

Child Health Commissioning Group (Be Healthy Lead Partnership)

Notes of meeting held on Thursday 11th December 2008

Present

Susan Nelson
Linda Mason
Jan Brown

Aileen Fitzgerald
Jane Johnston

Andy Roberts
Danny Ruta

In Attendance
Judith McMorran

1. Apologies

Tony McKenna
David Jones
David Ward
Ruth Rogan
Pat Thompson
Karen Simmons

2. Notes of the previous meeting

The notes were agreed with the following amendments:-
Correct spelling of Karen Simmons name without a 'd' and Maxine Adams to ensure all abbreviations are referred to in full at some point within the text.

3. Matters Arising:

3.1 Key Worker Pilot

Aileen had discussed with Jill Prendergast the potential for securing NMET (Nursing and Medical Education Training) funding. Jill was unable to help at this stage due to change in responsibilities.

Action: Jane Johnston agreed to pick this up (JJ)

3.2 Child Health Promotion Programme

Aileen reported that the review of health visiting and school health adviser in Newcastle and North Tyneside is about to begin. Discussion of priorities for the Directorate of Community Services will therefore be deferred until February.

Action: Agenda for February (AF/MA)

3.3 Transporting children with health needs between school and home

Linda reported that the issue of transport will be considered under the Local Authority Transformation Plan. Linda agreed to bring back any developments to this group as appropriate.

3.4 Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)

Andy reported that the needs assessment website will be available from 1st February next year. Comments had been received on the first draft and were included in the revised version.

3.5 Safety equipment

Aileen reported that a reply had been sent to Jason Wylie at Your Homes Newcastle in response to his letter requesting additional funding. The letter outlined that the additional £13,500 was not available in year but this could be considered within the business planning processes following full evaluation of the current service.

4. Tobacco control

Judith McMorran was welcomed to the meeting. Judith described her role in Tobacco Control and Healthy Schools. She spoke to the previously circulated paper. She reported that people often feel the issues relating to tobacco can be resolved by legislation but this is not the case, particularly for those children living in poverty. Following discussion it was suggested that Judith contact key people within the children's services partner structure, this included contacting Deb Tyler to see if a question relating to numbers of young people smoking could be included within the Tell Us Survey therefore providing the baseline data and contacting Becky Dunn to promote second hand smoke training across the workforce and Carol Hambling to link into Think Families work. Evidence of the impact of NHS smoking cessation services for children and young

people is scant. She pointed out that this was not currently a priority within the children's plan. The current action plan is the tobacco control initiative and this uses a multi pronged approach based on a social known model. The National Tobacco Control Plan is expected next year. There is currently a multi agency alliance in place in Newcastle under Smoke Free Newcastle. There are some gaps in service that have been identified, in particular there is a need to improve the availability of baseline data and engage the youth service more appropriately. Judith outlined a number of key issues for the group to discuss.

Action: Tobacco control will be included in the Be Healthy Update to the Children & Young People's Strategic Partnership in March (AF/AR)

AR to attend meetings of Smoke Free Newcastle to ensure link with this group for 4 meetings then review

5. NRF Funding for obesity projects

Andy reported that some money for projects run by the voluntary and community sector which focus on obesity will be reduced and this group needs to consider the potential impact of that reduced funding.

Action: Link with Tony to discuss further (AR)

6. High Care Needs Report for joint funded packages

Defer until Pat Thompson is present.

Action: Agenda for February meeting (AF/MA)

7. Continuing Care Consultation

The final draft of the North of Tyne joint PCT/ Local Authority response was circulated. This was approved by the group for submission to the Department of Health alongside the current Newcastle High Care Needs policy.

8. Any other business

8.1 Teenage Pregnancy Strategy

Linda reported that the final version would be presented at the Children & Young People's Strategic Partnership on Monday for approval.

8.2 Child Health Service Review

Danny queried how this review linked into the work of this partnership. Aileen reported that because of time constraints and the need to make this review a North of Tyne initiative, it had been agreed to focus on children with complex health needs and technology dependant children as this fits in with the work that needs to be undertaken in relation to implementing Aiming High.

8.3 Whole system budgets for children's services

Danny reported that some anomalies had been identified during a deep dive exercise last year which suggested that the level of funding for hospital services in Newcastle is higher than other areas. The group agreed that this warranted further investigation and would form part of the work plan for this group following completion of this years child health mapping exercise.

Action: Explore the apparent anomalies in detail prior to this work commencing (AF/DR)

Agenda child health mapping results for March (AF/MA)

8.4 Aiming High Needs Assessment

Andy reported that this will be going to the Children & Young People's Strategic Partnership Executive shortly but that it should come to this group first.

Action: Andy to follow up (AR)

8.5 Health Care Commission (HCC) Inspections

Andy reported that the HCC will be speaking to Local Authorities with reference to the NHS Provider Services Self Assessments.

Action: Send key names of people involved in this process within provider trusts to Andy (All)

8.6 Aspire service for Looked After Children

Andy reported that a request had been made by Northumberland Tyne and Wear Trust to increase the allocation from the CAMHS grant to cover increased costs for rent. Discussions to resolve the issue are ongoing out with this meeting however the issue serves as an illustration as to one of the challenges raised by bringing teams together from different organisations.

8.7 Transformation of Local Authority services

An official statement for partners will be produced shortly.

8.8 Joint Funded Projects

Danny reported that the Local Authority Treasurer and the Primary Care Trust Director of Finance had met to discuss matched funding projects such as Lean East and Teenage Kicks. It had been agreed that the Local Authority would lead the commissioning for the services and that service specifications are required. He queried what role this group would play in monitoring these arrangements.

Action: Discuss with Martin Surtees (LM)

8.9 Additional agenda item – Baby P Case

Andy reported that this had been discussed at the Safeguarding Board and each agency are now to consider the lessons learnt. Responses will be coordinated by Paula Askell and a final report will be produced.

9. Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 8th January 2009, 2.00pm-5.00pm, Benfield Road

****Please note meeting will commence at 2.00pm.**