

**HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
UPDATE REPORT FROM CHILDREN'S TRUST BOARD
March 2018**

This is a summary on the work of the Children's Trust Board, since the report presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board in October 2017. The Children's Trust Board met on 14 December 2017.

UPDATE:

1. Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference were due for review and this was completed at the board meeting. Changes were made to:

- Membership, for accuracy;
- introduce a statement regarding quorum confirming that for the Board meetings to be considered quorate there must be representation from 7 of the 12 member organisations;
- include a Forward Planning system;
- the agenda template to include a standing agenda item for Voice of Oxfordshire Youth (VOXY) to report and update the Board.

2. Children and Young People's Plan 2018 – 2021

The new Children and Young People's Plan is close to the final drafting stage. Consultation and engagement was sought at the early development stage of the drafting process, in October/November 2017. This process included a very well attended engagement event for professionals. The views of children and young people was also sought from Voice of Oxfordshire Youth (VOXY) and the Children in Care Council.

The feedback helped shape the new layout of the Plan, and the content in terms of priorities against the Vision and Areas of Focus.

A small steering group put together a first draft of the Plan that was circulated for comment to all those who fed into the early development. This draft was considered at the VOXY general meeting in February and the group provided very helpful comments on layout and language.

The steering group are now considering the feedback received and re-drafting the Plan in light of this. The most recent version of the Plan will be taken to the Children's Trust Board at the end of March.

3. Oxfordshire Children's Trust and OSCB Dataset Performance report for 2016/17

The report on the combined dashboards for the Children's Trust, OSCB and Health and Wellbeing Boards was presented to the Board.

As reported previously, Oxfordshire is a great place for most children and young people to grow up and have the opportunity to become everything they want to be. We have confidence in saying this because, for example, educational attainment has increased at all key stages in 2017 to be in line or above the national average. At key stage 4 the attainment is amongst the top 25% local authorities. Further, on the Public Health Outcome Framework which measures 90 indicators, we are below average on just 14.

However, the challenge is that this is not the case for all. There are a number of indicators that are not at the level we would like them to be.

8 measures are off target.

- CAMHS waiting times are increasing, the numbers accessing services within waiting times are decreasing. The Performance Audit and Quality Assurance subgroup of the OSCB have been asked to review this.
- SEND fixed term exclusion off target. The SEND Programme Board are picking this up.
- Out of County placements for looked after children are increasing. The Corporate Parenting Manager has been asked to take a report on this issue to the OSCB Performance, Audit and Quality Assurance Sub Group.
- There is an issue with the numbers of referrals going into MASH that are not within the threshold. There will be 3 social workers recruited in the MASH to triage referrals.
- Levels of activity in social care is higher – increase in numbers of open cases, increase in numbers of child protection cases and increase in numbers of looked after children. This is being addressed through the CEF Transformation Programme.
- Hospital admissions for unintentional and deliberate injuries for young people aged 0 – 14 are rising. This is subject to rigorous monitoring within Oxford University Hospitals Trust.

As a system, we are working together but as well as sustaining the system we must look at how we change the culture. We also need to take time to feedback and to help educate partners and the public.

4. Health Inequalities Commission Implementation Plan

Jackie Wilderspin presented the Plan to the Board. The Board asked to be informed of any future meeting dates for the Implementation Group so the Children's Trust can consider further participation as required.

The presentation was well received and it was suggested the data could be used for baselines in the Community Impact Zone work in Banbury and with reference to existing work on Early Help. It was noted that a useful supplement to the data is a guide to best practice in addressing the inequalities issues.

5. Early Help Strategy

The Board were updated on progress of the Early Help strategy. School Readiness was identified as an area for further discussion and this will be on the agenda for the next Children's Trust Board meeting in March 2018.

VOXY will discuss what 'Early Help' means to young people and will feed back to the Children's Trust.

6. Educational Attainment for Vulnerable groups of children: High Needs Review: Progress Report

Key points to note are:

- Governance arrangements have been strengthened. A High Needs steering group has been established and colleagues from a range of services and schools are involved in the work streams. The steering group reports to the recently refreshed SEND Programme Board, chaired by Cllr Hilary Hibbert-Biles. Arising from weaknesses identified in the SEND Area Inspection, joint accountability across the County Council and Clinical Commissioning Board is being strengthened by the SEND Programme Board, and this in turn will report to the Health and Well Being Board.
- There is recruitment in progress for 3 Educational Psychologists and a Behaviour Lead.
- There is increasing demand for specialist provision.
- There is a strong appetite from schools to develop inclusive practices.

7. Managing Transitions

A report from the Strategic Transitions Group (STG) was presented. OSCB had previously agreed the report and were satisfied with the content. The key issue is that the STG need to have a clear understanding of the numbers of young people whose needs cannot be met by children's services and those who are ineligible for adult services. Consequently, clarity is being sought about the commitment required to meet those needs. This is in the process of being quantified with a report back to the Children's Trust in due course.

8. Self-Harm in Young People in Oxfordshire

Report presented to highlight that this issue is causing significant harm to our young people. It was raised at OSCB who asked that the report was brought to the Children's Trust. Rates are increasing. There is already a lot of good work being done at present: a Self Harm Forum, Self Harm Networks, Touring Play, CAMHS outreach, Emergency Paediatric Liaison Service, but the work needs greater co-ordination.

We only know about cases that are presented to hospital, which means there is a gap in our knowledge. There is good collaboration but the teams would benefit from a commitment to information sharing.

Public Health are proposing a countywide event with key note speakers in order to share the current understanding and agree plans going forward. This will be taking place in May 2018 and a wide range of representation would be welcomed

The Board heard that young people are keen to talk about self-harm and mental health and that this is the most pressing issued facing adolescents. social media is key, young people do not necessarily like talking about the damage done by social media to adults. 'Social Media Use' has been added to the Children's Trust Forward Plan for consideration.

9. SEND Inspection outcomes

The outcomes of the SEND inspection, and the written statement of action, will be discussed in detail at the March board meeting. The SEND Programme Board will report to the Children's Trust at each meeting and this has been included on the Trust's forward plan for 2018 – 2019.

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