

**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE
 STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP
 1 DECEMBER 2014**

PRESENT: DAVID ASHCROFT (CHAIRMAN)

Jeannette Arnold (South West Lincolnshire CCG), Rob Barber (Lincolnshire County Council – Adult Care), Debbie Barnes (Executive Director of Children's Services), Councillor D Brailsford (Lincolnshire County Council), Stuart Carlton (Lincolnshire County Council – Children's Services), Andy Cook (Youth Offending Service), Chris Cook (Independent Chair – LSCB), Peter Davies (Lincolnshire Police), Paul Fisher (Lincolnshire County Council) Samantha Harrison (Lincolnshire County Council), Andrew McLean (Lincolnshire County Council), Tony McGinty (Lincolnshire County Council – Public Health), Andy Payne (Lincolnshire Fire and Sector), Phil Roberts (North Kesteven District Council), Mandy Sowerby (Voluntary Sector), Janice Spencer (Lincolnshire County Council – Children's Services) and Rachel Wilson (Democratic Services Officer)

74 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Malcolm Barham (YMCA), Michael Follows (Lincolnshire Schools' Forum), Jan Gunter (Southwest Lincolnshire CCG), Linda Houtby (Grantham College), David McWilliams (LCC), Samantha Neal (ELDC), Sally Savage (LCC), Martyn Taylor (Thomas Cowley High School), Joanna Tubb (LCC) and Rob Walker (Breckland Council).

75 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1 SEPTEMBER 2014

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 1 September 2014 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

76 CYPSP CHAIR COMMENTS

The Chair advised that he did not have any specific announcements to make.

77 LSCB CHAIR COMMENTS

The Chairman of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children's Board provided an update in relation to the work of the Board.

Updates were provided in relation to the following issues:

- Ofsted Inspection – a four week inspection with 10 inspectors had recently taken place in relation to safeguarding arrangements in Lincolnshire. The

draft report was expected to be received by officers the following week. The report would be published on 6 January 2015;

- It was queried with the inspectors whether they would be carrying out a thematic inspection in relation to Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and officers were advised that this would be taken into consideration for every area inspected;
- A SAFE team had been established at Grantham Police Station which was included police and health resources, the missing persons co-ordinator and LSCB CSE Co-ordinator. This team had been established for 6 weeks, and was so far performing well;
- The CSE e-learning app had been launched 2 weeks earlier, and Barnado's had done a lot of work on this. It was hoped that this could also be launched in schools;
- There was a lot of work going on around CSE, and it was felt that the framework in Lincolnshire was getting stronger, and there were some very good building blocks in place;
- It was acknowledged that CSE was not a boundary limited issue, and there had been a lot of work with Peterborough's CSE Co-ordinator, and there were some good linkage's being made across the East Midlands;
- In terms of CSE, some of the most vulnerable children were those in local authority care, away from home;

78 DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMENTS

The Partnership received an update from the Executive Director of Children's Services in relation to the following areas:

- Officers had been heavily involved in the Ofsted inspection over the last few weeks;
- Lincolnshire had been successful as part of a collaborative bid for funding to implement signs of safety. This would have a robust support and evaluation process;
- Lincolnshire had been awarded £400,000 from the CAMHS innovation fund;
- A consultation in relation to the closure of Brocklesbury School would be taking place shortly;
- A link to the Ofsted report, once published, would be sent to the Partnership, as the next meeting was not scheduled until March 2015.

79 ACTION GROUP UPDATES:-

79a Lincolnshire Participation Action Group Update

The Partnership received an update from Fran Porter, Chair of the Lincolnshire Participation Action Group (LPAG). The following was highlighted to the Partnership:

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- The Partnership was provided with the opportunity to watch two films which had been produced by young people in relation to anti-bullying. The Action Group had been focused on the issue of bullying for the last couple of years;
- Other topics the Action Group were looking at included positive lifestyle choices; peer pressure; stereo types around discrimination;

The Partnership discussed the update provided and the films which were shown, and the following comments were noted:

- It was commented that the films were excellent. Members were advised that the films would be available to view on the teen lincs info website;
- It was queried how some of this work could be linked with schools engagement work? It was important that young people were able to talk to other young people;
- It was suggested that some of these topics could be included within the Partnership's next development day;
- It was queried whether there were any age groups or parts of the county that were not as involved? It was noted that the Action Group tended to hold its events all around the county, and it was found that they were more successful if they were linked in to other events were taking place;
- It was thought that it was important that these events were as representative as possible;
- It was commented that Young Farmers, Guides, and Scouts involved with the work of the Action Group;

80 SCHOOLS ENGAGEMENT PROJECT

The Partnership received an update from Paul Fisher, Schools Engagement Project Officer, in relation to the schools engagement project.

It was reported that one of the issues from the steering group had been the timing of the actual project itself, as it would have been useful to have had more direct contact with schools. Most of the information collected came through questionnaires. The amount of feedback received so far for the purposes of the report was limited, but this work was still ongoing and it was thought it would be a very useful piece of work.

In terms of taking the project forward, at a later stage it was planned to look at home educated young people and young people in residential care. There were approximately 500 home educated young people in Lincolnshire.

The report identified the extent to which key messages were delivered and embedded within schools and was found to be variable regarding whether young people were made aware of these messages and whether staff were trained and could deliver and support these messages. The aim of the project was to identify the most effective ways for key priorities to be delivered to schools in the future. A meeting with the project's Commissioners was held on 19 November 2014 where the range of options within the report were presented. It was felt that the most appropriate option was to look at the closer co-ordination of delivery partners. This

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would require the funding of a co-ordinator to ensure the closer working practices and schools engagement with partners in an appropriate way.

The Partnership was advised that agreement was required that the option of closer working was the preferred option. It was noted that the governance of the project would sit with the CYPSP, and that Safer Communities had offered to be the lead partner for the project.

Members of the Partnership were provided with the opportunity to discuss the content of the report and ask questions to the officers present, and some of the points raised during discussion included the following:

- The project commissioners included the Executive Director of Children's Services, County Officer – Public Protection, and the Safer Communities Manager;
- It was thought that the overall concept of the project was very good;
- Partners were not surprised that schools were not delivering message to those people who needed them most;
- It was agreed that there was a need for interchangeable resources, as this would allow more people to be reached and mitigate risks better;
- This project would aim to change how key messages were delivered in schools as well as providing schools with a range of topics and mechanisms for delivery;
- One thing that was clear from the project was that the provision provided did not measure the impact or record whether it worked;
- A range of options were presented to the commissioners regarding getting people working together, and it was import to provide a quality product with a demonstrable impact;
- The report contained a lot of high quality research and feedback, but there was a need for a clear picture of what the outputs and the outcomes would be;
- It was commented that the aim was to get to point where there was a clearly articulated preventative message going into schools which helped children to stay safe;
- There was confusion around the governance of the project;
- It was commented that it was thought that this project was about the Partnership identifying what programmes should be delivered in schools, and then a programme of activities to support this would be put together;
- One of the aims of the project was to ensure a level of quality and standardisation across all schools;
- The project had been undertaken as there had been a need to understand the current landscape, but what partners did next and how it would be done would be the challenge. The situation could not stay as it was;
- The end message was that there was a need for a core offer to schools and a clear way on how that could be delivered, and whether it would be delivered by partners to schools. There was also a need to identify any gaps in provision;
- There was duplication with the current system, one example would be work on bullying, as there were lots of different people doing lots of different things in

relation to bullying. The aim of the project would be to bring all these different things together;

- Of the messages that partners may want to get out to young people, some will be of more importance to smaller groups of children. It would be difficult to achieve a consistent set of messages to get out to all young people. There was also the risk that those young people that the messages needed to reach would be the least receptive;
- There would be a focus on building the skills and beliefs in young people to ensure that they did not get into trouble, such as increasing their self-belief, and how they can make the right choices;
- It was suggested that Debbie Barnes, Tony McGinty and Mark Housley meet to set some recommendations and they would then be e-mailed to the Partnership;

RESOLVED

That the report presented be noted.

81 CQC REPORT - UPDATE AND PROGRESS

The Partnership received an update in relation to the CQC report of a Review of Health Services for Children Looked After and Safeguarding in Lincolnshire. It was noted that this report had been published just over one year ago. It took into account the experiences of 53 children and young people. The report identified nine recommendations, and an action plan was then produced and all recommendations were then RAG (Red, Amber, Green) rated.

It was noted that the action plan was last updated in October 2014, and there were 4/5 areas which were rated as amber. It was suggested that the action plan would be circulated to the Partnership after the meeting. Partners were advised that a huge amount of work had been undertaken in relation to the recommendations identified in the report.

It was noted that there had been an increase in the number of health assessments which were carried out, however, the initial health assessment needed to be done by a GP. It was hoped that this would move to paediatricians in hospitals in the future.

RESOLVED

That the update be noted.

82 CAMHS SPECIFICATION AND RE-PROCUREMENT

The Partnership received an update from the Children's Services Manager in relation to the CAMHS specification and re-procurement. The Partnership was advised that this service was currently provided by LPFT, but through a section 75 agreement, tier 2 and tier 3 provision would be transferred to the local authority.

There would be a dedicated element within the service to support Looked After Children. There would also be a therapeutic support service for children who had been the victims of sexual abuse.

In August 2013, 55 stakeholder consultation events were held to help to identify some of the gaps in provision. Some of the key findings included the importance of having a single point of access for GP's, identifying support needs, out of hours home crisis outreach.

There had been good integration of wider teams, but there was need for a radical redesign of how the service was structured. This had already gone before the Women and Children's Board who were working on a fast implementation plan. It would be an integrated service, with a single point of referral into CAMHS, initially through the Customer Service Centre to ensure that any concerns were redirected to the right service first.

Pathways and online information hubs were being developed to ensure that children and young people were able to access these areas. Part of the model for the service would involve a hub and spoke model to integrate the tier 2 and tier 3 workforce.

There would a consideration of how the substance misuse centre could be better integrated into the service. The commissioning intentions going forward had been identified, and it was planned to extend the existing Section 75 agreement for a further three years. Also to enter into commercial agreement with LPFT for two years with the option to roll it over for a further year.

The authority had been successful in bidding for funding and had been awarded £400,000. This had been a bid for additional funding to support collaborative working.

It was hoped that community level interventions would prevent the need for sectioning and hospital admissions of young people. It was acknowledged that there was a risk for young person who had been sectioned ending up in police custody.

RESOLVED

That the update be noted.

83 DRAFT LINCOLNSHIRE ALL-AGE AUTISM STRATEGY 2015 - 2018

Consideration was given to a report which presented the Draft Lincolnshire All-Age Autism Strategy 2015-2018 to the Partnership for review and comment as part of wider consultation which was being conducted on the document.

The Draft Lincolnshire All-Age Strategy had been developed in response to the Government's national strategy for adults with autism – 'Fulfilling and Rewarding Lives' which was published in 2010. A recent refresh of the national strategy, Think Autism, was published in 2014 and put a focus on the need for more autism friendly communities. In response to the national strategy, a 3 month consultation was

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carried out in Lincolnshire to help inform the development of an adults' autism strategy for Lincolnshire. Analysis of the feedback revealed a number of key themes including one area of repeated discussion, which was the transition from children's to adults' services. It was recognised that this transition could often be a difficult time for individuals with an autism spectrum disorder and so a decision was taken to develop an all-age autism strategy.

It was reported that an action plan had been developed which incorporated four key strategic programmes to deliver the Autism Strategy with underpinning measurable objectives. The action plan would be overseen by the Autism Partnership Board which would take a leadership role and would be accountable for the delivery of the plan. Work was still being undertaken to develop and strengthen the Autism Partnership Board, including a review of the membership. The Strategy would be launched on 30th January 2015, and would be open to anyone interested in finding out more or wanting to become more involved.

The Partnership was provided with the opportunity to discuss the draft Strategy and ask questions to the officers present and some of the points raised included the following:

- There was still more which needed to be done to make this visible to children and young people;
- It was important that there was a joined up approach;
- It was requested that the most up to date version be made available for a meeting of the LSCB Strategic Management Group which was meeting on 18 December 2014;
- A diagnosis could sometimes get in the way of providing practical and helpful support. Partners would like to see some recognition of the help and support that young people needed. However, it was noted that having a diagnosis was important for some people;
- Nationally, there was a requirement for an adults' autism strategy, but Lincolnshire was one of only one or two authorities in the country who had taken the decision to adopt an all-age strategy.

RESOLVED

That the draft All-Age Autism Strategy for Lincolnshire be received, and the feedback provided be noted.

84 LHAC UPDATE

The Executive Director for Children's Services updated the Partnership on the latest position with the LHAC review.

RESOLVED

That the update be noted.

85 0-19 PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

The Partnership received a report which provided an update on the process of transferring the Public Health commissioning responsibilities for a 0-5 Healthy Child Programme, provided by Lincolnshire Community Health Services health visiting service and family nurse partnership, from NHS England to Lincolnshire County Council from 1 October 2015. The report also informed the CYPSP about the proposed direction of travel in terms of delivering a comprehensive 0-19 service in the longer term.

It was noted that there had been a struggle to populate the staff structures fully which had led to a reduced ability to provide the universal core offer. There would be an opportunity to look at this in more detail at a later date.

The Partnership was advised that this report was an early warning that the local authority had started to consider the recommissioning of these services in order to have them in place by April 2016.

Partners were informed that there was already a lot of activity taking place, but by the time of the next Partnership meeting, officers would be in a much stronger position to report back.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

86 MID YEAR PERFORMANCE UPDATE

The Partnership received a presentation from the Principal Performance Officer which provided an update of the 6 monthly performance against the Children and Young People's Plan, and provided detailed information in relation to the performance indicators which had been grouped into the four commissioning groups of:

- Healthy and safe;
- Ready for School;
- Learn and Achieve;
- Ready for Adult Life.

The Partnership was provided with the opportunity to discuss the information contained within the report and presentation and some of the points raised during discussion included the following:

- In relation to teenage pregnancy, there was a link between performance and the commissioning of the Family Nurse Partnership;
- It was important to ensure that preventative programmes were delivered in the right areas;
- The importance of information sharing was highlighted in relation to the percentage of primary birth visits done within 14 days, as this indicator was behind target. However, it was noted that performance for visits carried out

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between 6-8 weeks was better. It was queried whether there was anything the Partnership could do to improve information sharing?

- Evidence showed that if a young person was engaged in the learning process at an early age, they were more likely to stay engaged;
- It was reported that the number of troubled families turned around was now above target, and the authority had been accepted by DCLG as an 'early adopted' of the expanded second phase of the Troubled Families Programme. Jo Kavanagh would provide an update to the Partnership at a future meeting;
- It was noted that in relation to the data around the raising of the participation age, that there was no educational outcomes data, as it had not been validated by the time of the meeting.

RESOLVED

That the performance information presented be noted.

87 MEETING DATES 2015

The future meeting dates of the Children and Young People' Strategic Partnership for 2015 were presented for consideration. It was suggested that as a number of issues had emerged during this meeting, it would be useful if the formal meeting in March and the development day in April could be swapped around to enable partners to discuss and refocus the work of the Partnership. There was agreement for this suggestion and the following dates were agreed:

Development Day - 2 March 2015 – 1.00pm – 4.30pm
 CYPSP Meeting – 9 April 2015 – 2.00pm – 4.30pm
 CYPSP Meeting – 3 June 2015 – 2.00pm – 4.30pm
 CYPSP Meeting – 3 September 2015 – 2.00pm – 4.30pm
 Development Day – 22 October 2015 – 9.30am – 4.30pm
 CYPSP Meeting – 30 November 2015 – 2.00pm – 4.30pm

All meetings will take place at The Showroom, Tritton Road, Lincoln.

RESOLVED

That the meeting dates above be agreed.

88 PARTNER UPDATES

There were no partner updates to report.

89 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The meeting closed at 4.00 pm

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