

Newcastle Children's Be Healthy Partnership

Notes of meeting held on Thursday 12 November 2009

Present

Andy Roberts	Joint Health Commissioning Manager, NCC
Aileen Fitzgerald	Newcastle PCT
Linda Mason	Head of Integrated and Targeted Services
Ruth Rogan	Head of Strategic Partnerships, NCC
Susan Nelson	Newcastle Hospitals Trust
Paula Askill	Invited for Agenda Item 3

Apologies

Dr David Ward	Consultant Psychiatrist
Mick McCracken	Head of Safeguarding and Children's Social Care, NCC
Pat Thompson	Children with Complex Needs Manager
Tony McKenna	Head of Leisure Services, NCC
Jane Johnston	Business Manager Newcastle PCT Community Services

1. Apologies:

Introductions were made and apologies given as listed above.

- Paula Askill was thanked for attending as an action from the last meeting. AF explained that this partnership wanted to be aware of the feedback to the Local Safeguarding Childrens Board for the audit and to provide support as required.

PA highlighted the different areas and gave a summary of progress.

- All areas had policies in Place
- Most procedures and systems are in place
- Those areas that have not received satisfactory outcomes will be reviewed and sections 3 to 9 will be looked at again in depth.

2.1 Action JT to circulate the full document to partnership members.

The group discussed the Health Audit and the following points were made.

- Direction was needed in how to complete paperwork with sensitivity and a tool kit for this is required.
- Conversations with Professionals at review point were highlighted as being of particular value.
- "You're Welcome" was seen by the group as something that will make a positive contribution to the action plan.

PA drew the group's attention to the recent letter from David Nicholson highlighting concerns and good practice, (16th July 2009 Department of Health)

3. Notes of previous meeting and Matters Arising:

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record with the following amendments.

- Ruth Rogan's title is now the Head of Strategic Partnership.
- There is a need to clarify smoking cessation data
(Note: This years figures for over 16's remain below target but are improving)

3.1 Action: JT Obesity to be added to the December meeting. LM to feedback information from the locality workshop.

AR reported that the NHS Disabled Children's Performance Report has been shared with the Children with Disabilities and Special Educational needs management Partnership (CWDSSENMP) for comment.

4. Assess and Decide

Linda Mason agreed to be the link between the Children's Be Healthy Partnership and the Assess and Decide Project along with Jamie Spence and Martin Surtees. LM explained that the project is trying to streamline processes for young people and provide quality assurance. LM will ask for information from Health before attending this meeting.

4.1 Action: JT – to add as a standard agenda item

5. Loan Equipment

AR outlined the proposed changes to the commissioning of Loan Equipment and how it is commissioned. Requests for children are currently top priority and are usually related to the provision of bespoke equipment. He suggested that this partnership need to be involved in the debate which is currently being led by Adult Services.

5.1 Action: AF to write to Ewan Weir on behalf of the partnership

6. New Ofsted process and HPV Vaccine

The group discussed a recent incident where a school had cancelled a vaccination session because of an Ofsted inspection. Concern was expressed over the resulting operational challenges involved in rearranging the session which is part of a course of vaccination, but of greatest importance was the potential risk to young people of not receiving the vaccine.

6.1 Action: JJ to update at next meeting

7. Project Manager NHS Lifechecks.

AR told the group that Dee Ford is the new NHS Lifechecks project manager. Two Lifechecks are included - The Baby, led by Helen Woods Waters and the Teenage with Paul Brownlee as lead. Reports to the CBHP will follow once the Project Boards are operational.

8. Initial Health Assessment for LAC.

AR gave an overview of LAC health assessments. Concern was highlighted that here is a 0% success rate for 28 day Initial Assessments. Two issues were identified - delays in getting consent and health staff availability.

The current number of Looked after Children is 492 which is more than when the service was established.

8.1 Action: AR to ask Mick McCracken to ensure MALAP is aware of this problem and to feedback at December meeting of this partnership

9. YOT Business Plan for approval / support

The group discussed the YOT Business Case and proposal to meet the physical health needs of this group of service users. It was noted that speech and language input had been secured.

Decision: To endorse the Proposal in principle

9.1 Action: JT to circulate outline business case to the members for comment, agree outline business case at December meeting

10. Obesity

Following departure of a number of local authority partners following the transformation plan, it was noted that some obesity work streams may no longer have an identified accountable lead.

10.1 Action : AF to e mail Tony Mckenna

11. Aiming High

The group were concerned about the potential impact of cessation of funding after March 2011.

11.1 Action: To be reviewed at the December meeting.

12. Wallbottle

The Teen Army Document was tabled for information (You're Welcome)

12.1 The group firmly endorsed this approach and it was considered to be a very positive way of actively involving young people in the health agenda and helping them to influence the service delivery and commissioning processes.

13. Wellbeing and Health Summit January 2010

AR confirmed that he is now on the committee for this event and that members of this partnership will be invited to attend. It was agreed that in addition, Dr David Jones, Dr David Ward, and a Community Paediatrician should be invited.

14. Any other Business

14.1 Teenage Pregnancy

LM reported the advantages of a multi professional response to teenage pregnancy to ensure health support is available for young people. This has 2

year funding, 2013. Evaluation will use schools as a pilot and will include Kenton.

The group highlighted that the coordinator post is still outstanding and the urgency to fill this post as soon as possible noted.

14.2 Workforce Strategy

14.2.1 Action: All to identify gaps in skills and send a written document to Becky Dunn

14.3 Risk Assessments in Schools

The group discussed the need to rationalise procedures by developing a model policy for use in schools.

14.3.1 Action: AR to send the document that was previously prepared to the insurance company to identify improvements.

14.4 St Oswald's Hospice

AF noted that expenditure for short breaks at St Oswalds Hospice appear to have doubled. There is a need to understand the reason behind this apparent increase.

14.4.1 Action: JT, Pat Thompson to be invited to the next meeting to update.

14.5 Strategy Plan

AF outlined the key issues identified in the refresh of the 5 year NHS North of Tyne Strategic Plan.

14.5.1 Action: AF to circulate latest drafts for comment

15. The date and time of the next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 10 December 2009, 3:00 until 5:00 at Bevan House.

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