

Time commenced – 6.08pm
Time finished – 7.35pm

**Children and Young People Board
26 August 2014**

Present Councillor Whitby (Chair)
 Councillors Care, Hezelgrave, Keith and Williams and Eleanor Berry and
 Steve Grundy

In Attendance: Councillor Hussain

08/14 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Eldret and Nawaz and Bev Stewart.

09/14 Late items introduced by the Chair

There were none.

10/14 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

11/14 Call-in

There were no items.

12/14 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 July 2014 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

13/14 Forward Plan

The Board considered the Forward Plan published on 5 August 2014.

Resolved to note the Forward Plan.

14/14 Update on Recommissioning of Children's Health Services

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Children and Young People on Update on Recommissioning of Children's Health Services. The report and a presentation were presented by the Director of Commissioning. The Director attended at the request of the Children and Young People Board to further update Members on progress made relating specifically to the recommissioning of children's health services.

It was reported that strategic commissioning intentions were developed in discussions with key commissioners across the health economy in Derby which resulted in considerable support for an integrated commissioning approach to develop better health outcomes.

It was further reported that the Health and Well-being Board had received a report in May 2014 outlining a proposal to recommission children's health services across the city and Southern Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). Members noted that this proposal to improve the current delivery model and to closer align children's health services to early help provision was supported by the Health and Well-being Board.

Members noted that a report had also gone to Southern Derbyshire CCG outlining and seeking support for this proposal and that the CCG had also supported this recommissioning programme.

Members asked whether reducing the demand for services was being looked at. It was reported that the whole approach was about early intervention and therefore reducing future demand.

Members asked whether diet was included as part of the approach. It was confirmed that it was and that Public Health were also involved.

Members asked whether mental health services would be integrated. It was confirmed that they would be integrated in terms of clinical psychology and Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS).

Resolved:

- 1. to receive the presentation from the Director of Commissioning;**
- 2. to note the progress made on the recommissioning of children's health services through the integrated commissioning approach; and**
- 3. to note the report.**

15/14 Update on Special Educational Needs (SEN) Reforms

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Children and Young People on Update on Special Educational Needs (SEN) Reforms. The report and a presentation were presented by the Head of Inclusion, the Additional Educational Needs Consultant and the Senior SEN Development Manager.

It was reported that the Children and Families Bill received Royal Assent and therefore became law on 13 March 2014. It was further reported that Part 3 of the Bill reforms legislation on children and young people with special educational needs or disabilities.

It was further reported that the new system brings in the biggest reform of the legal system for SEN for 30 years. Members noted that it introduced integrated education, health and care (EHC) plans for children and young people with the

most complex special educational needs, extended rights and protections to 16 to 25-year-olds in further education and training, and introduced a new local offer to ensure that parents, children, young people and those who work with them could see the support that should be available to them.

It was reported that the city of Derby was undertaking a range of reforms to respond to these changes and that it had received a one-off grant to recognise the programmes of change underway in the city.

Members asked how many people had been consulted on the reforms. It was reported that all the special schools in Derby had been involved and every effort had been made to involve parents.

Members asked what strategy was in place to support the transition from statements of SEN to EHC plans. It was reported that a conversion plan was in place with a time frame that sets out the order in which schools would be moved over to EHC plans.

In relation to EHC plans and personal budget, Members asked about the provider directory and how it would be monitored to ensure that providers met the required standards. It was reported that before any providers were uploaded to the directory, they would be quality assured.

Members were keen that any positive feedback on EHC plans was not lost and would be highlighted in some way. It was reported that work was being carried out on this.

Members asked how conflicts were resolved between parents and the local authority, where the parents didn't agree with the child's EHC assessment and plan. It was reported that mediation was the first stage, followed by tribunal.

Members asked about training for schools. It was reported that training sessions were being planned, there would be a new code of practice, a Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) handbook was being developed and all schools would be issued with a spiral bound document that could be updated.

Resolved:

- 1. to receive the presentation;**
- 2. to note the progress made on reforms to deliver services to and support children with special educational needs (SEN) and disabilities; and**
- 3. to note the report.**

16/14 Work Programme and Topic Reviews

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of resources on Work Programme and Topic Reviews. The report was presented by the Overview and Scrutiny Officer.

Members wanted to look at the relationship between legal school admissions arrangements and the school admissions appeals process, specifically in relation to infant class size prejudice. It was agreed to add this to the work programme for the forthcoming year.

Members agreed to carry out a topic review into how Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS), including clinical psychology, delivered services for looked after children.

Resolved:

- 1. to agree the current work programme for the forthcoming year;**
- 2. to agree to look at the relationship between legal school admissions arrangements and the school admissions appeals process, specifically in relation to infant class size prejudice, as part of the work programme for the forthcoming year; and**
- 3. to agree to carry out a topic review into how Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS), including clinical psychology, deliver services for looked after children.**

MINUTES END