

# ITEM 04

Time commenced – 18.00pm

Time finished – 19:14pm

## **Children and Young People Scrutiny Review Board 28 March 2022**

**Present:** Councillor Lind (Chair) Councillor Kus (Vice Chair)  
Councillors Bonser, Roulstone, Hezelgrave, T Pearce and Pandey  
Co-optees – Nicky Fenton and Tracey Churchill

**In Attendance:** Pauline Anderson - Director of Learning, Inclusion and Skills  
Suanne Lim - Director of Early Help and Children's Social Care  
Siobhan Horsley - Consultant in Public Health  
Nicky Smith – Assistant Director for Childrens Commissioning – NHS

### **47/21 Apologies for Absence**

There were none.

### **48/21 Late items introduced by the Chair**

There were none.

### **49/21 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Lind and Cllr Roulstone informed the Board that, as parents of SEND children, they had spoken with the Monitoring Officer and did not have any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests to declare.

### **50/21 Minutes of the meeting held on 14 February 2022**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 February 2022 were agreed as a correct record.

### **51/21 Children's and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) and Mental Health for Young People Update**

The Board received a presentation on Children's and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) and Mental Health for Young People Update. This was presented by the Assistant Director for Childrens Commissioning – NHS.

It was noted that in the last 6 months, progress had been made on Long Term Plan commitments 2021-2024, including:

- expansion of Crisis, Liaison and Intensive Home Treatment Teams
- working together across agencies and with CYP and parents, we will ensure we continue to meet the needs of all CYP, particularly those at higher risk
- We are mindful that our biggest risk to delivery is availability of skilled workforce and we are looking at creative ways to train and develop our

own workforce particularly utilising the knowledge and skills of those with lived experience, youth workers, recruit to train opportunities.

It was reported that the following NHSE priorities for 2022/23 would further enhance the 2021 CYPMH Transformation Plan:

- Eating Difficulties / ARFID – develop a robust pathway with a focus on Avoidant Restrictive Food Intake Disorder
- Improve data quality in relation to CYP mental health services
- Expand digitally enabled pathways building on work to date
- Improving crisis pathways – continue delivery of plans, new initiative - T4DD
- Improve services for children in care across the graduated pathway including crisis and targeted early intervention, looking at commissioned services for looked after children and other vulnerable groups i.e. YOS identifying points of connection and integration
- Young Adults Continue to develop and improve care for young adults aged 18 to 25 as part of a comprehensive offer to 0 to 25 year olds
- Addressing inequalities – Seek a better understand the key characteristics that may be driving a). inequalities b). ability to access services and/or c). ability to get the most benefit from the services.

It was noted that forecasts showed that the Neuro development waiting list would be under 18 weeks by 2024/25. It was noted that the NHS continued to review impact every quarter against this model.

It was noted that the surge in demand for eating disorder support and treatment had been nationally well documented, and that local services had also been experiencing that surge.

It was reported that Mental Health Support teams in schools had seen a 74% increase in referrals between Q2 and in Q3. It was noted that this correlated with the new wave 4 teams starting to take referrals and with an engagement and promotion campaign when the schools returned in September 2021. It had however resulted in a waiting list of 40 CYP.

It was noted that Build Sounds Minds were delivering more group interventions via their Blues and Bouncing back programmes. They were seeing more CYP, however they were also seeing increases in waiting times.

The Chair asked what preventative support was available for young people. It was noted that majority of preventative support was provided to children and young people in school settings. The Chair asked how much money had been invested in the local area in preventative support for people aged 0-25. The Assistant Director for Childrens Commissioning - NHS agreed to provide this figure after the meeting. The Assistant Director for Childrens Commissioning - NHS also agreed to provide figures on how much of this funding went towards preventative support and how much went on Parks, Leisure, Youth Services and Cultural Facilities.

A councillor asked whether the 64 new posts were all front-line posts and the Assistant Director for Childrens Commissioning – NHS confirmed that they

were. It was noted that as part of workforce planning there were plans to upskill the current workforce.

A councillor asked whether there had been an increase in the number of online counselling sessions. The Assistant Director for Childrens Commissioning - NHS agreed to provide the Board with data on how many sessions took place online. The Assistant Director for Childrens Commissioning – NHS also agreed to provide the average waiting times to diagnosis.

**The Board resolved:**

- 1. to note the report and presentation.**
- 2. to bring an update in three months' time on: LTP progress, recruitment, funding, diagnosis waiting times and historical perspective.**
- 3. to work with the Adult Learning Service to improve recruitment.**

## **52/21 Childhood Obesity**

The Board considered a presentation from the Consultant in Public Health. This presentation provided an update on Childhood Obesity.

It was reported that for Reception Year, prevalence of overweight including obesity was 21.5% . In a class of 30, 3 would be overweight and 3 would be obese. It was reported that for Year 6, prevalence of overweight including obesity was 38.9% . In a class of 30, 4 would be overweight and 7 would be obese.

It was reported that in 19/20 approximately 70% of Year Reception and 95% Year 6 pupils were measured. It was noted that guidance for 20/21 stated that the Council must measure approx. 20% of eligible children and that this was not a representative sample and officers could not draw conclusions on the city position. It was noted that officers assumed that the level of obesity was the same or more than the previous year, given anecdotal feedback from children, families and services. It was reported that the Council were weighing and measuring the full cohort of children in 2021/22, and that this was underway.

It was reported that the Childhood Obesity Strategy 2020-2030 had received final approval at Joined UP Care Derbyshire Board in January 2021. It was noted that as part of the Action plan 2021-2023 a multi-agency partnership group had been re-established and now met at least quarterly.

A councillor asked whether the Mackworth pilot scheme would be re-launched. The Board noted that this scheme had been paused due to the pandemic but would now continue. A councillor asked whether the increase in food bills was expected to lead to an increase in childhood obesity. It was noted that this was considered to be an additional risk.

**The Board resolved:**

- 1. to note the report and presentation.**

- 2. to bring an update to the Board as soon as additional data was available.**

## **53/21 COVID Remote Learning Update**

The Board considered a report from the Strategic Director People Services on COVID Remote Learning. This report was presented by the Director of Learning, Inclusion and Skills.

It was noted that the DfE Laptops for schools scheme did not include Key Stage 1 children. It was noted that the Council had identified £150,000 of funding for KS1 pupils. It was reported that for Years 1 and 2, 2052 pupils were eligible which equated to £73.10 per pupil. The Council had therefore asked schools to make informed decisions on which pupils required laptops/tablets. The Board noted that the Council had received positive feedback from schools.

It was reported that the Council had an initial plan to commission PCT to deliver 50k of equipment and associated software and accessories, but lack of capacity had changed this. The council was now directing the funding to pupils in NC years 3-6 for KS2. It was noted that this would target 631 CYP with plans funded by Derby City Council.

The Board noted that based on the last school census, 42.8% of pupils with EHCPs were eligible for FSM and that 270 pupils were eligible for the SEND disadvantaged funding. It was reported that schools would confirm these numbers and that the Council would issue this funding. Schools would then report back on how the funds had been spent.

A councillor asked how the Council was supporting children who weren't educated at school. It was noted that digital learning was included in the EOTAS package. It was noted that for the 414 home schooled children in Derby, a resource wasn't attached at the moment, but the Council were looking into this.

A councillor asked whether disadvantaged children who lived in Derby but went to schools in other local authorities benefited from the Council's KS1 digital support funding. The Director of Learning, Inclusion and Skills agreed to look into this.

A councillor suggested that it would be useful to get information on how successful this funding has been and how effectively it has been used. This would allow the Council to provide schools with advice on how to use this funding, if it was provided again in the future.

### **The Board resolved:**

- 1. to note the report and presentation.**

- 2. To recommend that Cabinet ensures that they are reaching and closing the digital divide for disadvantaged children and young people from low-income families who receive education other than at school, are home educated or go to school out of area.**

## 54/21 SEND funding Capital Consultation Update

The Board considered a presentation from the Director of Learning, Inclusion and Skills on SEND funding Capital Consultation Update.

It was reported that the Council were consulting on £8.82 million for specialist provision and that this was a capital grant and was not revenue. It was noted that the consultation had closed in February 2022 and that a report on the consultation summary had now been finalised. It was reported that new and additional suggestions had been brought into the consultation.

It was noted that there had been 221 responses. It was reported that 43% were parents, 3% young people, 36% professionals, 11% school or provider and 6% other.

It was noted that in relation to the improvement and expansion of places at St. Clare's school, 73% of respondents agreed that this work needed to be done. It was noted that a feasibility assessment had provided a figure of 11m as the cost of rebuilding the school. It was noted that the council were looking at an expansion and refurbishment option which would cost £4-5m.

It was reported that on the Cotton's Farm hub, 67% of responses were positive with 23% neither agreeing nor disagreeing. It was noted that the responses for having enhanced resource units at the following schools were:

- Murray Park 73% positive 15% neither
- Landau Forte 71% positive 16% neither
- CODA 72% positive 16% neither
- Chellaston 73% positive 15% neither

The Board noted that additional responses to the consultation included:

- Expansion of Ivy House
- Review SEMH/PRU and specialist provision
- Expansion of St Andrew's
- Expansion of St Martin's
- Additional primary inclusion hub

A councillor asked what the primary need of young people and children seeking out of area placements was. It was noted that autism was the highest-level need and that all of the enhanced resource units were for autism. A councillor commended that they felt that there was a need for a specialist school in Derby for children with autism. It was noted that the Council were working with local schools to ensure that they were inclusive. It was also noted that the Council

were working with specialist schools to redefine their needs. It was reported that funding was not available for an additional school. A councillor asked whether the Council expected to see a reduction in the number of out of area placements. It was noted that the Council were working to prevent further out of area placements and to convince parents that Derby could provide the right education for SEND children.

It was reported that the consultation received 221 respondents and that the Council had worked with the Parent Carer Forum on the consultation. It was noted that the Council had also liaised with special school headteachers. A councillor commented that many parents of SEND children did not have time to complete consultations and that it was important for the Council to keep communicating with parent groups.

A councillor asked whether dyslexia was being screened for in schools in Derby. It was noted that the Council were actively promoting the training of staff for dyslexia screening.

**The Board resolved:**

- 1. to note the report and presentation.**
- 2. to recommend to Cabinet that they extend the consultation period for a further six weeks.**

**55/21 Self-Assessment Evaluation of Local Authority Children's Services (ILACS)**

It was noted that officers were unable to provide an update at this time.

**The Board resolved that this item would be deferred until the first meeting of the 2022/23 municipal year.**

**56/21 Work Programme and Topic Review 2020/21**

The Board considered a report which allowed the Board to study its Terms of Reference and Remit for the forthcoming Municipal Year. The report set out key work areas, issues, and potential topic review subjects within the service areas, for discussion or inclusion in the work programme.

The Board agreed the work programme set out in appendix 1 to the report. It was noted that Board members would be invited to attend a meeting of the Adults and Health Scrutiny Review Board on 19 April 2022 to receive an item on Early Years Dental Care.

**The Board resolved to note the information provided within the report.**

MINUTES END.