
Meeting	Corporate Parenting Board
Date	26 June 2017
Present	Councillors Rawlings (Chair), Cuthbertson (Vice-Chair), Runciman and Funnell
Apologies	Councillors S Barnes and Brooks

1. Declarations of Interest

At this point in the meeting Members were asked to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they might have in relation to the business on the agenda or any other general interests they might have within the remit of the Board. None were declared.

2. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the last meeting of the Corporate Parenting Board held on 10 April 2017 be approved and then signed by the Chair as a correct record.

3. Public Participation

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak under the council's Public Participation Scheme.

4. Strategic Theme: Emotional Wellbeing & Mental Health; Wellbeing; Relationships & Identity Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health of Children and Young People in Care, on the edge of Care and Care Leavers

Members consider a report that informed them about the activity of the Sub Group for Emotional/Mental Health of Children Looked After, Care Leavers and Edge of Care which reports to the Emotional and Mental Health Strategic Partnership.

Officers gave an update and highlighted the roles of the various sub groups and explained how working collectively supported the emotional and mental health of children and young people in care.

Members noted that the Children in Care Strategic Partnership also had an interest and role in supporting and challenging practices and services and had identified a need for clarity around the effectiveness and use of the Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire (SQD).

In answer to Members questions, officers confirmed:

- The SQD was a brief behavioural screening questionnaire offered to children in care.
- Psychology students from York University were undertaking a literature review which would focus on the evidence base of effectiveness of mental health interventions for children and young people.
- They considered each child's requirements on an individual basis and would continue to support and listen to the views of children in care.

Discussions took place around the Health Assessments and Members highlighted the feedback they had received from some young people in care and agreed further discussions were required to ensure subsequent health appointments were carried out accordingly. They also highlighted the need to ensure any documentation that was to be considered by children and young people must be user friendly and include appropriate terminology.

Following further discussions around the NHS Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group's role and children on the edge of care, Members thanked officers for their update and agreed that the new sub group approach would also endorse Ofsted's recommendations to ensure care leavers were supported to understand their health histories and that care leavers and professionals would be clear about the pathways to access support for their emotional and mental health needs.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

Reason: To keep Members updated on the progress and for Members to clarify any issues arising.

5. Corporate Parenting Board Work Plan 2017-18

Members considered the Boards work plan for the 2017/18 municipal year.

Following discussions it was:

Resolved:

- (i) That the work plan be noted
- (ii) That the NHS Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group's Action Plan be considered at the 25 September 2017 Corporate Parenting Board.

Reason: To keep the Board's work plan updated.

Cllr Rawlings, Chair

[The meeting started at 5.00 pm and finished at 5.45 pm].

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