

Time commenced – 18.00pm
Adjourned – 19.30pm
Reconvened – 19.35pm
Time finished – 20:40pm

Children and Young People Scrutiny Review Board 5 September 2022

Present: Councillor Lind (Chair) Councillor Whitby (Vice Chair)
Councillors Bonser and Kus
Co-optees – Tracey Churchill, Catholic Diocesan
Nicky Fenton, Church of England co-opted member

In Attendance: Pauline Melvin-Anderson, Director Learning, Inclusion and Skills
Rose Lynch, Adam Morby, Rami Khatib NHS England, East Midlands
Nicola Smith, NHS Derby & Derbyshire
Omar Aslam, Youth Mayor
Kerry Hodges, Principal Public Health Manager
Adele Styles, Engagement Officer Integrated CYP Commissioning
Clive Newman, Director of GP Development, Derby and Derbyshire
CCG
Rami Khatib, Local Dental Network Chair – NHS England, Midlands
Adam Morby, Regional Chief Dentist – NHS England, Midlands

09/22 Apologies for Absence

There were apologies from Councillor Pandey, Councillor T Pearce, Councillor Pattison, Andy Smith, Strategic Director of Peoples Services, Suanne Lim, Director of Early Help and Children's Social Care and Gloria Bonsu, Deputy Youth Mayor.

10/22 Late items introduced by the Chair

There were none.

11/22 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Lind confirmed that as a parent of SEND children she did not have any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests to declare.

Cllr Whitby confirmed that he was a Foster Carer for Derby City.

12/22 Minutes of the meeting held on 20 June 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 June 2022 were agreed as a correct record.

13/22 NHS Dentistry Early Years Dental Care

The Board received a presentation on NHS Dentistry Early Years Dental Care which was presented by the Senior Commissioning Manager Pharmacy, Optometry & Dental Services NHS England, East Midlands.

It was noted that NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHS E/I) was currently responsible for the commissioning of all NHS dental services, but local responsibility would be delegated to NHS Derby and Derbyshire Integrated Care Board on 1 April 2023.

It was noted that dentistry in Derby faced the following challenges:

- Deprivation
- Homelessness
- Access to services
- People experiencing Severe Multiple Disadvantage

It was noted that the location of NHS dental services in Derby City were accessible:

- by car within 10 minutes in rush hour (all)
- by public transport within 30 minutes (most)
- by most residents who are able to walk to their nearest dental practice within 1.6km
- by all residents who are able to cycle to their nearest dental practice within 20 minutes

It was reported that water fluoridation was an effective and safe public health measure to reduce the frequency and severity of dental decay, and narrow oral health inequalities. It was noted that fluoridated water was currently supplied to ten percent of the population in England and this includes some parts of Derbyshire. It was reported that there were no water fluoridation schemes benefitting residents of Derby City.

It was noted that a strategic review of dental access was planned for 2022/23 and NHS E/I anticipate having access shortly to a mapping tool which would help to identify local areas which may have specific issues in order to assist with a more targeted approach in tackling them.

A councillor asked whether the proposed reforms to the NHS dental contract would help to improve the service offered by the NHS. It was noted that these reforms would improve patient access from around October 2022. It was noted that the reformed dental contract would also serve as morale boost for NHS dentists. It was noted that the contract reforms were part of a wider ongoing negotiation.

It was noted that patients on average were needing more treatment as a result of missing appointments because of Covid-19. It was noted that this increased pressures on practices servicing their existing patients.

A councillor asked whether looked after children were prioritised by dentists. It was noted that looked after children were prioritised and that wherever possible, urgent treatment was provided on the day to children experiencing pain.

A councillor

The Board resolved:

- 1. to note the report and presentation**
- 2. to request that the Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Housing provides an update to the Board on water fluoridisation.**
- 3. to request that an update on NHS Dentistry Early Years Dental Care is brought to a Board meeting in March 2023.**

14/22 Neurodevelopment (including Autism) Pathways for children and young people

The Board considered a presentation from the Assistant Director Children's Strategic Commissioning NHS Derby and Derbyshire.

It was noted that Joined Up Care Derbyshire had the following plan to tackle the waiting list for assessments:

- To buy an additional 920 assessments per year for the next 3 years
 - In a community based model, maximising support from all organisations / services already supporting CYP and their families
- Through support for CYP, families and schools reduce demand by 30% = c. 100 assessments per month
 - Through clear co-ordination and sign posting, including the voluntary sector, SEND Advice line to schools, local authority Information and advice services.
 - Further develop the emotional health and wellbeing website
- Through triage reduce those who enter the waiting list by 30% = c. 100 assessments per month
 - In a community based model with clinical oversight
- A programme of communication across schools, GPs and others to ensure they are informed of help and support available and sign posting.

It was reported that the team did not generally deal with one-off, short-term illnesses. Instead, team members offered long-term support, co-ordination of services and management on a continuous basis. The Board noted that some of the team's work was of a statutory nature, carried out under the Children Act, the Education Act and adoption regulations. The team had responsibility for preparing medical advice for education health care plans. The team also saw children who were being adopted or were in foster care.

It was noted that, in the last 12 months, £477,000 had been spent to increase capacity for assessments locally under the existing teams and with online assessment capacity from a partner organisation.

It was noted that over the next 3 years the team hoped to spend £5,352,000 to increase capacity even further, to develop community support linked to existing

organisations and increase early support. Across the whole of Derby City and Derbyshire.

A councillor asked whether parents could refer children for assessments. It was noted that schools and professionals within the system could refer. It was noted that this supported the graduated response.

A councillor commented that it was concerning that the service was aiming to reduce the number of referrals taking place. The Assistant Director for Childrens Strategic Commissioning agreed to look into what the legal implications were if a diagnosis was missed as a result of referrals not taking place.

A councillor questioned whether the backlog could be reduced without an increase in capacity. It was noted that the service had carried out modelling and expected to reduce the waiting list and waiting times to acceptable levels within three years. Councillors raised concerns that the backlog would be tackled by reducing the number of referrals rather than increasing capacity.

The Board resolved:

- 1. to note the report and recommendation**
- 2. to write to the Health Secretary to explain the situation in Derby and to urge them to properly fund neurodevelopmental assessment services.**

15/22 Outcome of SEND Inspection Update

The Board considered a presentation from the Director of Learning Inclusion and Skills which gave an update on the SEND Ofsted CQC re-visit.

The officer explained that a five-point written statement of action (WOSA) was approved in December 2019, 12 weeks before lockdown, five areas of weakness were identified:

1. Joint commissioning with Health
2. Lack of SEND Strategy
3. EHCPs timeliness and quality
4. Neurodevelopmental Pathway and waiting times (health)
5. Partnership with parents and stakeholders

A revisit was scheduled for November 2021. All areas were judged to have made sufficient progress and the WOSA was removed. DCC was now in the normal inspection cycle under the new framework which was currently under consultation.

The main areas to continue to develop after the re-visit were:

- EHCPs timeliness and quality - as demand has risen dramatically extra staff have been appointed and more are being recruited. Liquid Logic IMS was not in place.
- Neurodevelopmental pathway - work continues this was health led

- Working with parents, young people, and stakeholders - this work intensified after lockdowns finished.

The SEND Capital Consultation results were shared with the Board:
Having more places for SEND CYP was one of parents' greatest concerns.

The officer highlighted that DCC were developing a high-level Local Area Inclusion Plan to improve the visibility of all the High Needs and Local Area SEND change activities that are taking place to deliver the Local Area SEND vision. It would also help to improve monitoring of progress across the system and reduce duplication of efforts. The Derby Local Plan would be a living document and should be updated regularly by the document owner to reflect the latest portfolio of change activities.

DCC engaged with parents/carers and children and young people to ask them what it meant to them to be "living my best life". Their insights were categorised into five needs and 56 initiatives have been received so far in these areas:

- Inclusion and improving access to services
- A joined-up system
- Improving employment opportunities
- Improving early interventions
- Promoting independence and social networks

The officer highlighted examples of ongoing work to the Board, these included supporting and working with parents and parent's groups, reviving face to face engagement with parent in localities with local area SEND amongst many others.

The Board noted that a survey had been taken for every EHCP over the last two years. It was noted that 42% of new plans were being assessed within 20 weeks.

The Board resolved:

- 1. to note the report and presentation.**
- 2. to request that an update is brought to a Board meeting in 2023 on EHCPs quality and timeliness.**
- 3. To set up a Working Group to discuss creating a survey, and to create a survey to ascertain parent carers views and level of satisfaction across the city.**

16/22 Opportunity for all. Strong schools with great teachers for your child – Education White Paper and SEND Green Paper

The Board considered a presentation from the Director of Learning Inclusion and Skills which gave an overview on the Education White Paper "Opportunity for All. Strong Schools with great teachers for your child and the SEND Green Paper.

The officer highlighted that there were four sets of reforms happening at the same time which would provide a once in a generation opportunity for change:

- Independent Care Review
- SEND and Alternative Provision Green Paper - SEND Review Right Support, Right place,
- Right time
- Opportunity for all: strong schools with great teachers for your child
- Health ICB Reforms – Integrated Care Systems; design and framework

The Board learnt about the background to the SEND Review, which was launched in response to the growing frustration with the SEND system and to understand better the needs of CYP with SEND and their families. The review sought to understand the challenges in the system and plan for improvement. Views and opinions were sought from CYP, families, teachers, local government, and people working with SEND CYP. It was clear that alternative provision was increasingly a part of the SEND system so this was included in the Review.

The vision of the SEND and alternative provision green paper was to create a more inclusive education system with excellent local mainstream provision; to improve the outcomes and experiences of CYP with SEND, to ensure there was a strong specialist sector, to ensure greater national consistency in accessing support, to ensure the system was financially stable and delivered value for money.

The green paper proposed to deliver an improved system in five ways:

- Establish a national SEND and AP system
- Build capacity in mainstream education
- Provide appropriate and affordable specialist provision where needed including alternative provision
- Clear roles, strengthened accountability and funding reform
- Delivering change for children and families

The Board heard that the consultation closed on 22nd July and the Government will produce a detailed delivery plan in the Autumn.

The Education White Paper Opportunity for All. Strong Schools with great teachers for your child was published in 2022, the consultation ended in 2021. The aim of the paper was an inclusive education system with a target of 90% of pupils to achieve the expected standard in reading, writing and maths at the end of Key Stage 2 by 2030.

- The key policy objectives of the White Paper are:
- An excellent teacher for every child
- High standards of curriculum, attendance, and behaviour
- A pledge to parents that children who are behind in Maths or English will receive the right support to get back on track
- A stronger and fairer school system that works for every child

The officer explained that the Department for Education (DfE) was engaging with Local Authorities to seek views, develop policy and determine how to progress.

A councillor expressed their dissatisfaction with schools being forced to become/join academies. A councillor commented that Local Authority Trusts would not actually be run by local authorities.

It was noted that the local area had responded to the SEND Green Paper and that members of the SEND Boards had been consulted. It was noted that parents were also encouraged to respond individually. It was noted that the Council did not have permission from all partners to publicly share the response.

The Board resolved:

- 1. to note the report and presentation.**
- 2. to request that Council Cabinet publishes the local area response to the Green Paper immediately.**

17/22 Work Programme and Topic Review 2020/21

The Board considered a report which allowed the Board to study its Terms of Reference and Remit for the forthcoming Municipal Year. The report set out key work areas, issues, and potential topic review subjects within the service areas, for discussion or inclusion in the work programme.

The Board agreed the work programme set out in appendix 1 to the report with the addition of an item on Youth Funding and Needs.

Resolved:

- 1. to note the information provided within the report.**
- 2. To move the SEND YOS item from the December meeting to the meeting on 17 October.**

MINUTES END.