

# CHILDREN'S STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AGENDA



**Tuesday 28 June 2016**

**at 4.00 pm**

**in the Council Chamber,  
Civic Centre, Hartlepool**

**MEMBERS: CHILDREN'S STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP**

Councillor Alan Clark, Chair of Children's Services Committee and Lead Member for Children's Services (Chair);  
Councillor Carl Richardson, Chair of South and Central Neighbourhood Forum;  
Councillor Sylvia Tempest, Chair of North and Coastal Neighbourhood Forum;  
Sally Robinson, Director of Child and Adult Services, Hartlepool Borough Council;  
Danielle Swainston, Assistant Director, Children's Services, Hartlepool Borough Council;  
Mark Patton, Assistant Director, Education, Hartlepool Borough Council;  
Louise Wallace, Director of Public Health, Hartlepool Borough Council;  
Chief Superintendent Gordon Lang, Cleveland Police;  
Barbara Gill, Head of Offender Management, Durham Tees Valley Probation Trust;  
Ali Wilson, Chief Officer, NHS Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees Clinical Commissioning Group;  
Representative, NHS Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees Clinical Commissioning Group;  
Lindsey Robertson, Professional Lead Nurse, Out of Hospital Care, Hartlepool and North Tees NHS Foundation Trust;  
Chris Davies, Head of Service, CAMHS, Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Trust;  
Chris Rooney, Head of Service, North Locality, Hartlepool Borough Council;  
Jane Young, Head of Service, South Locality, Hartlepool Borough Council;  
Helen White, Participation Manager, Hartlepool Borough Council;  
Dave Wise, West View Project, Voluntary and Community Sector;  
Kay Glew, Housing Hartlepool, Thirteen Group;  
John Hardy, Head Teacher St John Vianney Primary School, Hartlepool Primary Schools;  
Head Teacher, Hartlepool Secondary Schools;  
Head Teacher, Hartlepool Special Schools;  
Darren Hankey, Principal Hartlepool College of Further Education, Hartlepool Post 16 Colleges;  
Claire Naylor, Hartlepool Partnership and Social Justice Manager, Job Centre Plus;  
Karen Gibson, Hartlepool Carers, HealthWatch  
Children and Young People Representatives  
Adoptive / Foster Parent Representatives

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**
- 3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR FOR 2016/17**



4. **MINUTES**

4.1 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 23 February 2016.

5. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

5.1 Delivering Differently – Presentation – *Assistant Director, Children's Services*

5.2 Better Childhood Programme – Presentation – *Assistant Director, Children's Services*

**Dates of future meetings: -**

Tuesday 27 September, 2016 at 4.00 pm

Tuesday 13 December, 2016 at 4.00 pm

Tuesday 14 March, 2017 at 4.00 pm



# **CHILDREN'S STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP**

## **MINUTES AND DECISION RECORD**

23 FEBRUARY 2016

The meeting commenced at 4.15 pm in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

**Present:**

Councillor Chris Simmons (In the Chair)

Sally Robinson, Director of Child and Adult Services  
Danielle Swainston, Assistant Director, Children's Services  
Louise Wallace, Director of Public Health  
Chief Superintendent Gordon Lang, Cleveland Police  
Jo Heaney, Commissioning and Delivery Manager, NHS Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees Clinical Commissioning Group  
Dave Wise, WVARC, (Voluntary and Community Sector Representative)  
John Hardy, Head Teacher Representative, Primary Schools  
Alan Chapman, Head Teacher Representative, Special Schools  
Claire Naylor, Hartlepool Partnership and Social Justice Manager, Job Centre Plus  
Helen White, Participation Manager

Young People's Representatives: Lauren Howells, Daniel Measer, Jack Palmer, Callum Reed and Abbey Wallace.

Also Present: Martin Todd, Changing Futures North East

Officers: Jacqui Braithwaite, Principal Educational Psychologist  
Louise Allen, Head of Service (SEND)  
David Cosgrove, Democratic Services Team

## **20. Apologies for Absence**

Ali Wilson, Chief Officer, NHS Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees Clinical Commissioning Group  
Lindsey Robertson, Professional Lead Nurse, Out of Hospital Care, Hartlepool and North Tees NHS Foundation Trust

## **21. Declarations of Interest**

None.

**22. Minutes of the meeting held on 25 January, 2016**

Confirmed.

**23. SEND (Children with Special Education needs and Disabilities) Strategy** *(Director of Child and Adult Services)*

The Assistant Director, Children's Services reported that over the last few years there had been significant reforms to legislation and policy in relation to children with special educational needs and disabilities. In September 2011 Hartlepool was asked to be a pathfinder to trial and pilot the reforms before the changes became legislation for the reforms. Hartlepool initially worked with Darlington to pilot new ways of working and more recently have rolled out the changes as required by Children and families Act 2014 and subsequently the New Special Education Needs and Disability Code of Practice: 0-25 years.

The Assistant Director indicated that the LDD/SEN group was previously a multi agency group set up to oversee the development of an action plan which was a multi agency group. However the group did not report to any governance structures and it was proposed, therefore, that in order to ensure that all partners have oversight of the progress of this strategy and plan that the group reports to the Children's Strategic Partnership bi-annually. It is also proposed for the group to be renamed SEND group to ensure that all partners understand the role and aim of the group. Terms of reference had been drafted for the SEND group and were submitted as an appendix to the report. The terms of reference had been compiled by all the partners attending the meeting.

The Assistant Director indicated that the SEND group had recently developed a strategy to ensure that all partners were meeting the requirements of the new reforms. The draft strategy together with a one year action plan was also submitted with the report. The Assistant Director also informed the Partnership

The Assistant Director also reported that Ofsted and CQC would undertake joint inspections of local areas assessing their ability to implement the reforms. The inspection would be area based and cover the local authority, health commissioners and providers, together with all of the area's early year's settings, schools and post 16 further education sector. These inspections were expected to begin in May 2016. Local areas would be expected to provide a self evaluation on how effectively it meets its responsibilities for SEND.

The Chair sought the Partnership's approval to the re-constituted SEND Group and particularly its membership. This was approved by the group. In relation to the operation of the new SEND the Chair commented that the governance arrangements through this Partnership were an improvement that gave the SEND group a formal footing. The Chair welcomed the

strategy document and action plan and congratulated the officers involved in its development. The Director of Child and Adult Services stated that this was a challenging agenda and as part of the drive towards integrating services with partners the Director recommended referral of the Strategy and Action Plan to the Health and Wellbeing Board. The Chair supported the proposal and commented that as the Partnership was a 'sub-group' of Health and Wellbeing Board it was essential it was aware of the work being undertaken in this area.

### **Decision**

1. That the terms of reference for the SEND Group and the revised governance processes be approved.
2. That the SEND Strategy and Action Plan be approved and referred to the Health and Wellbeing Board.
3. That the information on the forthcoming SEND Inspections be noted.

## **24. Delivering Differently** (*Director of Child and Adult Services*)

The Assistant Director, Children's Services reported that in September 2015 there had been an opportunity to bid for some funding within the government's Delivering Differently programme. This programme is available to local authorities and partners to rethink the way they provide services for young people and to support their positive outcomes. In discussions with the chair of the Children's Strategic Partnership and the children and young people's entitlement group it was agreed to submit a bid to the programme.

Hartlepool were successful in gaining this funding and the children and young people's entitlement group have been developing a service specification over the last month to set out the requirements of the programme. This service specification will be advertised this month with the expectation that an organisation is appointed by the end of March to undertake a full options appraisal. It is expected that this piece of work would be completed by June 2016 to inform future service planning.

In addition to the funding available through the programme the Cabinet Office has recently delivered a "Theory of Change" workshop for the children and young people's entitlement group. The purpose of the workshop was to help local partners understand the process of developing a Theory of Change model and know how it can support service re-design and to then be able to apply this to our local context. The information collated within this workshop has been used to inform the service specification.

**Decision**

That the work being undertaken by the Children and Young People's entitlement group through Delivering Differently be noted.

**25. Hartlepool Transformation Plan 2015-2020 For Children and Young People's Mental Health and Wellbeing** *(Director of Child and Adult Services)*

The Principal Educational Psychologist and the Commissioning and Delivery Manager, NHS Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees Clinical Commissioning Group, jointly presented to the Partnership the Tees CAMHS Transformation Strategy.

The Tees CAMHS Transformation Group had been established in 2012/13, and involved representatives from each local authority area, the Clinical Commissioning Group, TEWV and the voluntary and community sector.

The key focus of the group was to develop a Tees CAMHS Transformation Strategy in response to the national 'No Health Without Mental Health' strategy. Over the last 12 months, each area in the Tees Valley has been working on the joint strategy and local plans to develop provision and support to improve the emotional wellbeing and mental health for children and young people in the area.

Last year, a report was published by the Children and Young People's Mental Health Taskforce entitled 'Future in Mind', a copy of which was submitted as an appendix to the report. The report identified a number of proposals the government wishes to see in place by 2020 and established a clear direction with key principles about how to make it easier for children and young people to access high quality mental health care when they need it. The key drive was to establish a whole system approach focusing on prevention of mental ill health, early intervention and recovery.

At Children's Services Committee on 6 October 2015 the plan was approved and it was agreed that the strategic governance for the implementation of the plan would sit with the Children's Strategic Partnership and the Joint Commissioning Executive reporting to the Health and Wellbeing Board. Periodic updates would also be brought to the Health and Wellbeing Board in line with the Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The plan was also subsequently approved by NHS England in December 2015.

The plan has been developed to ensure full co-ordination with the Better Childhood Programme, Healthy Relationships Project and the Education Commission's recommendations. Where additional and new investment is required, this has been highlighted and costed as part of the submission.

A Multi Agency Implementation Group (MAIG) had been established to take

forward the delivery of the programme, with the first meeting scheduled for 11 January 2016. The group included partners from CCG, local authority, Tees and Esk Wear Valley (TEWV) mental health trust, schools, voluntary and community sector. A further update will be provided to the Children's Strategic Partnership in six months as agreed by Children's Services Committee.

The Commissioning and Delivery Manager commented that the actions within the plan cut across the whole of the CCG area. In response to young people's feedback, there would be an emphasis on accessing services much quicker for those with eating disorders. The initiation of self referral would also bring a significant change for young people as would the integration of more digital technology not just for information but also in treatment programmes.

One of the young people's representatives commented that following a useful meeting with staff in the Educational Psychology team, young people were looking to develop a handout outlining the services available and aimed at children and young people at Key Stages 2, 3 and 4. The Principal Educational Psychologist commented that effort had been made not to duplicate the work already undertaken by the young people but to develop on it and there was funding available to assist in the development of links with the young people through the plan.

The Vice-Chair commented on the links between mental health issues and poverty and queried the work being undertaken. In the Stranton Ward 60% of all the children were classed as living in a family in poverty; across the town as a whole it was a third of all children in this situation. The Principal Educational Psychologist indicated that much of the work with families was around building resilience not specifically with mental health issues. It was a difficult area to address in many ways when much of the data available was ten years old. The information that was coming direct from the young people was much different to the statistical models which didn't, for example, include the anxiety being experienced by primary school children.

The Assistant Director, Children's Services indicated that the Transformation Plan was a fundamental part of a much wider collective approach to addressing the causes of family problems. Much of the work so far had drawn out the need to address issues of emotional wellbeing. Families tended not to have one issue but many and much of the future work of partners need to be centred on collectively addressing these multiple issues.

The Chair stated that national statistics indicated that one in four people would have some sort of mental health issue in their life; that meant one in four children as well. While some were easily identifiable, there were many that were not, such as those living in homes with domestic violence. It was indicated that there had been over a thousand reports through Operation Encompass back into schools of family issues of domestic violence. Hartlepool also had one of the highest incidents of domestic violence in the

country.

The Chair added that the world for children and young people was much different now with significant new pressures through social media that had pushed bullying behind closed doors with the consequent effects on mental health. A School Headteacher representative commented that some of the mental health issues affecting children and young people were now preventing some from accessing full learning opportunities. The Head Teacher commented that his school had recently adopted the 'Thrive' approach through training of teachers to assist these pupils. The Principal Educational Psychologist commented that there were several different 'models' around this area which did cause some confusion for schools and some of these were expensive to implement.

The Chair commented that schools should be focussed on teaching. He had great sympathy with those running schools who seemed often to be blamed for all the ills in society and then expected to address them as well. Some issues schools were well placed to address and teachers appropriately trained; but this was not always the case. There needed to be a multi-agency approach to tackling the mental health issues of children and young people and the Transformation Plan encapsulated that clearly. One of the most important findings from the Education Commission was that good communication between agencies was essential and this was a key element of the Transformation Plan. The regular update reports to the Health and Wellbeing Board would be a key element in maintaining that communication.

### **Decision**

That the Hartlepool Transformation Plan 2015-2020 for Children and Young People's Mental Health and Wellbeing, the governance structure for implementation and the update on current progress be noted.

## **26. Any Other Items which the Chairman Considers are Urgent**

None.

## **26. Chair of Children's Strategic Partnership**

The Chair addressed the Partnership indicating that this was his last meeting as he was standing down from the Council in May. The Chair thanked the Members of the Partnership and all the officers that had supported its work during his chairmanship for the valuable input and assistance in undertaken the important work of the Partnership.



The Vice-Chair proposed a vote of thanks to Councillor Simmons for his hard work and dedication during his chairmanship and wished him on behalf of all the Members of the Partnership a long and well earned retirement from civic duty.

The meeting concluded at 5.05 pm

CHAIR