

Time commenced - 18:00
Time finished - 18:39

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE COMMISSION 20 MARCH 2012

Present: Councillor Bolton (Chair)
Councillors Bailey, Campbell, F Khan, Leeming, Whitby and F Winter

Councillor Campbell was absent for minute numbers 59/11 to 63/11 inclusive.

59/11 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Alison Brown.

60/11 Late Items to be Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

61/11 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Whitby declared a personal interest as he was a foster carer for Derby City Council.

62/11 Minutes of the meeting held on 24 January 2012

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 January 2012 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

63/11 Call-in

There were no items.

64/11 Performance Surgery Children with Safeguarding Plans and Children in Care

The commission received a report from the Director of Early Intervention and Integrated Safeguarding and the Head of Performance and Improvement, on behalf of the Director of Children and Young People. The report presented a summary of the performance surgery, which was held on 24 February 2012 and considered the performance results for the rates of children with safeguarding plans and children in care. The commission noted that the indicator in relation to the number of children with safeguarding plans per 10,000 population represented a deteriorating direction of travel.

It was reported that there were 301 children on safeguarding plans in December 2011, compared to the current figure of 256. The Director of Early Intervention and Integrated Safeguarding explained that the department aimed to meet the national

average of 225 to 230. The Director of Specialist Services advised the commission that there were too many children with safeguarding plans in Derby but that this was due to a number of complex reasons.

The commission considered the merits of safeguarding plans and the effects of their implementation. The commission were keen to support the department's intention to reduce bureaucracy and increase meaningful support and intervention.

The Director of Early Intervention and Integrated Safeguarding confirmed that data was being collected to examine the foundation stage results and compare them to previous results, which were achieved prior to qualified teachers being removed from children centres. The Director explained that the department would focus on evidence-based programmes, which were proven to have worked effectively.

Resolved to note the background information and action plans which were considered at the Children and Young People Performance Surgery on 24 February 2012.

65/11 Retrospective Scrutiny

There were no items.

66/11 Forward Plan

Resolved to note the Forward Plan.

67/11 Responses to any reports and enquiries of the commission

There were no items.

68/11 Matters referred by the Council Cabinet

There were no items.

MINUTES END