

Time commenced – 6.00pm
Time finished – 8.15pm

CORPORATE PARENTING SUB BOARD
15 JULY 2014

Present: Councillor Williams (Chair)
Councillors Care, Eldret, Hezelgrave, Keith, Nawaz and Whitby

01/14 Apologies

No apologies were received

02/14 Late Items to be Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

03/14 Appointment of Vice Chair

Nominations were received and Councillor John Whitby was elected as Vice Chair

04/14 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations.

05/14 Minutes of the meeting held on 29 April 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 April 2014 were agreed as a correct record.

06/14 Forward Plan

The Forward Plan for Children & Young Peoples Department published on 17 June 2014 was discussed. The plan proposed to support the Department for Education Priority Schools Building Programme 2 and to extend the age range and size of St Martin's School from 11-16 to 11-19 from Sept 2014.

No items were requested.

07/14 Health of looked after Children in Derby

The Board received a report from the Strategic Director of Resources. The report was supported by a presentation given by Dr Corina Teh, Consultant Community Paediatrician at the Derbyshire Healthcare Trust, Lesley Smales, the Designated Nurse for Derby City and Shelia McFarlane, Commissioning Manager for Health and Social Care in Derby City.

The Board were given an overview on how children in care have increased mental and physical needs and require more long term health care, which they continue to

need in their adult lives. The Board were asked to consider how dedicated resources may be redressed to combat these problems. The health service were investigating how they may deliver services to children in care, such as dedicated nurses and addressing the new process of screening prospective foster carers along with training and support for foster carers.

Members asked questions about the content of the presentation and discussion was held as to how improved health care and mental support could be delivered to children in care.

Resolved to:

- 1. Send a letter on behalf of the Corporate Parenting Sub Board to lobby the Government Minister to develop and adopt legislation on the responsibility for carrying out healthcare assessments for children placed out of area.**
- 2. Request that the Health & Well Being Board benchmark the current capacity for medical, nursing and post-adoption support for Derby City against the need and make appropriate recommendations to increase this capacity if a gap is identified.**

08/14 Independent Reviewing Officers Annual Report

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Children and Young People asking them to consider the contents of the annual review of the Independent Reviewing Officer Service for Children in Care 2013 to 2014, copies of which were circulated at the meeting.

The Board were informed that, by law every child in care has to have an Independent Reviewing Officer and has to have the initial review within the first month of being placed in care. Staffing and caseloads in Derby were reported to be slightly above the national average.

Resolved to:

- 1. Request that the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People uses his influence to ensure that further support for clinical psychology is prioritised within future contract arrangements.**
- 2. Request that the Head of Service for Quality Assurance is Co-opted on to the Corporate Parenting Sub Board to ensure that a quality assurance perspective is available at future meetings.**

09/14 Children in Care Profile Report

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Children and Young People which was supported by a presentation. The Board were asked to consider the most recent weekly Children in Care profile report which detailed such aspects as ages and ethnic origins of children in care, along with duration of time in care and children placed in care out of the Derby area.

Resolved to note the report.

10/14 Work Programme and Topic Reviews

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Resources and were asked to consider the Board's terms of reference and remit for the forthcoming municipal year. The Board discussed the need to establish what the major priorities and challenges would be in the forthcoming year and agreed to bring any suggestions back to the next meeting.

The Overview and Scrutiny Officer informed the Board Members that a draft work programme was being drawn up and would be available for them to consider in the next few weeks. It was also acknowledged that there would be a Member training day on 7 October 2014.

Resolved to:

- 1. Agree the Terms of Reference**
- 2. Agree the draft work programme as presented by the Chair.**
- 3. Agree that work can commence on a review of CAMHS / Therapeutic Services and provision of clinical psychology services.**

MINUTES END