

Time commenced – 6.02pm
Time finished – 9.05pm

Inspiring Young People Board

12 December 2016

Present Councillor Whitby (Chair)
Councillors Care, Hezelgrave, Nawaz, Roulstone, Smale and Steve Grundy

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

Steven Mason – Democratic Services Officer

Paula Nightingale – Head of Inclusion Services

Gurmail Nizzer – Director – Integrated Commissioning

Iain Peel – Director – Learning and Skills

Andy Smith – Strategic Director of People Services

Sarah Walker – Policy and Improvement Manager

22/16 Apologies for Absence

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

23/16 Late items introduced by the Chair

There were none.

24/16 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Whitby wished it to be noted that he was a Derby City Council Foster Carer.

25/16 Minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2016

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2016 were agreed as a correct record.

26/16 Update on Integrated Commissioning

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of People Services on Update on Integrated Commissioning. The report was presented by the Director – 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 noted that these were core to an integrated commissioning approach, and central to the commissioning strategy which was delivered across the Council and Southern Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning

Group (SDCCG).

It was reported that Integrated Commissioning was now embedded across Children's Services within the Council and SDCCG, with priorities, commissioning intentions, commissioning strategy and staffing embracing both organisations.

Members discussed the Safer Families for Children (SFFC) project, the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and the various work-strands within the Children in Care Commissioning Group.

Resolved:

- 1. To note the update from the Director – Integrated Commissioning on the progress made on key commissioning projects;and**
- 2. to approve the Integrated Children and Young People's Commissioning Strategy for 2016-2019.**

27/16 Children and Young People's Plan 2016-17 Refresh

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of People Services on Children and Young People's Plan 2016-17 Refresh. The report was presented by the Director – Integrated Commissioning and the Policy and Improvement Manager.

It was reported that the Council produced an annual refresh of the Children and Young People's Plan each year, updating key areas of focus and collaborative priorities for the Children, Families and Learners Board.

It was also reported that the plan identified what organisations were going to do to deliver services to improve outcomes for the most vulnerable, and how they were going to do it.

Members noted that the 2016-17 Children & Young People's Plan (CYPP) refresh, as with the previous plans had been agreed in consultation with the members of the Children, Families and Learners Board. It was also noted that this was a partnership of key organisations providing services for, and which had an impact on, children and young people and families in Derby.

It was reported that the Children, Families and Learners Board produced a refresh of Children and Young People's Plan each year to monitor and review performance, achievements and report progress against key priority areas. It was also reported that the key shared priority areas for 2016/17 were:

- Children, young people and their families are safe;
- Children and young people are supported to achieve and become work ready;
- Improved health, emotional well-being and mental health for children and young people; and
- Improve delivery for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

Members received an update on changes from the previous plan.

Members agreed that future plans should cover a period of three years.

Resolved:

- 1. to note the Children and Young People's Plan 2016-17 Refresh; and**
- 2. to agree that future plans should cover a period of three years.**

28/16 Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Inspection Framework – Update December 2016

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of People Services on Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Inspection Framework – Update December 2016. The report was presented by the Director – Learning and Skills and the Policy and Improvement Manager.

It was reported that Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) commenced joint-inspections of services for children and young people from 0-25 years with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in May 2016. It was also reported that a key feature of the SEND inspection was that it assessed the local area rather than a single agency.

It was also reported that service leads across the City had been working to review local arrangements for 'inspection readiness' alongside priorities for improvement linked to the judgement criteria of the inspection framework.

The Board noted that the inspection framework for SEND was broken down into three key parts:

1. The effectiveness of the local area in identifying children and young people who have special educational needs and/or disabilities.
2. The effectiveness of the local area in assessing and meeting the needs of children and young people who have special educational needs and/or disabilities.
3. The effectiveness of the local area in improving outcomes for children and young people who have special educational needs and/or disabilities.

Members received a presentation outlining Derby's current strengths and areas for improvement in line with the inspection framework.

Resolved:

- 1. to note the key elements of the SEND inspection presented in paragraphs 4.4 and 4.5 of the report; and**
- 2. to note the presentation on Derby's current self assessment.**

29/16 Single Inspection Framework 'Readiness' – Update December 2016

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of People Services on Single Inspection Framework 'Readiness' – Update December 2016. The report was presented by the Strategic Director for People Services and the Policy and Improvement Manager.

It was reported that in November 2013 Ofsted commenced inspections against a new inspection framework on services for children in need of help and protection; children looked after and care leavers (the 'SIF' inspection). Members noted that as of 12 December 2016, Derby had not been inspected.

The Board noted that service leads within People Services continued to review local arrangements for 'inspection readiness' alongside priorities for improvement, linked to the judgement criteria of the inspection framework. It was also noted that Derby City's self-assessment was updated on an on-going basis with key activities such as 'mocksted', an unannounced local inspection in April 2016, informing a robust view of where strengths and priorities for improvement were.

Members received a presentation outlining Derby's current strengths and areas for improvement, in line with the inspection framework.

Resolved:

- 1. to note the current national position with regards to the SIF inspection programme, as set out in paragraph 1.2 of the report; and**
- 2. to note the presentation on Derby's current self-assessment.**

30/16 2016 Annual Education Performance Outcomes

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of People Services on 2016 Annual Education Performance Outcomes. The report was presented by the Director – Learning and Skills.

It was reported that education improvement continued to be measured in terms of pupil outcomes, (progress and attainment), and in terms of Ofsted judgements and that, in addition, the termly categorization of schools provided a clear overview of the performance of all Derby schools and academies and enabled early challenge and support where schools were at risk of failure. It was also reported that this was adapted on a regular basis to take into account any changes in the Ofsted framework.

The Board noted that there were improving trends in many areas of educational outcomes but comparisons with previous years were not possible in some key stages because of major changes to the national curriculum and to the national assessment system.

It was reported that there had been a steady improvement in the percentage of schools judged good or better since 2010 but also a recent increase in schools placed in Ofsted categories of concern.

It was also reported that outcomes remained below national in Derby and in order to address this, the local authority continued to work on a partnership led model to school improvement since April 2015. The Board noted that the secondary and primary strategic groups which included representatives from local authority teams, the Roman Catholic and Church of England Dioceses, Teaching Schools and head teachers from all phases were now in their second year.

The Board received a presentation detailing outcomes and strategies put in place in 2016 to address local authority priorities.

Resolved:

- 1. to note 2016 results and Ofsted inspection outcome;**
- 2. to note the strategies in place for 2016-7 based on the partnership approaches followed in the previous year; and**
- 3. to note the presentation detailing 2016 outcomes and strategies put in place to address LA priorities.**

31/16 Leaving Care Service

The Board Received a report of the Strategic Director of People Services on Leaving Care Service.

It was reported that, overall, the progress and development of the service had been good over the past twelve months. It was also reported that the introduction of a new system (LCS) had presented many challenges from a technical perspective but these had now been overcome and the Council was on target to have 100% of all plans for Care Leavers on the system and in date by the end of 2016.

The Board noted that the quality of Pathway Plans was also improving as evidenced by the recent QA in October 16. It was also noted that the Council had helped to develop a wider, improved offer for Care leavers with regards to education, training and employment and was capturing the voice of care leavers and improving the service as a result and promoting the Corporate parenting agenda.

It was reported that performance management meetings had now started to take place on a monthly basis where issues such as numbers in unsuitable accommodation, NEET, those with whom the Council had lost touch, number of home visits and number of Pathway Plans in date were addressed.

Members discussed the challenges created by care leavers not being in suitable accommodation and funding for 'stay put'.

Members wished to express their thanks to the team for the progress that had been made.

Resolved:

1. to note the content of this report and the progress of the service over the last 18 months;
2. to thank the team for the progress that has been made.

32/16 Leaving Care Topic Review

The Board received a report of the Chief Executive on Leaving Care Topic Review.

It was reported that Members of the Inspiring Young People Board agreed, at its meeting on 12 September 2016, to carry out a topic review into leaving care.

It was also reported that at the meeting of the Board on 14 November, consideration was given to the scope of a topic review and the following possible lines of enquiry were identified:

- What are the 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.

Members agreed the above scope of the Topic Review.

It was noted that Councillors Whitby, Hezelgrave and Roulstone met with Antony Mains, Leaving Care Team Manager, on 8 December to discuss the Leaving Care Service and help them to further define the scope of the topic review.

Members agreed to add the following lines of enquiry to the scope of the topic review:

- What numbers of care leavers are not in suitable accommodation?
- Review of the funding for 'stay put'.
- Speak to the Leaving Care Forum.
- What numbers of care leavers are in custody and are the numbers in Derby higher than elsewhere?
- What numbers of care leavers have mental health issues, such as self-harming?
- Review of any links between the Department of Work and Pensions and TheSpace@Connexions.
- What are the pregnancy rates amongst care leavers and how many of their children go into care? What mentoring can Ripplez provide?

Resolved to agree the scope of the topic review into leaving care.

MINUTES END