

Time finished – 7.41pm

14 November 2016

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

Philip Hutchinson – Youth Mayor

Andrew Kaiser –Head of Service – Locality 1 and 5

Steven Mason – Democratic Services Officer

Andy Smith –Strategic Director of People Services

Apologies were received from Councillors Williams and Nawaz and Eleanor Berry.

There were none.

Councillor Hezelgrave wished it to be noted that he was on the Board of Governors at Derby Moor School. Councillor Smale wished it to be noted that he was on the Board of Governors at Cherry Tree Hill Primary School.

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 September 2016 were agreed as a correct record.

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of People Services on Early Help Annual Report 2015/16. The report was presented by the Head of Service – Locality 1 and 5.

It was reported that the People Services Directorate was committed to ensuring Early Help was available to vulnerable young people and their families to prevent escalation to (more costly and socially damaging) higher tariff services in the future. It was also reported that Derby had a range of Early Help services available, including Multi-Agency Teams (MAT's), who were co-located with Social Work teams in an integrated locality based model. Members noted that the

MAT's were complemented by Children's Centre's as part of a broader Early Help offer. It was also noted that Children's Centre's provided universal and targeted services in clusters of locality based centres across the city to families with children under the age of five and that the focus of the work was increasingly with more vulnerable families.

It was reported that a further key element of the Early Help offer, was the Space@Connexions, a city centre based youth 'one stop shop', which delivered careers and health advice, including sexual health services, drug and alcohol services and housed the Leaving Care Team.

Members were provided with an overview of the impact Early Help services in Derby had had over the past 12 months.

Members discussed the Liquidlogic system, progress on Genogram training for Early Help employees and the use of the Domestic Violence Risk Identification Matrix.

Members wished to express their thanks to the teams.

Resolved:

- 1. to note the Early Help Annual Report 2015/16; and**
- 2. to express thanks to the teams.**

20/16 Progress of the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of People Services on Progress of the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub.

It was reported that the new MASH arrangement became operational for children in mid-June 2016, three months ahead of schedule. It was also reported that it was based on the ground floor of the Council House.

It was noted that there were a number of anticipated outcomes from the arrangement which fundamentally was to strengthen the quality of front line practice in social care and the police when undertaking child protection investigations and to improve information sharing and communication channels between the police, health and children's social care.

It was also noted that Health joined the MASH on a part time basis shortly after June and the adults safeguarding team joined the MASH in September 2016.

It was reported that a multi-agency quality assurance check of the arrangements for children was carried out in October, 2016 and the findings were very positive.

Members recommended that a mental health nurse should be included in the MASH

Resolved:

- 1. to note the updated position regarding the joint adults and children's multi-agency safeguarding hub (MASH);**
- 2. to note the headline findings from the multi-agency quality assurance session in the MASH; and**
- 3. to support the inclusion of a mental health nurse in the MASH.**

21/16 Leaving Care Topic Review

The Board received a report of the Chair of the Inspiring Young People Board on Leaving Care Topic Review.

Members had agreed, at the meeting on 12 September 2016, to carry out a topic review into leaving care.

Consideration was given to the scope of a topic review and the following possible lines of enquiry were identified:

- Suicide rates amongst care leavers
- Review of the leaving care process
- Gaining the perspective from young people who had gone through the process – is there a feedback process?
- Review of the leaving care plan – can it be started earlier?
- Review of leaving care guidance – is it too complex?
- Consideration of best practice and comparative data

It was agreed that recent statistics be circulated before the next meeting and that a presentation on the leaving care service be given at the next meeting.

Resolved:

- 1. to agree that recent statistics be circulated to Members of the Inspiring Young People Board; and**
- 2. to request that a presentation on the leaving care service be given at the next meeting.**

MINUTES END