



Item 2

West Cheshire Children's Trust

West Cheshire Children's Trust Executive
Minutes of meeting held on Monday 26 April 2021

In attendance:

- Bob Cernik – Councillor, CW&C, Chair
- David McNaught – Director Education and Inclusion, CW&C
- Ian Ashworth – Director, Public Health
- Razia Daniels – Councillor, CW&C
- Gill Frame – Safeguarding Children Partnership
- Matthew Adam - Commissioning and Partnerships, Cheshire CCG
- Richard Rees, Police
- Rob Pullen – CWAPH
- David Curry – CWASH
- David Charlton - Cheshire Education Improvement Board
- Zara Woodcock – Senior Manager, Early Help and Prevention Service
- Sioban Simcock – Cheshire CCG
- Angela Lewis – Children's Commissioning, CW&C
- Sue Preston – Children's Society
- Anna Johnson - Innovation and Practice Development Lead, Children's Services, CW&C
- Samantha Horton-Leigh – Programme Lead, Our Way of Working
- Sarah Blaylock – Policy Manager, CW&C
- Isabel Noonan – Policy Manager, CW&C

Item No	Minute/Action	Who
1.	<p>Welcome, introductions and apologies Councillor Bob Cernik, Cabinet Member for Children and Families welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were noted: Helen Brackenbury, Director of Children and Families, Fay Quinlan, Associate Director, Strategy and Partnerships Hayley Doyle, Commissioning Manager, Children's Services, Mike McCann, CWASSH</p>	
2.	<p>Notes of meeting held on 22 February and Matters Arising / Review of Actions The minutes from the previous meeting held on 22 February 2021 were confirmed as a correct record. Matters Arising <u>Notes of meeting held on 22 February 2021 and Matters Arising/Review of Actions</u> <u>Matters Arising – 22 February 2021</u> ACTION: Look to run Covid-19 Recovery Programme with GPs Update on Progress, 26 April 2021: As part of recovery GPs will be supported with further training. Conversations are on-going and work is starting to normalise. Action</p>	





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	<p>been declined. There will be an audit in May. Action complete</p> <p><u>Page 7 – Item 7: Safeguarding Children Partnership Challenge – Substance Misuse Referral Tool</u> Action: Check the status of the Substance Misuse Referral Tool (Helen Brackenbury/Fay Quinlan) Update on Progress, 26 April 2021: Westminster Drug Project (WDP) is the current provider having taken over from Turning Point in 2019. WDP has a young person screening tool. Some additional work is required to understand the status of the Substance Misuse Referral Tool as it appears that it is not widely used. Zara Woodcock suggested that the commissioned service needs to undertake some promotional work. Gill Frame confirmed that the Assessment Tool is part of SCP Tool Kit. Action: Ask Service to promote the use of the Young Persons Substance Misuse Screening Tool. Alert Commissioner, Lee Barnett to action.</p>	<p>Zara Woodcock</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>PART 1: Our Way of Working Anna Johnson and Samantha Horton-Leigh updated the Executive with a Presentation covering the following areas: <u>Risk and Issues – Sustainability</u> – Children’s Trust Executive continue to explore options for sustainability; need to ensure continued buy in from partners to release staff for training in the Model. <u>Impact of Our Way of Working</u> – including quantitative and qualitative information, what are we starting to see and planning and continuous improvement. <u>OWOW – Process Change</u> – Embed Our Ways of Working into practice and culture; identify the IT system changes that can support us to do this and help shape and define the scope of the work. Having shared language in day to day practice is key and a Task and Finish Group will be established to look at shared language in written format. <u>Education Health and Care Plans</u> – Task and Finish Group has been meeting to improve outcomes and provision in EHCPs. It identified language as a barrier and is working towards embedding the Trauma Informed culture into plan writing. Next steps include a presentation to the college network and the Annual Review process to have a more ‘golden thread’ between aspiration – outcome – impact. <u>Multi-Agency Group Supervisions and Learning Conversations</u> – The frameworks have explored parent attachment patterns, trauma response and intergenerational trauma. Outcomes include providing a safe environment for honest discussion and impact of right framework at the right time. <u>Key developments for schools</u> – Approved and launched trauma informed Continuum for schools; supported Northwich Education Partnership to support pupils with social and emotional needs; a virtual conference is</p>	





	<p>organised for primary schools on 20 May and a Secondary School Task and Finish Group is supporting embedding Trauma Informed approaches in secondary schools.</p> <p><u>Social Finance Data Analysis Update</u> – Webinar of findings held 25 February 2021; report will be published in May 2021.</p> <p><u>Covid-19 Recovery</u> – need to raise profile of recovery; concerns ‘become the norm’ and ‘de-sensitised’ to the pandemic. I-learn module launched on 26 April 2021.</p> <p><u>Training and Development</u> – 1,241 delegates covering the multi-agency workforce trained to date. The contract with Interface has ended and Team now delivering training. Learning events on-line re-starting.</p> <p><u>Key Area of Development</u> – Community Safety Partnership bid successful. 3 priority areas of Anti-Social Behaviour, Domestic Abuse and Exploitation. Governance: reports quarterly to CSP and OWOW Strategic Sub-group.</p> <p><u>Evaluation</u> – Independent Evaluation nearing completion. Draft report due at the end of May and will be reported to the Children’s Trust at its July meeting.</p> <p><u>Work with Chester University</u> – including Social Work Departments and Nursing Programmes and Health and Social Care. It was suggested that a representative from the University join the children’s Trust Executive. This was agreed.</p> <p>Action: a representative from the university sector be invited to join the Children’s Trust Executive.</p> <p><u>Sustainability</u> - Current funding extended to 16 October 2021 and discussions are taking place with partners to secure future funding.</p> <p>David Charlton sought assurance that language and approach during transition from primary to secondary school are consistent. Anna Johnson explained that the majority of secondary schools are trained and further work and embedding of the Model is being driven through the school associations. An enhanced transition for the most vulnerable children using a trauma informed lens is in place. Rob Pullen pointed out that on 20 May a one-page Audit will be launched looking at how well schools are trauma informed.</p>	<p>Isabel Noonan Sarah Blaylock</p>
<p>PART 2 – Business and Development</p>		
<p>4.</p>	<p>Spotlight Report – Emotional Health and Wellbeing Partnership Matthew Adam from Cheshire CCG delivered a report outlining progress to date regarding Strategic Outcome 1 of the Children and Young People’s Partnership – Emotional Health and Wellbeing.</p> <p>The multi-agency partnership led a Recovery Response for Covid-19, which identified additional needs that children and young people in Cheshire West would experience as a result of schools being closed and children and young people experiencing prolonged exposure to hidden harm or adverse childhood experiences.</p> <p>Within 2 ½ months of the national lockdown in April 2020, Cheshire</p>	





& Wirral NHS Partnership Foundation Trust (CWP) established an All Age 24/7 Telephone Crisis Line, which had been identified as a development to be achieved in 2021/2022. This is now connected to the 111 service and has a child option which has been used 1,700 times. Cheshire CCG has also funded a Health Box for children and young people to help with lower level mental health needs.

The Emotional Health and Wellbeing service, myHappyMind, that Cheshire CCG has funded for 24 primary schools across Cheshire West developed online content, including addressing anxieties and worries that may result from the global pandemic and this programme was offered to all primary schools in Cheshire West free of charge.

The merging of the CCG organisations and the global pandemic had disrupted the normal working of the Partnership and In July 2020, the EHWPB convened to identify how to progress with the partnership working in Cheshire West and new Terms of Reference for the subgroup were developed.

Key areas of focus for the EHWPB during the remainder of 2020 included:

- Mental Health Support Teams in Cheshire West Schools
- Children in Care/Care Leavers Service Development including initial planning for children and young people Out of Area placed in Cheshire placements.
- Extension of the Psychosocial Trusted Relationships service through provider Rage Fitness for Care Leavers in Cheshire West
- Planning for the development of the Local Transformation Plan Refresh 2020/21

An Action Plan is currently being developed to monitor delivery against the seven priorities for emotional health and wellbeing contained in the Children and Young People's Plan; and Matthew highlighted the current partnership positions against each priority area.

Bob Cernik asked for further information about the Mental Health Support Teams in Cheshire West schools. Matthew explained that designated trained staff will be seeing a set number of primary and secondary schools with a view of managing children and young people's low-level mental health. They will be organised into Teams





	<p>with a clinical lead and 5 or 6 clinicians.</p> <p>Priority 1 highlighted trends indicate significant increases in eating disorder presentations, self-harm and crisis presentations for children and young people with Autistic Spectrum Condition. Gill Frame asked if this was also being seen in the general population. Matthew confirmed there is a significant general increase in referrals to specialist mental health services for such issues as eating disorders. David curry mentioned that anecdotally there are more boys now with eating disorders.</p> <p>Razia Daniels was pleased to see a focus on Children in Care/Care Leavers as these are a vulnerable group and asked what work was being done to support this group. Matthew explained that the Partnership is linking with the work undertaken by the LA to explore how trusted relationships can be grown especially as children leave care. Ian Ashworth explained that the LA is the corporate parent for CiC and referred to services on offer to CiC through Brio Leisure and questioned what other wider services could be made available. Angela Lewis pointed out that a commissioned emotional health and wellbeing service for Looked After Children is provided by Polaris. Matthew Adam and Ian Ashworth agreed to look at further opportunities for CiC.</p> <p>Action: Matthew Adam and Ian Ashworth to look at further leisure opportunities for CiC</p> <p>The Executive thanked Matthew for a good report.</p>	<p>Matthew Adam Ian Ashworth</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Children's Society - Advocacy and Independent Visiting Service Role</p> <p>Sue Preston, Service Manager of the Children's Society introduced herself and explained that the Children's Society has been successful in winning the Advocacy and Independent Visiting Service contract which started on 1st April 2021.</p> <p>The best person to advocate for a child or young person could be their carer, social worker, teacher, personal adviser but sometimes an independent person is needed so we offer Independent Issue Based Advocacy. Advocates provide independent and confidential information, representation and support when independent or specific advocacy is needed. They will support best practice across the CSC workforce in upholding children's rights and ensuring there are effective pathways to hear their voices and resolve issues at the earliest stage.</p> <p>Those supported with Advocacy include Children in Need, Child on a Protection, Children with Disabilities, Children in Care, Homeless 16/17 year olds, Care Leavers, and Unaccompanied Asylum Seekers.</p>	





	<p>The Society also provides an Independent Visiting service. The Independent Visitor service is open to children and young people in care up to the age of 18. It provides an Independent Visitor to visit, advise and befriend where it is considered to be in their best interests. Recruiting of volunteers is currently underway.</p> <p>Sue explained that they took over 24 open cases plus 5 new referrals and 14 active match Independent Visitors on 1 April 2021. Sue has also met the two age range Children in Care Councils.</p> <p>Action: The Children's Society Independent Visiting Volunteer Recruitment advert to be circulated to the Executive for wider circulation amongst partnership.</p>	All
6.	<p>Contextual Safeguarding</p> <p>Paul Jenkins explained that Contextual Safeguarding looks at wider community impact on safeguarding. Historically the Local Authority had processes in place to safeguard against exploitation, but this has been expanded to include such issues as criminality, knife crime, bullying and peer on peer abuse within the community. This was a high-risk area identified by Ofsted at the last inspection as response was not always in a timely fashion. Since then a significant amount of work has been undertaken locally in relation to pathways and interventions.</p> <p>Currently there is a weekly Multi-agency Contextual Safeguarding Hub (intervention facing) in place; a Contextual Safeguarding Co-ordinator in post; pathways and interventions are in place although High Risk is still an issue. The Hub has considered 175 children since October 2020 and an All Age Strategic Vision has been endorsed by LSAB, SCP and CSP.</p> <p>The next steps include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to agree long-term funding • Need to agree Governance • Work is underway to complete an All Age Strategy and developing an Adult Pathway • Continue to roll out training and awareness sessions • Develop resources to support frontline staff. <p>It is likely to take 3-5 years to be assured that we fully understand what is happening in the community and its impact on children and young people. Paul Jenkins confirmed that there is some County Lines activity in Cheshire West but not as widespread as potentially thought.</p> <p>Bob Cernik commented that this work is very timely as exploitation services are being reviewed. Gill Frame confirmed that the SCP is well sighted on Contextual Safeguarding and has appropriate Governance arrangements in place to underpin it.</p>	





7.	<p>Safeguarding Children Partnership - Challenge Gill Frame explained that waiting times for ADHD assessments had been escalated to the CCG, suggesting it might be something the Trust want assurance on.</p> <p>In relation to ASD, Community Paediatrics have escalated an issue in relation to a non-commissioned service known as Axia as it is impacting on EHCPs and there were potential quality issues. ACTION: Sioban Simcock to ask Tracey Matthews for an update on ASD Action: Bob Cernik to raise the issue of Axia with Helen Brackenbury and Del Curtis.</p>	<p>Sioban Simcock Bob Cernik</p>
8.	<p>Items for Health and Wellbeing Board Contextual Safeguarding at a future meeting.</p> <p>Ian Ashworth explained that the Health and Wellbeing Board had had a Development Session looking at awareness of ICP and system priorities. The LGA had facilitated the session and the key priorities of mental health, climate change and sustainability, health inequalities and poverty had been identified.</p>	
8.	<p>Any Other Business A Trust Development Session has been arranged for 29 June 2021 to review 2020-21 Action Plans and develop 2021-22 Action Plans – invites will be sent out to all Executive members.</p>	
9.	<p>Date of next meeting: Date: Monday 19 July 2021 Time: 3.00pm to 5.00pm Venue: MS Teams</p>	

Summary of Actions

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26 October 2020 22 February 2021	Consultation and roll out of Obesity Pathway Continue to monitor and present update on progress of Obesity Pathway to Children's Trust Executive. Timeline to be drawn up	Update on progress, 22 February 2021: Ceriann Tunnah reported that the mapping exercise still required further work to form it into an Obesity Pathway which will then be consulted upon before being finalised. A Training Pathway will sit alongside. The Pathway will be presented to Safeguarding Children's Board for final feedback before sign-off by the Children's Trust Executive. Update on Progress, 26 April 2021: Developing a Healthy Weight Pathway. A model pathway will be finalised by May. Key risk is that there are no Tier 2	Ceriann Tunnah





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