



MINUTES of a meeting of the **DERBYSHIRE CHILDREN’S PARTNERSHIP** held at County Hall, Matlock on 26 June 2018.

PRESENT

Jane Parfremment (Derbyshire County Council)
(in the Chair)

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| Ann Coverley | Chesterfield LCP |
| Councillor Alex Dale | Derbyshire County Council |
| Linda Dale | Derbyshire County Council (Children’s Services) |
| Carol Ford | Derbyshire County Council (Public Health) |
| Adele Glover | Amber Valley LCP |
| Ann Harrison | 7 th LCP |
| Iain Little | Derbyshire County Council (Public Health) |
| Tracy Marsh | Childrens Centres/REHO |
| Andrew Mott | Derbyshire CCGs |
| Ruth Peat | Derbyshire County Council |
| Lena Ratcliffe | Derbyshire County Council (Children’s Services) |
| Jason Swan | NED and Bolsover LCP |
| Carol Weston | Erewash LCP |

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Steve Atkinson (Derbyshire Safeguarding Children’s Board), Isobel Fleming (Derbyshire County Council) Joy Hollister (Derbyshire County Council), Jane Lakin (Derbyshire Safeguarding Children’s Board), Paula Lievesley (Derbyshire County Council) and Michelle Skinner (3D (CVS) South Derbyshire).

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| 1 | <p>Minutes and actions from 12 April 2018 meeting</p> <p>The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record.</p> <p>Matters Arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fire and Wire Project, NYA – to be carried forward to the next meeting. - School Exclusions/Off-Rolling and Elective Home Education – DCC continue to receive high level national recognition for work done in this area. JP strongly recommended members read the consultation document regarding elective home education and asked for them to | All |

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| | <p>respond to her with their thoughts. Monitoring of pupils who were educated at home was recognised as a challenging area, with parental consent being an issue.</p> | |
| 2 | <p>Minutes of LCP Meetings</p> <p>Individual LCP Minutes had been circulated with the agenda for information.</p> | |
| 3 | <p>Key Issues for LCPs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NED/Bolsover – currently picking up on local issues such as school exclusions and local mapping. • Amber Valley – a meeting was scheduled for that afternoon. Work was taking place on domestic abuse and partnership working across the locality. • Erewash – working with schools and Community Safety. There were no registered street gangs in Derbyshire but there was growing evidence of anti-social groups and an increase in knife crime. • Chesterfield – working with schools on on-line safety. | |
| 4 | <p>Children at Risk of Exploitation</p> <p>Lena Ratcliffe, Children’s Services presented a report on the work being done to help and protect children at risk of exploitation and going missing. It concentrated on data from January to April 2018, reviewed the work done over the last year and evaluated current strengths and issues.</p> <p>Within the last 12 months there had been a lot of activity around Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and Missing and in turn this had highlighted the need to expand the brief to include children at risk of exploitation (CRE). Often, sexual exploitation would come after many months of exploitation – robust procedures ensuring that the signs of other forms of exploitation were assessed and protection provided, would reduce this risk. Refresher training, re-launching the toolkit and guidance and implementing of the locality CRE groups had strengthened response.</p> <p>The DSCB had been asked to support further work which was needed, to encourage other agencies to complete CSE toolkits where they were concerned about potential risks to children. LCPs were asked to support this also. Work was being done to identify and report on the number of toolkits completed by other agencies.</p> <p>It was agreed that solid benchmarking systems were needed to be in place, to be confident that Derbyshire is identifying children who are at risk, particularly high risk. JP advised the partnership that the risk levels needed to be considered to ensure they were not down-graded too soon.</p> | |

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| <p>5</p> | <p>Draft On-line Safety Action Plan</p> <p>Lena Ratcliffe, Children’s Services presented the draft On-line Safety Action Plan which was handed out at the meeting. Digital and interactive technology use was widely available and used for education, communication and entertainment and was now a part of daily life, however it was also used by those intent on grooming, abusing, bullying and exploiting children and young people. Derbyshire is committed to ensuring parents and professionals are alert to the concerns around on-line safety.</p> <p>There were growing trends within online activity for children and increasing themes within referrals recognised by child protection managers. Through the existing LCP partnership working arrangements, and new locality children at risk of exploitation meetings, we would look to strengthen response to themes and hotspots within localities.</p> <p>Schools and social workers had requested more training around on-line safety. The Youth Offending team had provided training for locality teams, themed around harmful sexual behaviour, with tools being provided to identify children at risk as soon as possible. Community Safety had also co-ordinated work within schools but this was locality specific and not widely available throughout Derbyshire. Derbyshire had an in-house rolling programme covering on-line safety training however targeting this training had been difficult.</p> <p>The Partnership were invited to discuss what LCPs were worried about locally, priorities relating to on-line safety and any work taking place locally and to comment on the On-line Safety Action Plan before approval by the DSCB in September.</p> | |
| <p>6</p> | <p>Childhood Immunisation Programme</p> <p>Iain Little presented a summary of the childhood immunisation programme in Derbyshire.</p> <p>The quality and performance of immunisation programmes was monitored through quarterly local Programme Boards chaired by the NHS England Screening and Immunisation Lead and represented by Clinical Commissioning Groups, community providers and local Public Health teams. An annual review of immunisation programme performance was undertaken, which looked to ensure the equitable delivery of programmes through detailed review of population level data.</p> <p>Coverage for childhood immunisation programmes in Derbyshire had remained consistently above national and regional average. National uptake had been decreasing, however this was not a picture reflected within</p> | |

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| | <p>Derbyshire. Some individuals or communities were less likely to access vaccination, creating potential pockets of lower coverage.</p> <p>Children with physical and learning disabilities were particularly vulnerable to vaccine preventable disease and were known to experience delays in accessing vaccination. Looked after children, young offenders, children known to be at risk, families with low levels of literacy or where English was not the first language and traveller communities may experience delays in vaccination due to a lack of engagement with or difficulties in accessing primary care services. These individuals may require additional support to access immunisation services, through additional promotion, reminders, education or facilitation.</p> <p>A school based model facilitates ease of access to vaccination, however creates challenges with respect to ensuring affective engagement with schools and ensuring equity of access for those who were home educated. This was reliant on effective information sharing between the immunisation provider and schools.</p> <p>NICE provided a number of recommendations to support the reductions in inequalities associated with vaccination coverage including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring professionals working with vulnerable groups were able to offer advice and support to children, young people and families. • Ensuring professionals were able to effectively signpost individuals for vaccination or facilitate engagement with primary care. • Ensuring processes supported effective information sharing between health professionals and social care services. • Ensuring processes supported effective information sharing between health professionals and social care services. • Facilitating and promoting the engagement of schools with the immunisation programme and immunisation provider. <p>The Partnership noted that Derbyshire currently performed very well in relation to vaccination for some vulnerable groups, including children in care. It was agreed that a system should be put in place to communicate to parents of electively-home educated children of the appropriate age(s), to ensure that they are aware of the vaccinations programme and how to access this for their children.</p> | <p>Iain Little & Orlanda Dias</p> |
| <p>7</p> | <p>Childhood Obesity</p> <p>Iain Little presented Derbyshire’s figures on Childhood Obesity. On the whole, Derbyshire was generally lower than the national average however the trend was on the rise, with 1 in 4 children aged 4-5 overweight; by the time children start secondary school, this had increased to 1 in 3.</p> | |

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| | <p>Derbyshire had introduced a number of initiatives to tackle the problem including NCMP, Food for Life programme, planning guidance for hot food take-aways near schools, Public Health Strategic Planning Policy Statement, school holiday programmes, Modeshift Stars, supporting the Daily Mile and Active Derbyshire.</p> <p>It was also looking at a number of ways on how to influence culture change, with a whole systems approach to making changes – looking at sugar levels, calorie intake, advertising and information. Other proposals would be expanding the Daily Mile to all schools and workplaces, the potential for local innovation in Couch to 5km or Geo Caching and making the most of DCC physical activity and sports grants schemes.</p> | |
| <p>8</p> | <p>Derbyshire Children’s Safeguarding Board and Learning from Serious Case Review/Serious Incident</p> <p>The last board meeting took place on 15 June 2018. The Child Protection service provided an annual update which highlighted progress implementing the child protection action plan and increasing LADO¹ referrals. A report was also received from Sue Gregory (independent reviewer) on her recent observations of child protection conferences. Some progress was noted, particularly greater consistency in child protection conferences and a stronger focus on risk. To ensure the continuation of the improvements, agencies had been asked to note: <i>“the importance of the attendance of workers who know the child and family well at CP case conferences if at all possible. Substitution of workers, whilst sometimes unavoidable, reduces the effectiveness of CP conferences and plans and means the voice of the child and the lived experience of the child is not heard as clearly as it could be.”</i></p> <p>Chesterfield LCP had reported to the Board on its work and issues relating to its locality.</p> <p>The new DSCB Interim Manager, Catherine O’Melia would start on 2 July 2018.</p> <p>Two new Serious Incident Learning Reviews were signed off at the meeting. The first focussed on a young person, who was home educated, who had died as a result of alcohol poisoning. The review had identified that young people who were home educated may not receive the full range of support available to people at school. However the key learning point related to young people’s awareness of the impact of excessive alcohol and when to call 999.</p> | |

¹ Local Authority Designated Officer

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| | <p>The second case focussed on the use of Graded Care Profiles and ensuring the appropriateness and importance of pre-birth assessments. A briefing note on this would be placed on the DSCB website.</p> <p>The DSCB held its annual development day on 13 June, which was attended by 80 front line professionals and focussed on assessment and management of risk.</p> | |
| 9 | <p>Core Data Set for LCPs</p> <p>Linda Dale notified the Partnership that colleagues were continuing to work on completing the data set. This was a labour intensive task. The Partnership confirmed that they found the 'quilt' format helpful, and that it would not be necessary to routinely produce this information in other formats or at school cluster level.</p> <p>The aim was to complete the final version of the core data set for each partnership before the school summer holidays.</p> | LD |
| 10 | <p>Locality SEND Data</p> <p>Linda Dale presented an analysis showing SEN pupils attending schools in Derbyshire by locality. Information was based on the pupil's home address as opposed to the school they attend. This was different to the full SEND Needs Assessment, which had focused on where pupils attended school. The analysis was also updated and some of the trends had changed since the full needs assessment – for example there had been a reduction in EHCP cases and an increase in SEN support, which reversed the previous trend and could indicate the success of a graduated response in Derbyshire.</p> <p>There were some significant variations between Localities. It was agreed that LCP chairs would take this information to their localities and discuss with lead SEND officers.</p> | All LCPs |
| 11 | <p>Discussion: How the DCP and LCPs are working DYC and Youth forums</p> <p>This information had been circulated to Partnership members prior to the meeting and their thoughts sought.</p> <p>There was discussion around the role of the DCP and LCPs. The main concerns colleagues encountered were lack of time/capacity; difficulties in engaging some key partners, the dynamics of relationships with local schools as a result of the 'REHO²' agenda and the breadth of their remit (were some Partnerships trying to focus on too many priorities?). However, the dynamics differed between each locality.</p> | |

² Re-thinking the Early Help Offer

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| | <p>Options for future work plan and core agenda – these items were broadly supported and would be revisited at the DCP Away Day on 3rd July.</p> <p>Ruth Peat outlined some of the challenges to date in engaging young people with the work of the DCP, and how this would be strengthened in the future.</p> <p>Concern was expressed about the possible attendance at the August meeting; it was agreed that the meeting should be moved to another date if necessary. An evening date would be explored for a session to focus on young people’s engagement and views.</p> | LD/RP |
| 12 | <p>Away Day 3 July 2018</p> <p>There were 40 registered attendees for the forthcoming Away-day on 3 July however this was a fluid figure. LCP Chairs were asked to promote the event. The Agenda for the day was circulated to each LCP and requested to formulate a 15/20 minutes presentation for the day.</p> | |
| 13 | <p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting was scheduled to take place on Tuesday 21 August 2018 at 2:00 pm in Committee Room 1 at County Hall, Matlock.</p> | All |