2012 had been very well attended, with a diverse range of people. Activities took place during the morning session following which, groups were formed to further look at the action plan. Bullying had been identified as a key priority by the young people in those groups. They had suggested that, should any issues arise, that the professional involved ask, as a matter of course, if there are any issues of bullying. The next event was scheduled for 19th February 2013 and the Partnership were asked to be involved in that event in order to engage with the schools in respect to the issues raised.

A discussion followed and some of the points raised included the following:

- It was suggested that the children and young people themselves should be included in the Youth Offer as a 'partner'. Following the event, their message was that they would like to be treated as equals.

RESOLVED

That attendance at the next event, scheduled for 19th February 2013 be followed up in terms of the School's Forum and schools themselves.

Debbie Barnes

51. ALICSE

David McWilliams introduced this item, circulating the ALICSE Work Plan for 2012/13, which provided an update of the work undertaken to-date. It was suggested that key officers from the programme be invited to the next meeting to give a full update on their experiences.

RESOLVED

That the update be noted and an invitation be extended to the next meeting.

David McWilliams

52. CYPP/DEVELOPMENT DAY UPDATES

The development day identified a number of priorities, three of which were currently being focused on. Some priorities were being addressed during meetings but the day did identify other key priorities.

Debbie Barnes explained that the three key issues were agreed as Early Help, Families Working Together and the Youth Offer. It was thought that, as safeguarding was a core priority, the growing relationships with schools and outcomes for carers and team leaders would be expected within the strategic plan.

Key areas in the 2013-2015 plan were key indicators, strengths, improvements and future expectations. Partnership members were asked for expressions of interest to lead on certain areas. These would then be presented to Strategic Management Board of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children's Board. Possible suggested leads were:-

Families Working Together (Rachel North)
Early Help (Chris Cook)
Looked After Children (LAC)/Care Leavers (Janice Spencer)
Headteachers/Schools (Chris Seymour)

The timetable would have to be amended slightly in light of the proposed change of date of future Partnership meetings, however the April meeting of the Partnership would remain the final sign off of the Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP).

RESOLVED

That an update in regard to the Strategic Leads for the key areas be fed back at the next meeting.

Debbie Barnes

53. PARTNER UPDATES

Lynne McNiven advised that this meeting would be her last with the Partnership, as she was leaving NHS Lincolnshire at the end of January

2013. Ms McNiven had secured a post with NHS Nottingham City as a Consultant in Public Health. Richard Cumbers would replace her on the Partnership in the interim. The Chairman took the opportunity, on behalf of the Partnership, for her work and support and wished her all the best in her future career.

54. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman announced that £165m was being made available to between three and five authorities to provide support work in pregnancy and the first few years of life in areas of deprivation, as part of the Fulfilling Lives: A Better Start programme. A letter would be received by upper-tier local authorities in January 2013 requesting expressions of interest. It was felt to be appropriate to work together to submit a proposal and partners were asked if they would be interested in working together to submit an application and if any of the partners would be prepared to lead on the process.

Stuart Carlton, Assistant Director for Children's Services – Lincolnshire County Council, volunteered to lead on the process. Karen Parsons, Voluntary and Community Sector, confirmed she would support the process and would be happy to be involved.

The meeting closed at 4.50pm