

Attendance

Cllr Val Gibson (Chair)
Steven Marshall (Vice-Chair) - CCG
Emma Bennett - WCC
Cllr Peter O'Neill
David Baker - West Midlands Fire Service
Alex Chilcott - WCC
Ian Darch - Voluntary Sector Council
Dr Cathy Higgins - Consultant Paediatrics
Chief Inspector Simon Hyde - West Midlands Police
Mary Keelan - Secondary Representative
Helena Kucharczyk - WCC
Gillian Ming - Safeguarding Board
Jeremy Vanes - RWT

Employees

Hannah Finch	PA to the Heads of Service Children's Commissioning and Older People's Commissioning
Kush Patel	Commissioning Officer

Part 1 – items open to the press and public

Item No. *Title*

- 1 Welcome and apologies**
Cllr Gibson opened the meeting.

Apologies were received from:

Tim Johnson - WCC
Linda Sanders – WCC
Lynn Law – Primary Representative, Wolverhampton School Improvement Partnership.
Lesley Writtle - Black Country Partnership Foundation Trust
Cllr Claire Darke – WCC
Ros Jervis – WCC
- 2 Notification of substitute members**
None declared.
- 3 Matters arising**
There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

4 **Declaration of interests**

No declarations of interests were made.

5 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

Minutes of the meeting held on June 16th 2015:

- Page 2: Cllr Gibson stated that the action for a letter to be written to the Children's Minister for permission to exchange information had been picked up by Public Health who is working on this already.
- Page 3 – Update on Actions. Jim McElligott resigned to poor health, therefore this action needs to be picked up with Julien. EB understanding that a Task & Finish Group was set up with CB/KL.

ACTION: Minutes were then agreed as a true record.

6 **CYP&F Plan Performance framework**

HK presented information in regards to the performance framework. HK discussed use of RAG ratings, how we will use them and also where there is comparative data. Where no comparison HK has used trajectory data only.

HK went through priorities, and their strengths/weakness.

1. Education attainment – Good/ attainment for KS1 FSM and non FSM is good. Area of concern is KS4.
 - AC – KS4 will look improved this year, last year blimp. AC also questioned if we are agreeing to take out the word “deprived” school? As “deprived” is broken down into sub categories. Needs to be clear which deprived is being used, figures are different that Alex has from Ofsted compared to this data. HK/AC to discuss this outside of the meeting.
 - Cllr O’Neil: Thought we agreed to not use this definition and questioned have we looked at a redefinition of “child in poverty”? –
 - Cllr Gibson- Suggested that we leave this the way it is in the plan at the moment, to not make this look like we have less deprived children when really all that has changed is the definition. –
 - ID agreed, this needs a like for like. Should keep the same position,
 - MK agreed this was a brave position and would support.
 - The Board agreed that for the purposes of the CYP and F Plan that the definition of child in poverty would remain the same.
 - HK – Doesn’t identify individual schools, this data is public available on OFSTED.
 - EB – Can we tweak this definition; make clear this is in line with OFSTED descriptions. Use “definition of children from the most deprived post codes in attendance at a school”. EB suggested to HK this might need to be run past EB/AC. She added its about showing schools with the most challenging pupils are working hard and doing well – it’s a good news study.
 - MK as long as schools are not being labelled individually with this title – confirmed they are not.

2. Percentage of pupils free school meals (FSM) is declining as of this year, no RAG rating. HK questioned if this is a sign people aren't claiming or poverty is declining.
 - AC: Stated everyone can claim KS1 FSM, because of this families can't see the point of putting in the application. FSM rates have dropped nationally.
 - Cllr O'Neil questioned Pupil Premium (PP) impact
 - AC: Added if parents don't claim FSM then schools do not get pupil premium.
 - Cllr O'Neil: Asked if pressures be put on schools that use PP to purchase extra teaching hours.
 - AC: Felt yes, as well as costs for FSM.
 - Cllr Gibson: We need to agree this data, now and look perhaps at FSM issue in working groups later.
 - EB: Perhaps HK needs some key contacts in order to add other details to the data collected.
3. Homelessness 16/17 year olds:
 - HK noted increased reports but number of young people in supported accommodation fell.
4. Positives around children accessing free nursery places increasing, as has attainment at early years.
5. Absences from school increasing, exclusions increasing, but getting children into alternative provision is increasing as well.
 - AC : Questioned why are we not tracking KS5 data and post 16 destinations.
 - EB: Added that at the time key indicators were drawn up this was not raised by other education colleagues at this time.
 - HK : Suggested this can be added.
6. Provision 14/15 data – Early Years KS1 looking good. KS2 Reading, Writing, Maths remains the same on last year. No KS4 data yet.
7. Increased number of education missing children investigations.
 - Cllr O'Neil: Commented on a report in the Express&Star in regards to an FOI about number of children in care missing. Questioned have we looked into this?
 - EB : This is monitored by OFSTED, safeguarding and the Safeguarding board.
8. OFSTED rating for schools improved, not quite up to regional average. On local data we are continuing to improve.
9. Numbers of home educated children increasing.
10. Social Care Priorities:
 - Percentage of re referrals is reducing.
 - Numbers of LAC children reducing but these numbers are still higher than comparators however.
 - ID : Asked if we comfortable we are responding to the financial challenges about a child coming into care?
 - HK : Either not escalating or early help is preventing LAC.
 - EB : Stated a child coming into care is a joint consideration between other agencies and risks to the child. Also establishing permanency

plans quicker, which have enabled drop in LAC. We've also gone back and have revocation of care orders where needed.

- HK - One of the highest adoption rates in the country. Did see a spike in CP numbers but the risk is now declining. Repeat CP Plans is increasing which is being looked into by Safeguarding.

11. Public Health/Mental Health/CAMS – Gaps in this data.

- Cllr O'Neill would like CAMHS data to be looked into asap.
- Cllr Gibson thanked HK and her Team as it has not been an easy task to collate this data.
- ADR: Concern no data for SEND, most vulnerable group.
- HK: Will keep pushing to get this data supplied.
- ID – Free nursery places increasing, we assume this good, do we know these children will get better outcomes looking forward. Questioned if going to school early a good thing
- EB : Thought this could be a priority for future years. Added this needs to be recorded that the group is concerned about the missing data and those groups who have not provided this need to get this in as soon as possible. Timetable will be sent out next week.
- SM – Some time issues have been made around this.
- HK – Timescale requests were an issue, however HK felt a lot of this data should have already been available being fed into other boards.
- SM- MH ones were not captured and needed to be found.
- AC – Can we check we are asking the correct people? Some of the SEND data needs to be taken to SENStat.
- HK – To send out a list of contacts names on this to check if HK is contacting the correct people.

ACTION: HK/AC to discuss use of “deprived school” definition

ACTION: HK to add KS5 data to performance framework document

ACTION: HK to circulate her contact list to check she is making contact with correct people for data

Helena left the meeting.

7 Annual action plan

EB introduced the Annual Action Plan and that now we need to agree annual priorities to task the boards who sit under the CTB. We agreed this might be best undertaken in terms of a workshop in regards to the priorities we have just looked at.

KP: Child Poverty/family strength, Health and Education, Employment and Training.. What do we want to see in 12 months' time in terms of these priorities and how we will achieve this? What would we like to see developing and changing in 12 months, what will be the activities and how will we measure this.

From this KP will pull together an action plan. KP suggested this would run alongside financial years rather than annual.

Cllr O'Neil: Do we have definitions of what a strong family looks like and what we need to make them strong.

EB: Quite a difficult question, performance framework sets out some of the ideas which will allow us to look at what is a strong family. Troubled families outcomes framework has been aligned to this.

KP: Performance framework is to help outline healthy, happy families. This needs to be something different to other outcome plans that are currently running, such as the troubled families' outcomes plan.

KP shared how she would use her template to set out her target of participation to show how she would set out her idea without duplicating other outcomes plans.

Group broke out into small groups to work on specific key areas in relation to the outcomes plan.

Feedback from the group was provided:

- **Education:**
 - EYFS – School Readiness needs to be communicated to Parents in terms of: Personal Development, Social and Emotional Development and Attendance/Cognitive Learning development
 - KS2 Transition area : Early transfer to secondary school in the summer with an element of preparation to KS3 giving more effective transition to KS3 and greater Parent Participation.
 - 14/16 – Clarity around destinations after school, impact of alternative provision and impact on GCSE, also SEND and impact they will have on the future destinations after education.
- **Mental Health/Health:**
 - Need more clarity from MH representatives.
 - Further signposting of MH services to ensure parents are able to access what they need.
 - Challenge for tier 2/3 in CAMS, need to ensure these services are accessible.
 - Additional CAMS transformation.
 - Need clarity of definition of a complex mental health need?
 - Felt need for a Tier 3.5 before Tier 4 escalating.
 - Tier 4 services need to be reviewed and become more involved in commissioning of those services to reflect local need. Specialised Commissioning Operational Group looking into this.
 - Obesity: how do we tackle this outside the school environment?
 - Dave Baker added that Fire Service Safe and Well Checks will look at MH/ Health questions, this is a national scheme.
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Childhood Poverty/Families

- Agreement would like to see MASH embedded and what reporting links are from this?
- What would be the role of CTB within MASH and its reporting?
- Need to involve more families and young people to ensure they are shaping the services for them.
- Look at new ways of working with early intervention at the CTB.

ACTION: KP stated she would take away these suggestions from the group and formulate the beginnings of an annual plan.

- 8 **Any Other Business**
- Violence against Women and Girls Strategy (Wolverhampton) was mentioned to the group
 - Cllr Gibson drew attention to this as it is out for consultation and asked the members to read and comment on this from the link provided.
 - Ties in with the national strategy.
 - Cllr O'Neil asked if this could be sent to the councillors involved in the CSE Scrutiny.

ACTION: Send link to members of the CSE Scrutiny Review Group

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 1st December 2015, 2 pm – 4 pm, Committee Room 2, Civic Centre.

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and authors of reports.

Meeting closed at 3:40pm.