

OXFORDSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

5th October 2023

Children's Trust Board Report

Executive Summary

The Children's Trust ensures that the Health and Wellbeing Board are sighted on the key challenges facing children and young people in Oxfordshire. This report provides updates from the Children's Trust Board (CTB).

Main Report

1. SEND Inspection & Oxfordshire Education Commission Report

Ofsted and CQC carried out the SEND inspection of the Oxfordshire Local Area Partnership between 13 – 21 July 2023

The [ASEND inspection outcome report](#) was published on the 15th of September 2023

Outcome

The inspectors found that “there are widespread and/or systemic failing leading to significant concerns about the experiences and outcomes of children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), which the local area partnership must address urgently”.

Response

The local area partnership must submit a “Priority Action Plan” by 27th October 2023, this being co-developed by the Oxfordshire SEND Partnership Delivery Group via a number of workshops.

The Oxfordshire SEND Strategic Improvement and Assurance Board will provide oversight and assurance.

Monitoring Inspection

Ofsted and CQC (Care Quality Commission) will carry out a monitoring inspection in 18 months' time.

The independently chaired Oxfordshire Education Commission published their report alongside the agenda for the meeting of Cabinet on 19th September 2023.

The Education Commission considered how the Council, collectively with all state-funded schools, other education settings, and partners including children and families, could plan to sustain improving outcomes for all Oxfordshire children.

The Commission sets out 17 proposals for the Council along with schools and other partners to consider.

A proposed response and action plan will be submitted to Cabinet for its approval.

Oxfordshire Education Commission Report (available upon request)

2. The Children's Trust Board - Reflection (breakout groups, polls, and feedback)

The format of the Children's Trust Meeting was proactive and engaging with group discussions, a workshop, and polls, for members to provide input on how the Board will change going forward. The workshop focused on the contributions of the Children's Trust, the impact, and outcomes. It was an opportunity for all members to reflect on this on a personal and collective partnership level. A brief overview of the Children's Trust Board was provided for this reflection:

Primary Objectives

- To ensure that effective multi-agency working is in place at a strategic level across children's service.
- That the voice of children, young people and their families contributes to these arrangements and to decision making.

Purpose

- Oversee key areas of multi-agency strategic planning for children and young people.
- Improve outcomes for children.
- Drive the integration agenda.
- Champion the involvement of children, young people, parents, and carers.
- Ensure the Health and Wellbeing Board and other partnerships are sighted on the key challenges facing children and young people in Oxfordshire.

Governance

- CTB is held to account by the Oxfordshire Health and Wellbeing Board and must present regular report to that board as well as the Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children's Board and the Voice of Oxfordshire Youth.

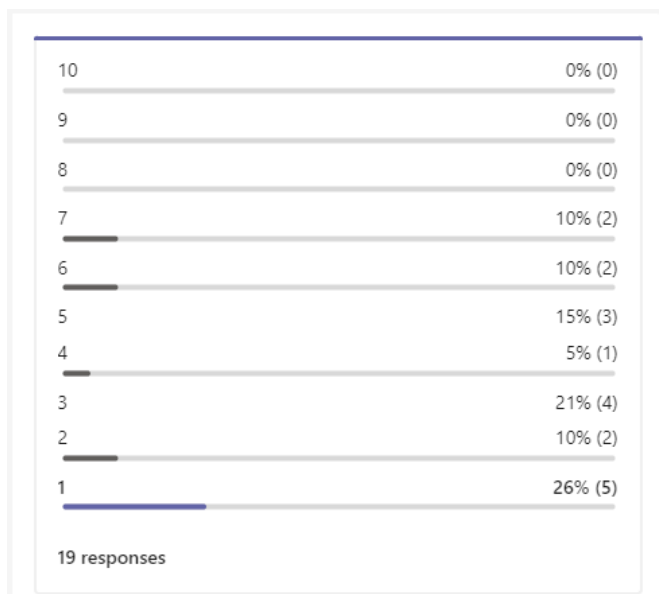
Members were allocated breakout groups to discuss the following key questions:

1. How impactful has your membership of the CTB been to date in influencing what you do back in your organization in relation to health and wellbeing?
2. To what extent do you feel the voice of Children & Young People influence priorities and decisions made at the CTB? e.g., in relation to neglect, mental health and wellbeing
3. To what extent do you feel that voluntary, community and faith organisations are able to influence priorities and decisions made at the CTB? e.g., in relation to neglect, mental health and wellbeing

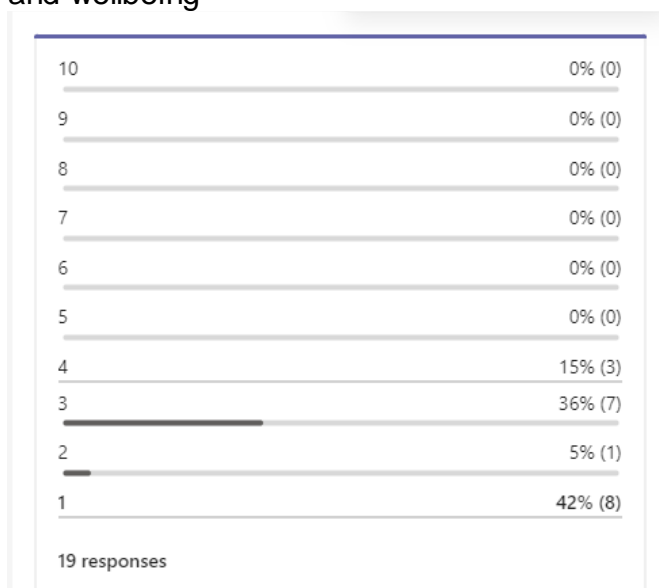
The groups discussed the CTB's potential future options to have increased impact and improve outcomes for children, young people, and their families. The above questions were also used in an anonymous poll for the members to answer, after returning from their workshop group.

Board members fed back the following (on a scale of 1 to 10, where 1 = no impact – 10 = great impact)

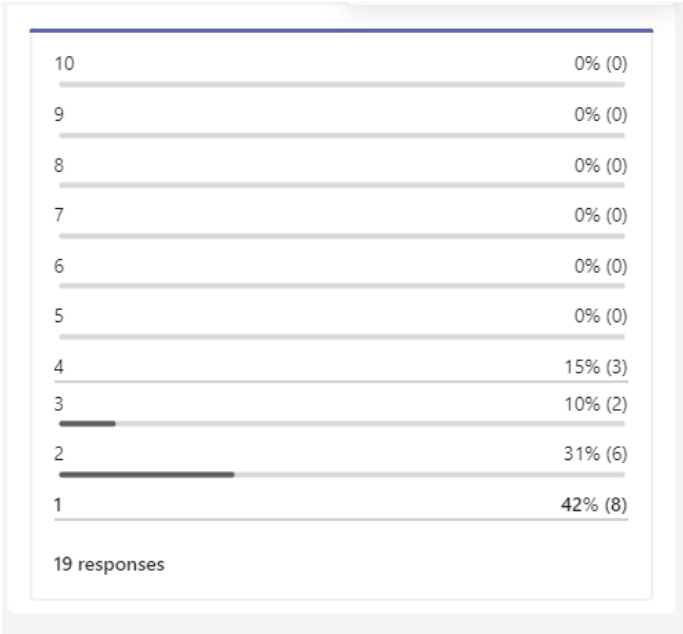
Q1. How impactful has your membership of the CTB been to date in influencing what you do back in your organisation in relation to health and wellbeing?



Q2. To what extent do you feel the voice of Children & Young People influence priorities and decisions made at the CTB? e.g. in relation to neglect, mental health and wellbeing



Q3. To what extent do you feel that voluntary, community and faith organisations are able to influence priorities and decisions made at the CTB? e.g. in relation to neglect, mental health and wellbeing. Some discussion took place around options to move towards a place based integrated partnership early help focused delivery boards that would bend an flex to the needs of the communities across North, South and Central Oxfordshire.



The Board will look at the future of the CTB and how it needs to change to better serve the Children and Young People of Oxfordshire. In advance of the next meeting in November there was a suggestion that a questionnaire would be distributed for all to feedback.