

YorOK BOARD MEETING



Date: Monday 11 November 2013
Time: 9.30am
Venue: The Giles Room, West Offices

Kevin Hall	-	Interim Director, Adults, Children & Education
Tricia Head	-	Headteacher, Danesgate Community Centre
Judy Kent	-	Children's Trust Unit Manager / Head of Service, Early Intervention
Cllr Janet Looker	-	Cabinet Member, Education, Children & Young People's Services, City of York Council (Chair)
Graeme Murdoch	-	Deputy Principal, York College
Debra Radford	-	Service Manager, NSPCC
Tracey Ralph	-	Headteacher, Westfield Primary School
Jen Slaughter	-	Associate Director (Safeguarding and Child Protection), Liberal Democrat Group
Cllr Carol Runciman	-	Liberal Democrat Group
DC Maria Taylor	-	North Yorkshire Police
Helen Billson	-	NHS Scarborough and Ryedale Clinical Commissioning Group
Lynette Smith	-	Clinical Commissioning Group
Paula Richardson	-	Children's Centre Service
Juliet Burton	-	Children's Advice & Early Intervention, CYC
Catherine Surtees	-	Partnership Manager, York CVS
Dr. Martin Hawkings	-	Consultant in Public Health
<u>In attendance:</u>	-	Brenda Whittaker, Children's Trust Unit (Minutes)
Polly Griffiths	-	Healthwatch
Bernie Flanagan	-	Early Intervention Manager, CYC
Jess Haslam	-	Interim Head of SEN, Head of Integrated Services for Disabled Children
Penny McDonald	-	Team Leader for the Specialist Teaching Team
Brenda Whittaker	-	Minutes
<u>Apologies:</u>		
Anna Buchan	-	Children's Services Matron Health Visiting, Family
Craig Waugh	-	York CVS
Paul Edmondson-Jones	-	Deputy Chief Executive & Director of Health and Wellbeing, CYC

ACTION

1. YorOK Board Membership

Craig Waugh is leaving his post at York CVS to take up a post within City of York Council's Childcare Strategy and Business Team and will no longer therefore be a member of the YorOK Board. Craig sent a resignation note to the Board, as follows: "Could you please pass on my thanks to fellow board members, it has been a pleasure working with the board for the past 4 ½ years since joining York CVS. The work of the board has lead to a host of vital partnership working arrangements and mechanisms for representation of York's voluntary and community sector. These arrangements have certainly lead to improved outcomes for York's children and young people and allowed feed in from the voluntary and community sector which can only be positive for the city's

children, young people and families. Board members should take pride in the open and inclusive way in which work in York takes place. Continue the outstanding work, I have no doubt that you will!" Board members noted Craig's resignation, expressed thanks for his significant contribution to the Board and wider partnership working, and wished him every success in his new role.

Healthwatch has approached the YorOK Board about potential future membership. Polly Griffiths said that Healthwatch aims to promote joined up services and will benefit from looking at the experiences of children and young people in health services. Judy Kent pointed out that Healthwatch has a place on the YorOK Involvement Group and questioned whether this would fulfil the purpose. Polly will discuss further with colleagues. This matter will be brought back to a future meeting.

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2. **Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted to be a true and accurate record of the meeting. The following matters arising were noted:

- Board members were please to see Lynette Smith from the Vale of York CCG. Lynette confirmed that Dr Cath Snape's replacement will attend future meetings when appointed.
- Simon Westwood has been appointed as the new independent Chair of the Safeguarding Children Board.
- On behalf of the Board, Carol Runciman expressed thanks to Roger Thompson for his significant contribution to the work of the Safeguarding and YorOK Boards. Judy Kent will send a formal letter of thanks.

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3. **Trust Update**

Board members were invited to comment or question the contents of the Trust Update report.

- Item 2. Graeme Murdoch referred to the No Wrong Door conference 2013 saying that this was hugely beneficial and that it would be good to see more post 16 workshops next year.
- Item 3. Cllr Looker commented that the Children's Rights Advocate will be invited to join the virtual school.
- Item 4. Paula Richardson, Head of the Children's Centre Service, will join the YorOK Board. Children's centres will continue to play a key role in the delivery of services for children and young people.

4. YorOK Performance Monitoring Year End

Kevin Hall noted that there is an inspection team looking at how the Youth Offending Team works with the Troubled Families programme.

- York has a target of identifying 315 troubled families over 3 years. To date 243 have been identified.
- The overall number of children who are looked after continues to reduce, however we have yet to see a corresponding reduction in costs. The availability of high quality local placements allows young people to be placed close to home and their local schools; York has one of the highest proportion of children in foster care yet one of the lowest cost rates for this.
- Currently, 80% of York secondary schools are rated good or outstanding by Ofsted, well above the national level, and attainment levels are very high at secondary level. At primary level, 73% of schools are now rated good or outstanding compared to a national figure of 78%. Improvement plans are in place at a number of schools with the aim of supporting them to achieve a 'good' rating at their next inspection.
- Mental health: the draft CAHMS strategy action plan is complete; the third 'Stand up for us' survey found overall improvements in the levels of pupils who feel safe and feel lonely.
- Lynette Smith asked for an update when it becomes available, about the health outcomes for children and young people.

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5. CYPP Action Plan Update

Bernie Flanagan, Strategy and Commissioning Manager, Children's Trust Unit, gave feedback following the mid-point review of the CYPP Action Plan. The following points were raised and discussed:

Chlamydia rates were queried: are they rising or falling? Jen Slaughter spoke about the difficulty in assessing the success of the programme, and noted that this service is a North Yorkshire wide service and York specific data is difficult to obtain.

The lowering teenage pregnancy rate was noted. Discussion took place about the national and local policy of encouraging contraceptive implants amongst young females and anecdotal feedback that in some instances young women have found it difficult to have these removed. A potential implication could be higher levels of unprotected sex and a resulting adverse effect on rates of sexually transmitted diseases.

The % PEPs completed was discussed; DFE measures are seen to differ from what constituted effective practice. Funds have been put aside for an administrator to chase up PEP completions.

Bernie Flanagan explained that the next stage will be to further review actions and plans for completion for the action plan in summer 2014.

YorOK Deep Dive: Judy Kent outlined a proposal for progressing the YorOK Board deep dive, following discussion at the last Board meeting.

Public Health colleagues can use a new reporting tool (JSNA Navigator, see below) to run a report that will benchmark York against a broad range of health and wellbeing indicators, and from this identify areas of potential strength and concern. This profile would contribute significantly to the ongoing development and improvement of the children's element of our Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA). Through a YorOK task and finish group (Children's Trust Unit will coordinate) we can review these findings, review further in the context of local other data, and establish our main health and well being risks and concerns. These will be shared with the YorOK Board, and we can agree on an area for further exploration (the deep dive), this potentially being informed by current / planned activity. Progress updates and discussion will be tabled at the YorOK in January / March with the web version of the JSNA completed by April.

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This approach has the advantage of supporting the broad refresh of the JSNA, will give us a more up to date and detailed picture of strengths and risks in relation to children's health and wellbeing, and would appear to be manageable to progress in terms of capacity.

This proposal was agreed, and an update will be tabled at the next YorOK Board.

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6. Annual Report to H&W Board

The YorOK Board is required to produce an annual report to the Health and Wellbeing Board in January 2014. Judy Kent will produce a draft for consideration and approval at the January YorOK Board.

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7. Vulnerable Groups

By way of introduction to this item, Judy Kent explained that there are a number of partnership forums which formally report to the

YorOK Board, along with many relevant strands of partnership work. To enable the YorOK board to maintain an overview of the range of this work, and the impact it is having, it is proposed that at each meeting two or three brief updates are given, allowing time for discussion, and an opportunity to highlight topics and issues that may warrant further and fuller attention at Board meetings.

Update on Services for Deaf Children

Jess Haslam and Penny MacDonald spoke of the development of central provision for deaf children. Good progress has been made regarding the way the team has been working with deaf young people. All Saints school is hosting the pilot scheme. The team are looking at how they use the space provided and how they will link in with the school. A core group of young people who attend the school and children from other schools will also be able to access the provision. The provision will prioritise children with highest needs particularly around British Sign Language and encourage young people to stay in the city rather than go to an out of city placement.

Jess and Penny were asked if we have enough teaching assistants with sign language level 3 BSL. Penny McDonald explained that training teaching assistants from scratch can take many months and that in the meantime the scheme may be placed under pressure if there is a high demand from families.

The team has also been working with Hemplands school which is keen to be involved.

Update on Young Carers

Bernie Flanagan spoke of young carers whose quality of life and future is affected by their caring role. Young people's families are affected, their finances are affected as is their education. The government is planning a change to the Children and Young Families Bill to simplify legislation and extend the right to an assessment of a carers needs regardless of who they care for, and that in future a local authority must carry out an assessment on request.

Across York support for young carers comes from a variety of services such as the Young Carers organisation. They provide group and one to one support and next year will be looking at very young carers such as primary school carers. Cllr Janet Looker noted that we may often not know who these young carers are.

Update on Youth Homelessness

Carl Wain was unable to attend the meeting and has sent a report regarding 18 -25 year old homelessness. The report notes that rates of homelessness have started to increase after a past reduction in rates. One of the contributing factors to youth homelessness is difficulties in the transition to adulthood.

8. Thematic Item – Children’s Health

Dr Martin Hawkings from Public Health made a presentation about children’s health, new health organisations and how these work together, the new commissioning landscape, local priorities and joint working opportunities and challenges. The presentation is attached.

Tracey Ralph spoke about the positive impact of children’s centres on children’s level of development at age five. She spoke of moves to get more Relate and IDAS workers in to schools and trying to identify vulnerable children before school age in order to protect them better.

Kevin Hall suggested that we use recent case studies to look at what the issues are and why some cases do not get picked up sooner. He also spoke of finding a way to formalise the pathways to benefits for particular cases.

Cllr Janet Looker commented that we need to look at improving the rate of road traffic accidents in the area.

With regard to the increasing obesity rate among children and young people in York, Paula Richardson explained that the children’s centres are being charged with the task of helping to improve the health of young children. Tracey Ralph pointed out that rates of obesity and of poverty are connected.

Cllr Janet Looker asked whether there is information available about foetal alcohol syndrome and whether the children’s centres are picking up any information about this.

Juliet Burton said that she would like the data to enable us to start addressing some connected safeguarding issues.

Jen Slaughter spoke of the possibility of the YorOK Board influencing future decisions of the NHS partnership to help improve outcomes. Helen Billson said that she would be more than happy to receive feed back and take it back to the NHS. Limited resources and customer requirements will also effect the delivery of services.

Work between clinical commissioning groups and local authorities is important. Work on CAMHS is also important; maternity care needs to embrace a focus on early intervention.

Polly Griffiths asked whether the voice of the service users will be taken into account. Helen Billson replied that there are different ways of incorporating the views of people at the start of writing up strategies. Tracey Ralph spoke of national policy that might override what people would like.

Kevin Hall summed up that this YorOK debate has been useful and healthy, but cautioned that we need to be grounded in evidence rather than anecdote.

Dr. Martin Hawkings spoke of the benefit of providing people with more information about self care, acknowledging the role of individuals within health care improvement.

9. **Forward Plan & Dates for Future Meetings**

Janet Looker talked about the forward plan and asked for suggestions of anything the board members may feel that should be looked at in the March session.

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Sally Rees, Interim Director of Children's Services, is arriving at the end of November until February 2014.

The next meeting is Monday 13 January 2014 Severus Room, West Offices York, when we will have a particular focus on 19-25 year olds.

Future Meeting Dates:

Monday 13 January 2014

Monday 3 March 2014

Monday 12 May 2014

Monday 7 July 2014

Monday 8 September 2014

Monday 10 November 2014

There being no further business, the meeting finished at 11.40am.