

## YorOK BOARD MEETING

**Date:** Tuesday 7 November 2017  
**Time:** 13.00 – 15.00  
**Venue:** Auden Room, West Offices

Sarah Armstrong	-	York CVS
Susan de Val	-	CCG
Lisa Eggleton	-	York CVS
Amanda Flanagan	-	Deputising for Sarah Hill, IDAS
Norma Freer	-	Deputising for Rhonda Hackett, Job Centre Plus
Polly Griffiths	-	Healthwatch
Nicole Hutchinson	-	Police & Crime Commissioner's Office
Niall McVicar	-	Local Area Teams
Graeme Murdoch	-	York College
Steve Nichols	-	Deputising for Tricia Head, Danesgate
Cllr Stuart Rawlings	-	Executive Member for Education, Children & Young People (Chair)
Carol Redmond	-	TEWV
Cllr Carol Runciman	-	Executive Member for Adult Social Care & Health
Maxine Squire	-	Assistant Director, Education & Skills
Jon Stonehouse	-	Corporate Director of Children, Education and Communities
In attendance	-	Carolyn Ford, Inspection & Planning Manager (Minutes)

### **ACTION**

#### 1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Pippa Corner, Wendy Green, Rhonda Hackett, Tricia Head, Ruth Hill, Sarah Hill, Natalie McPhillips, Helen Pulleyn, Sharon Stoltz and Liz Vincent.

#### 2. **Minutes of the Meeting Held on 12 September 2017 & Matters Arising**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 September 2017 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. There were no matters arising.

#### 3. **Integrated Commissioning**

The Integrated Commissioning Group has organised an Autism Deep Dive on Friday 10 November to enable stakeholders to take an overview of provision in the city. The session will look at the issues, how agencies might respond differently and what organisations could do to support this work. Findings from the deep dive will be shared with the board in due course.

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#### 4. **CYPP Focussed Discussion: Narrowing the Gaps in Education**

Maxine Squire presented her update on the work being undertaken in the city to narrow the gap in education outcomes between disadvantaged children and their peers.

York continues to perform well against key national attainment indicators at the end of key stages. In 2017, un-validated data for performance at the end of KS1 and KS2 indicates that the gap is closing between disadvantaged children and their peers. However, due to the relatively small number of children eligible for free school meals and the continuing high performance of the non-disadvantaged cohort, the gap remains wider than national even though the cohort is performing in line with the disadvantaged cohort nationally. York is ranked 13 out of 15 in the region for narrowing gaps and any improved or reduced performance is cohort driven. For the reasons above, the focus in York will be on maximising pupil progress from their starting point.

At KS1 the gap between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils achieving the expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics within the LA has narrowed by 4 percentage points from last year, and early indications suggest that nationally this figure is 6 percentage points. At KS2 the gap between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils achieving the expected standard at reading, writing and mathematics within the LA has narrowed by 6 percentage points from last year, and early indications suggest that nationally this figure is also 6 percentage points.

During the academic year 2016-17 a number of activities have contributed to closing the gap, including:

- The Writing Project, a small scale, school led project involving six schools which collectively narrowed their pupil premium gap in writing from -34.4% to -12.8%. The positive impact of the project was used to bid successfully for funding from the DfE Strategic School Improvement Fund to extend the project over the next two years.
- The Pupil Premium Project, where three primary school headteachers, who had had success in closing the gap in their own schools, worked with two headteachers from schools with a wide gap and a relatively large disadvantaged cohort to focus on more targeted use of the pupil premium funding. The project was successful in schools where the headteacher took a lead on pupil premium, there was a whole school culture and ethos towards narrowing the gap, quality first inclusive teaching and learning was taking place and every teacher was held to account for improving pupil outcomes. In future, an ex-headteacher will lead this project in order to provide consistent support and to produce a toolkit. An overview report of the project will be presented to the YorOK Board in due course.

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In response to a comment that gaps were increasing for EHCP/LAC pupils, Maxine Squire responded that improvement in this area would be overseen by the virtual school which would need to be more focused on improving the quality of PEPs.

Board members were made aware that male pupils with poor behaviour are frequently placed in the bottom set and/or excluded, which encourages underperformance. In response to a query as to how the whole school commitment to narrowing gaps could be scaled up into a whole city approach and how the LATs could be involved, it was suggested that they could assist with pupil attendance, consider barriers to learning and provide holistic support for pupils and their families.

Board members queried whether everyone who could trigger pupil premium funding for schools had been identified. In response, Maxine Squire confirmed that the LA Admissions Team makes families aware of their entitlement to free school meals and that their application would trigger pupil premium funding.

In response to a question as to how Board members could assist with this agenda, Maxine Squire suggested that organisations, services and schools need to be challenged to do more. They need to explore how they could better engage with communities which do not see education as the route to improving their life chances and with hard to reach families. It was noted that nine out of ten hard to reach families engage with their GP or health visitor.

Board members noted that Danesgate is not included in the figures as national benchmarking data for PRUs is not available, approximately 60 pupils are home educated in the city and NCER is producing a tool which will enable LAs to compare the performance of children in care against national figures, as this is not currently possible.

5. **Local Area Teams/Healthy Child Service Update**

Niall McVicar updated board members on the LAT service:

- a scrutiny paper will be produced providing an update on the LAT service following eleven months of operation.
- the aim is for 100% of two year olds to attend an early years settings. The figure is currently 75%, compared to 72% last year and 60% the previous year.
- when working with NEET young people, LAT colleagues are now looking at the whole family, which is a new way of working.
- the Early Help Strategy had been presented to the YorOK Board.
- LATs are engaging with localities to develop outcome plans, and partners were encouraged to contribute to this process.
- progress is being made with the Healthy Child Service. There is increased capacity for pupils aged 5 – 19, and more systematic pathways are being developed. Whilst the establishment of the service within the LA has been difficult, there is evidence that more LAs are doing this.
- 30 Clarence Street is now well established and a new counselling offer will be available from a new provider from 1 April 2018.
- TEWV has commissioned the Safe Haven which is based at 30 Clarence Street and provides support for 16+ year olds in crisis. The Hospital Liaison service is also operating extended hours for young people aged 16+ in crisis. It was confirmed that young people can self-refer.
- partners were encouraged to talk to either Niall McVicar or Sarah Armstrong about their organisation's involvement in the Local Area Partnerships.

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6. **Voice & Influence**

Susan de Val arrived at 2pm.

Niall McVicar presented the Annual Advocacy Report, April 2016 – March 2017 and the U Matter Survey 2017, and noted that 70% of those accessing the advocacy service were children and young people in care (47 referrals), 24% were subject to a child protection plan (16 referrals) and 6% of requests were to support children or young people who wanted to make a complaint (3 referrals). In addition, there were a further three young people who were in care who went on to make a complaint, and the service supported these young people too through the complaints process.

Niall McVicar reported that the Primary Voice event earlier this year had gone well and that a Secondary Voice event was planned for the end of November.

In response to a comment that 40% of young people leaving care felt that their pathway plan had not helped them, it was noted that the Pathway Team is aware of these finding and will explore the issues. Niall McVicar agreed to bring an update report to a future YorOK Board meeting.

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7. **CYPP Priority Area Updates:****Narrowing Gaps in Health Outcomes**

Jon Stonehouse presented Natalie McPhillips' update in her absence and covered the following:

- "Healthy Start" is a statutory UK-wide government scheme which aims to improve the health of pregnant women and families on benefits or low incomes. One element of this scheme is the availability of vitamin supplements. Unfortunately, there is no mechanism in York to do this yet but work is underway to make the vitamins available through community pharmacies. An update report will be presented to the board in due course.
- York has a high rate of hospital admissions for dental extraction for children

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between 1 and 4 year olds. These figures contrast with the low numbers of children who have decayed, missing or filled teeth. Due to this unusual picture and evidence that shows that children in deprived areas are more at risk of poor oral health, a multi-professional Oral Health Improvement Group has been established to improve the oral health of children and young people within the city. A dental survey of young people will establish their experience of dental services and the results of the survey will be shared with Board members. It was suggested that the survey be forwarded to SEND and Autistic groups in order to capture their experiences.

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- NHS Digital has released the latest figures for the National Child Measurement Programme for 2016/17 and headline figures show lower levels of overweight and obese pupils in both Reception and Year 6 in York.
  - 78.7% of Reception aged children in York have a healthy weight compared with 76.4% nationally and 76.7% regionally.
  - 69.43% of children in Year 6 in York have a healthy weight compared with 64.4% nationally and 63.9% regionally.
  - 8.52% of children in Reception in York are obese compared with 9.61% nationally and 9.72% regionally
  - 16.13% of children in Year 6 in York are obese compared with 19.98% nationally and 20.42% regionally.

Despite these figures, it is imperative that levels of overweight and obese children are brought down. Work continues to look at the best ways of doing this and the services we already have within the city that could help address these issues.

### **Emotional & Mental Health, including Transformation Plan**

Susan de Val confirmed that the Local Transformation Plan (LTP) refresh had been submitted by the CCG. It is currently available on the CCG website and will be uploaded to the CYC website shortly. The focus of the plan is early support, easier access to services, and children and young people who are particularly vulnerable. The report also highlights the success of the School Wellbeing Service. The LTP will be discussed at the next meeting of the strategic partnership as we move into the implementation phase.

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### 8. **Safeguarding Board Update – Safeguarding Week**

Board members noted that the Safeguarding Week conference had been attended by approximately 350 colleagues and that the workshops, which included “safeguarding in sport”, “suicide”, “the dark web” and “online grooming” had been very interesting.

Board members were particularly interested in information about online communities which children can access online in their bedrooms without their parents’ knowledge. These communities provide a place for young people who are feeling isolated to be accepted, supported and believed. The web also provides the opportunity for young people to be groomed and influenced by others. Sarah Armstrong extolled the power of stories to corroborate why professionals do what they do, and their ability to engage people.

A report on the success of the conference will be produced and thought will be given as to how frequently such an event should be held.

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### 9. **YorOK Performance Monitoring**

Jon Stonehouse is to report on this item at the next meeting.

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10. **Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

11. **Forward Plan**

It was suggested that a presentation by John Barnard about the Crisis Team should be included on the forward plan.

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12. **Dates of Future Meetings**

- Tuesday 23 January 2018, 13.00 – 15.00
- Tuesday 13 March 2018, 13.00 – 15.00
- Tuesday 22 May 2018, 13.00 – 15.00
- Tuesday 10 July 2018, 13.00 – 15.00
- Tuesday 11 September 2018, 13.00 – 15.00
- Tuesday 6 November 2018, 13.00 – 15.00

There being no further business, the meeting finished at 2.40pm.