

## CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

At a meeting of the **CHILDREN'S TRUST BOARD** held at Room 15, Priory House, Monks Walk, Shefford on Thursday, 3 December 2015

### PRESENT

S Harrison (Chairman)  
Cllr C Hegley (Vice-Chairman)

L Bulled	VOCypf Officer, Voluntary Organisations for Children, young people and families
E Burke	Member of Youth Parliament
R Carr	Chief Executive
A Caton	Chair, Central Bedfordshire Local Safeguarding Board
S-A Crosbie OBE	Headteacher, The Chiltern School
S Dawkins	Member of Youth Parliament
P Haddon	Headteacher, Holywell School
L Simkins	Chair, Voluntary Organisations for Children, young people and families
Cllr M A G Versallion	Executive Member for Education and skills

Others Attendees:	K Allen	– Bedfordshire CCG
	A Coleman	– Partnership and Performance Officer
	S Hobbs	– Committee Services Officer
	G Jones	– Assistant Director Children's Services Operations
	K Oellermann	– Assistant Director - Commissioning & Partnerships
	H Redding	– Assistant Director School Improvement
	B Rooney	– Public Health
	L Willis	– Core Public Health
	L Wright	- Youth Support Services

### CTB/15/21. **Welcome, Introductions and Apologies**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from:

David Boyle – Bedfordshire Police

Oliver Button – Principal, Queensbury Academy

Gary Jeffery – Head of Community Safety, Bedfordshire Fire Rescue Service

Melanie Mercer – Headteacher, Aspley Guise Lower School

Anne Murray – Bedfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group

Stephen Phillips – Executive Head Teacher, The Lawns Nursery School & Children's Centre

Muriel Scott- Director of Public Health

Brian Weatherall – Bedfordshire Youth Offending Service

CTB/15/22. **Procedural Business**

(a) Declaration of substitutes

Karlene Allen was in attendance substituting for Anne Murray.

(b) Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) Exclusion of the press and public

**AGREED**

**that in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 2 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act:**

- **Agenda item 11 – Update: National Working Group Pan Bedfordshire Review of Child Sexual Exploitation; and**
- **Agenda item 12 – Children and Young People’s Plan – Quarter Two Performance.**

CTB/15/23. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising**

**AGREED**

**that the minutes of the meeting of the Children’s Trust Board held on 16 September 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.**

Matters Arising:-

- minute no. 14 - Emotional Resilience of Young People and Domestic Abuse had been added to the Forward Plan;
- minute no. 14 – A report on the promotion of the 5-19 school nursing services was included as agenda item 6;
- the Central Bedfordshire Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report to be circulated to ensure that the key message within the Report be reported back to all stakeholders and partners;
- a meeting had been held with members of the Youth Parliament and the Director of Children’s Services had agreed to look into the provision of work experience placements. Work experience placements could be within school time or within the students own time. At the date of the meeting eight schools had signed up to the Central Bedfordshire careers education minimum standards. A further update on Careers Advice and Work Experience Opportunities would be provided at the next meeting on 8 March 2016;

- an update on the Child Poverty Strategy would be provided: and
- an update on schools results data would be provided at the meeting on 8 March 2016.

CTB/15/24. **2015 Early Indications of Pupil Outcomes**

The Board considered a report that outlined the provisional outcome data for the academic year 2014/15. The Central Bedfordshire's Partnership Vision for Education sets out the aspiration to be performing in the top quartile at every Key Stage. As at the end of October 2015:-

- 85% of schools in Central Bedfordshire had good or better Ofsted judgements; and
- 82% of pupils attend good or better schools in Central Bedfordshire.

The 2015 Key Stage 2 and 4 results were provisional and were subject to change.

A Partnership Vision for Education Board had been set up to oversee delivery of the vision and provided professional challenge and support to all partners.

The Board noted that the quality of the education in Brewers Hill Middle School, which was now due to close in August 2016, was still high. Parents and carers of children in Year 5 had been supported to understand the options for transfer to another school.

**AGREED**

- 1. that the current Central Bedfordshire outcome data and the actions being taken through the Partnership Vision for Education to collectively improve outcomes at each Key Stage be noted.**

CTB/15/25. **Ofsted Inspection Readiness**

The Board received a presentation on being prepared for an Ofsted Inspection of Children's Services. The presentation provided:-

- the background to Children's Services and Local Safeguarding Children Boards being subject to periodic inspections;
- an explanation on the framework and the timescales involved;
- details on the preparation work needed beforehand and the areas of specialist interest; and
- an overview of the year on year improvements within Children's Services and the areas that needed improving.

A discussion took place on Early Help Assessment service provision and referrals from Health for such services.

**AGREED**

- 1. that the presentation be noted; and**
- 2. that reference be made in the Performance Report to health referrals for Early Help Assessments.**

**CTB/15/26. Promotion of the 5-19 School Nursing Service in Central Bedfordshire**

The Board considered a report that provided an update on the 5-19 School Nursing Service provision in Central Bedfordshire and how the service was publicised and promoted to children and young people.

Every mainstream school, special school (non complex medical needs) and alternative provision in Central Bedfordshire had a named school nurse. The service, in partnership with young people, was currently developing a texting service for young people to further improve access. This would be piloted in the summer term of 2016, with full roll-out planned for September 2016. A local School Nursing Service website was also being developed.

It was noted that the outcomes of the Year 6 health review would be shared with the Board at a future meeting.

**AGREED**

- 1. that the current and planned strategies for the continued promotion of the 5-19 School Nursing Service, in order to increase access and support to the service, for children and young people in Central Bedfordshire be noted.**
- 2. That schools should be encouraged promote the School Nursing Service to students and hold drop-in sessions.**

**CTB/15/27. Children's Community Services Health Needs Assessment**

The Board received a presentation on the health and wellbeing of children and young people in Central Bedfordshire. There were six high impact pathways for a full and effective delivery of the Health Child Programme:-

- transition to parenthood and the early weeks;
- maternal mental health;
- breastfeeding;
- healthy weight, healthy nutrition;
- managing minor illness and reducing accidents; and
- health and wellbeing and development of the child at the age of two through the two year old review.

New service specifications were being developed and it was anticipated that this would go live on 3 April 2017.

Self esteem of children and young people was discussed. A survey was being carried out (with 45 schools participating) and the findings would be reported back to the Board in March 16.

**AGREED**

**that the presentation be noted.**

**CTB/15/28. JSNA - Executive Summary Development**

The Board considered a report that set out the development of the next Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) Executive Summary. The JSNA Executive Summary was published annually, describing the headline findings from the main JSNA and work had now commenced on the development of the next Summary.

The JSNA Executive Summary had previously informed the Health and Wellbeing Strategy, Bedfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group's strategic plans and the annual commissioning cycle. It also informed the Children and Young People's Plan and the Central Bedfordshire Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report.

**AGREED**

- 1. that the list of key areas identified for possible inclusion in the Starting Well and Developing Well sections of the Executive Summary as set out at Appendix A to the report be noted;**
- 2. For consideration to be given to the inclusion of information on Female Genital Mutilation.**
- 3. to identify any further health and wellbeing needs for inclusion.**

**CTB/15/29. Standing Item: Update from other Boards**

The Board had received a copy of the Central Bedfordshire Adult Safeguarding Board. If the Board had any comments to make about the document then they could be emailed to the Director of Children's Services.

**CTB/15/30. Forward Plan**

The Board received the Forward Plan that covered the meeting on 8 March 2016 and future items to be scheduled

**AGREED**

**that the Forward Plan be noted.**

**CTB/15/31. Update: National Working Group (NWG) Pan Bedfordshire Review of Child Sexual Exploitation**

This item was deferred due to the lateness of the meeting.

**CTB/15/32. Children and Young People's Plan - Quarter Two Performance**

The Board considered a report which provided Members with an update on Quarter Two progress in delivering the priorities contained within the Children and Young People's Plan. Performance across the set of key indicators for the plan was mixed.

**AGREED**

- 1. that the progress in delivering the priorities and targets, and actions to address issues where performance was not on track to meet targets be noted; and**
- 2. the following 'deep dive' items be added to the Forward Plan:-**
  - First Time Entrants to the Youth Justice System**
  - 2/2.5 Year Health Review.**

(Note: The meeting commenced at 4.00 p.m. and concluded at 6.20 p.m.)