

Time commenced – 6.00pm  
Time finished – 8.42pm

## **Inspiring Young People Board**

29 February 2016

Present        Councillor Whitby (Chair)  
                 Councillors Care, Hezelgrave, Nawaz, Roulstone, Williams and Eleanor Berry

In Attendance: Councillor Bolton – Cabinet Member for Safeguarding and Children and Young People

Andy Smith – Acting Strategic Director of Children and Young People

Maureen Darbon - Acting Director of Early Help and Children's Safeguarding

Suanne Lim – Head of Youth Offending

Frank McGhee – Director of Integrated Commissioning

Steven Mason – Democratic Services Officer

### **16/15 Apologies for Absence**

There were none.

### **17/15 Late items introduced by the Chair**

There were none.

### **18/15 Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Whitby wished it to be noted that he was an employee of the Department for Work and Pensions.

### **19/15 Minutes of the meeting held on 23 November 2015**

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 November 2015 were agreed as a correct record, subject to the following amendment.

That at 09/15 Councillor Roulstone was not a registered foster carer with Derby City Council.

### **20/15 Youth Justice Issues**

The Board received a report of the Acting Strategic Director of Children and Young People on Youth Justice Issues. The report was presented by the Head of Youth Offending.

The Board received a presentation that outlined the current performance of the Youth Offending Service against national outcome measures, initiatives developed to further improve outcomes for this cohort of children and young people and the national review of Youth Justice.

Members noted that Derby had the highest number of young people in the Youth Offending Service in the East Midlands. Members agreed that the Lord Chancellor's Office should be approached to request assurances that Derby's sentencing levels were correct.

**Resolved:**

- 1. to note the presentation; and**
- 2. to agree that the Lord Chancellor's Office be approached to request assurances that Derby's youth offending sentencing levels are correct.**

## **21/15 Update on Integrated Commissioning**

The Board received a report of the Acting Strategic Director of Children and Young People on Update on Integrated Commissioning. The report was presented by the Director of Integrated Commissioning.

Members were provided with an update on progress against the integrated commissioning priorities agreed by the Health and Wellbeing Board and Children, Families and Learners Board. It was reported that these were core to an integrated commissioning approach, and central to the commissioning strategy which was delivered across the local authority and the Southern Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group (SDCCG).

Members noted that there were a number of national and local factors transforming the commissioning of services in Derby City to provide a sustainable, locally determined offer that met the needs of service users. They included:

- Increasing pressure and demand for services,
- Increasing pressures on finances looking ahead,
- The need to change the dialogue with Citizens,
- Changes in welfare benefits,
- Expectations of parents and carers,
- Policy changes e.g. SEND, CSE and Future in Mind,
- Retaining the quality of provision

Members discussed parenting programmes and volunteering and agreed that an update report be brought to a future meeting of the Board.

Members discussed educational health and care plans and agreed that an update report be brought to a future meeting of the Board.

**Resolved:**

- 1. to receive an update from the Director of Integrated Commissioning on the progress made on key commissioning projects;**
- 2. to agree that an update report on parenting programmes and volunteering be brought to a future meeting of the Board; and**
- 3. to agree that an update report on educational health and care plans**

**be brought to a future meeting of the Board.**

## **22/15 Progress of the Multi-agency Safeguarding Hub**

The Board received a report of the Acting Strategic Director of Children and Young People on Progress of the Multi-agency Safeguarding Hub.

It was reported that the mini multi-agency safeguarding hub (MASH) was set up with the aim of enhancing safeguarding arrangements for children in Derby. It was further reported that the agreement was for Derby's Children's Social Care to co-locate a team manager and casework support officer into the Police Central Referral Unit based in Ripley. Members noted that the intention was to strengthen existing multi-agency information sharing and to ensure speedier and shared assessments of risk.

It was reported that in March 2015 agreement was reached at chief officer level that arrangements and a process should be put in place for the city to develop MASH-type-arrangements for children and adults. It was further reported that since then, a project board had been set up to develop and drive forward the MASH in the city and good progress was being made. Members noted that it was currently too early to state when arrangements would go live but it was hoped that the latest date would be September 2016, although it could be as early as June 2016.

Members noted that the intention was to locate the Derby MASH in the Council House. Members discussed the size of the team and how it would work together.

Members agreed that an update report, including a process map, be brought to a future meeting of the Board.

### **Resolved:**

- 1. to receive the report and note the updated position regarding the joint adults and children's multi-agency safeguarding hub (MASH);**
- 2. to note that currently the view is that an adults and children's MASH involving the police, health and children and adults social care staff will be set up in the Council House by September, 2016 at the latest; and**
- 3. to agree that an update report, including a process map, be brought to a future meeting of the Inspiring Young People Board.**

## **23/15 Monitoring Safeguarding Practice**

The Board received a report of the Acting Strategic Director of Children and Young People on Monitoring Safeguarding Practice. The report was presented by the Acting Director of Early Help and Children's Safeguarding.

Members received a presentation on monitoring safeguarding practice. It was

reported that having a stable competent workforce was a prerequisite for safeguarding children and driving forward improvements. Members were updated on recent workforce developments.

Members discussed Derby City Council's use of agency workers and the reasons for it.

The Board agreed that officers should explore a leisure offers to help attract social workers to come and work for the Council.

**Resolved to note the actions being taken to stabilise the work force and bring about improvements.**

## 24/15 Work Programme and Topic Review

The Board received a report of the Chair of the Inspiring Young People Board on Work Programme and Topic Review.

Members discussed the progress of the topic review on the recruitment and retention of foster carers and possible recommendations in relation to advertising and recruitment events.

**Resolved:**

- 1. to receive the update; and**
- 2. to agree to carry the topic review over to the 2016/17 municipal year.**

MINUTES END