



Item 2

West Cheshire  
Children's Trust

West Cheshire Children's Trust Executive  
**Minutes of meeting held on Monday 26 October 2020**

**In attendance:**

- Bob Cernik – Councillor, CW&C, Chair
- Emma Taylor – Director, Children's Services, CW&C
- David McNaught – Director Education and Inclusion, CW&C
- Helen Brackenbury – Director, Early Help and Commissioning
- Razia Daniels – Councillor, CW&C
- Gill Frame – Safeguarding Children Partnership
- Jamaila Tausif – Deputy Director, Commissioning and Partnerships, Cheshire CCG
- Hayley Doyle – Commissioning Manager, Children's Services
- Ceriann Tunnah – Public Health, CW&C
- Rob Pullen – CWAPH
- Anna Johnson - Innovation and Practice Development Lead, Children's Services, CW&C
- Mark Grady – Senior Manager, Early Help and Prevention, CW&C
- Sarah Blaylock – Policy Manager, CW&C
- Isabel Noonan – Policy Manager, CW&C

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1.	<p><b>Welcome, introductions and apologies</b> Councillor Bob Cernik, Cabinet Member for Children and Families welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were noted: Ian Ashworth – Director of Public Health, David Charlton – Cheshire Education Improvement Board, Mike McCann – CWASSH, David Curry – CWASH, Alison Amesbury – Housing, CW&amp;C</p>	
2.	<p><b>Notes of meeting held on 13 July 2020 and Matters Arising / Review of Actions</b> The minutes from the previous meeting held on 13 July 2020 were confirmed as a correct record. Matters Arising <u>Page 5 Covid-19 Recovery</u></p> <p><b>ACTION: Look to run Covid-19 Recovery Programme with GPs</b> Jamaila reported that Primary Care has a plan for programmes and recovery pertaining to Primary Care which link closely to Our Ways of Working.</p> <p><b>Action from 26 October: Jamaila to produce a summary of the Plan for Executive members relating to services for children.</b> <u>Page 6 All Age Carers Strategy</u></p> <p><b>Action: Hayley Doyle to investigate producing a more accurate number of young carers.</b></p>	Jamaila Tausif





	<p>Hayley Doyle explained that producing an accurate number of young carers is difficult. The 2016 Census identified 251 pupils attending CW&amp;C schools who identified themselves as young carers. During the last twelve months 330 young carers have been supported through a variety of mechanisms. A research study at Nottingham University uses data from an area to estimate the number of young carers and has estimated that CW&amp;C would have approximately 10,000 young carers based on the information available to the research. This gives an indication of the work required to identify young carers earlier and offer better support. Schools will be key to this as will the new All Age Carers Strategy and work with the Provider and schools is currently underway. David McNaught offered support with liaising with schools on the issue.</p> <p>Ceriann Tunnah referred to services such as Substance Misuse and Mental Health services that will be aware of some of these families and Hayley agreed to follow this up with the Provider.</p> <p><b>Action: Hayley Doyle to follow up with Young Carers Provider about linking up with Substance Misuse and Mental Health Services.</b></p> <p>Helen Brackenbury also pointed out that the Early Help and Prevention Service fund a member of staff to work with the Provider for young carers.</p> <p><u>Page 8 – Child and Adolescence Mental Health Update</u></p> <p><b>ACTION: Cllr Bob Cernik asked to be involved in the consultation on the further roll out of MHST.</b></p> <p>Jamaila Tausif updated the Executive on Waive 2 and 3 Mental Health Schools Bid. Data has identified schools and work is currently underway with NHS England on which schools should be included in Waive 2 and 3. Once agreed the information will be communicated and the Delivery Model rolled out. This will include enhanced support through Children's Mental Health Team and Psychological Team. Waive 2 should commence in November 2020 although there is some slippage and Waive 3 in February/March 2021.</p> <p>Gill Frame referred to Child E Safeguarding Review and asked if this Service could help vulnerable children who do not engage. Jamaila suggested this could be looked at with school but also referred to a Primary Care route that is being looked at for those that might not present.</p>	<p>Hayley Doyle</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p><b>PART 1: Our Way of Working</b></p> <p>Anna Johnson updated the Executive with a Presentation covering the following areas:</p> <p>Governance</p> <p>Risk and Issues – interim evaluation is overdue due to competing demands. An independent Evaluator funded by the DfE has been appointed.</p> <p>Training and Development – includes bespoke programme for Police and future programme for GPs and paediatrics.</p>	





	<p>Communication – Name change, update to website, Practice studies Operational Delivery DA Intervention and Prevention Service Secondary Task and Finish Group – to put the theory into practice for a class of 30. Develop a set of principles and practice for all secondary schools. Covid19 Recovery – Briefings, 3,000 hits on website in September. Social Finance Work – time to Act – supporting the local Covid-19 Recovery work in CW&amp;C Culture Change Strategy – Defining the vision over next 3 years Emerging Workforce Needs Evaluation Wider Development – Joint Commissioning with Safeguarding Children Partnership with Queensberry Preventative work; and Advisory Panel and Testing for Research Programme – Trauma Informed Care in Children's Social Care.</p> <p><b>Action: Presentation slides to be circulated with the minutes.</b></p> <p>Emma Taylor explained that the Programme is in its embedding stage and that this will take time. However, the current DfE funding ends in March 2021 and the future funding position with the DfE is still unclear. A plan had been devised last year should DfE funding not have been given asking for partner contributions on top of the LA contribution and this would be revisited with individual conversations to understand what is possible.</p> <p><b>Action: Emma to work with Anna Johnson on putting a proposal together for consultation with partners on contributing funding to continue embedding the OWOW Programme.</b></p>	<p>Isabel Noonan</p> <p>Emma Taylor</p>
<p><b>PART 2 – Business and Development</b></p>		
<p>4.</p>	<p><b>Update on progress of Children and Young people Plan and Next Steps</b> Sarah Blaylock explained that the Children and Young People's Plan 2020-24 had been approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board on 15 July and uploaded onto the Children's Trust website. The five Strategic Outcomes set out in the Plan each have a Strategy Group and a progress update was given to the Executive: <u>Emotional Health and Wellbeing</u> – Jamaila explained that the Board had met recently for the first time since Covid. Terms of Reference are being updated to re-enforce the strategic nature of the group and a Work Plan set up to align strategic priorities, oversee key provider updates and include a focus on mental health in schools. The Work Plan will be shared when finalised. <u>SEND</u> – A SEND Strategic Plan 2020-24 has been agreed and the associated Action Plan has been developed and is currently being populated. The aim is to have a completed Action Plan to enable Quarter 3 Performance Monitoring to take place at the end of December 2020. <u>Early Years and School Readiness</u> – Again a Strategic Plan has been</p>	





	<p>agreed and an associated Action Plan is being populated.</p> <p><u>Prevention</u> – A revised membership is due to meet on 20 November 2020. Helen Brackenbury asked members of the Executive who had not already nominated a representative to join the Sub-group to do so to ensure an active and committed membership to take the work forward.</p> <p><u>Children in Care and Care Leavers</u> – There is a 4-year Strategy with 5 priorities including that of Corporate Parent and good partnership attendance at the Strategic Group.</p> <p>David McNaught raised the issue of BAME representation through the Children's Trust as this is an area of increasing significance in Education. It is a small population in terms of minority groups but an increasing number that need support. This should be done through an inclusive approach but needs to be kept on the strategic radar.</p> <p><b>Action: David McNaught agreed to follow up with headteachers how best to represent the BAME community in strategies and work of Trust.</b></p>	<p>David McNaught</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><b>Obesity Pathway</b></p> <p>Cerriann Tunnah explained that her colleague in Public Health, Lydia Orford was leading on the development of an Obesity Pathway. The Pathway has been developed for anyone working with children, young people and their families as well as parents/carers of children and young people. The mapping is across the weight spectrum with a focus on healthy weight. Services are mapped from preventative to clinical services and highlights the need to 'Think Safeguarding' throughout the care pathway.</p> <p>The Pathway is out for consultation although the Trust had not received a copy.</p> <p><b>Action: Cerriann Tunnah to circulate the consultation.</b></p> <p>Emma Taylor asked for re-assurance of a link into Safeguarding following two examples that had been seen in Cheshire West. Gill Frame asked how much had been factored into the Continuum of Need and Threshold document?</p> <p><b>Action: Following consultation any changes required to the Continuum of Need would need to be made through the Practice Improvement Group.</b></p> <p><b>Action: Summary of feedback from consultation on Obesity Pathway to be reported back to a future Executive meeting.</b></p>	<p>Cerriann Tunnah</p> <p>Lydia Orford</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><b>Commissioning</b></p> <p>Hayley Doyle briefed the Executive on a number of portfolio areas where joint commissioning/collaborative working between the Local Authority and CCG(s) is possible. The work commenced in 2018 at the request of the Executive and the most recent update is from October 2020.</p> <p><u>Neurodevelopmental services</u> – currently provided as Autism Services and ADHD Services</p> <p>CCG is the Commissioner; a JSNA is being developed and further actions have been identified.</p> <p><u>Child Adolescent Mental Health Services</u> – Tier 2</p>	





Joint investment in early help and early intervention services. Early Help is a commissioned service. Priority is to develop a joint Health and Social Care Tier 2 'Getting Help' service with a Lead Commissioner and pooled budget.

Speech and Language Therapy Service

In Cheshire West and Chester, Children and Young People's Speech and Language Therapy is currently commissioned by Cheshire CCG and Cheshire West and Chester Council, using a shared service specification and aligned budgets. The services are currently provided by Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (for West Cheshire population) and Central Cheshire Integrated Community Partnership (CCICP) (for Vale Royal population).

A provider mapping exercise has been undertaken by the LA Commissioner to identify referral pathways, areas of good practice and potential inequality across Cheshire West. A joint Performance Management Framework is in place that has demonstrated performance for 2019-20 and 2020 to date. This includes a blended approach of quantitative data, qualitative data and further layers to demonstrate outcomes.

The Joint Strategy is in place and is due for refresh in 2021. Procurement will take place from February 2021 with a contract launch on 1 October 2021; with the aim to have a single provider.

Emma Taylor asked that confidence in measuring progress be assured during the procurement process.

Unintentional Injuries

Unintentional Injuries is currently led by Public Health with close partnership with West Cheshire CCG. An Unintentional Injuries Joint Strategic Needs Assessment in relation to the under 5's has been completed. Due to the impact of COVID-19 this is still in draft form and requires validation by Public Health before it can be published.

Young Carers

Cheshire West and Chester commission a Young Carers Service from Carers Trust4All. The service provides a targeted service for children and young people who are TAF, CIN or CP or who have been at that level. The all Age Carers Strategy has recently been out to consultation and feedback is being collated and will be reported to Cabinet in January 2021. Two main points of feedback have been early identification of young carers and more support offered. The Strategy will be a positive tool to create further opportunity for Young Carers in Cheshire West and Chester and enhance the current offer.

Emma Taylor raised the issue of young carers that come through iART (front door) and how this fits in with a proposed one referral route.

**Action: Hayley Doyle to attend Children and Families DMT to discuss**







	<p><b>the one referral route for young carers and the impact on those that come through iART (front door).</b></p> <p>Jamaila Tausif summarised that the report gave a good oversight of the progress being made on joint commissioning supported by improving access to data.</p>	Hayley Doyle
7.	<p><b>National Return for MHCLG – Early Help Systems Leadership section</b> Mark Grady, Senior Manager, Early Help and Prevention asked the Executive to input as a partnership into the national return from MHCLG on the Early Help 'system' locally for West Cheshire. Information gathered will support the further development of the local early help strategy. Principles drawn out collectively at the Trust will then be worked up with more detail for a collective response to the set questions which has to be submitted in December.</p> <p><b>Action: Nominations from the Executive to form a small Task and Finish Group to work with Mark Grady to devise a collective response.</b></p>	Mark Grady
7.	<p><b>Safeguarding Children Partnership Challenge – Learning from SCR Child E</b> Gill Frame referred to the Learning report from SCR Child E. It was noted that a child presenting with mental health or self-harm is refusing an offer of support and is not engaging, this should be regarded as potentially increasing the child's risk.</p> <p>Gill Frame asked who is overseeing the new draft schools self-harm pathway. Helen Brackenbury confirmed that this should be the Emotional Health and Wellbeing Board chaired by Jamaila Tausif.</p> <p><b>Action: Schools Self-Harm Pathway to be led by emotional Health and Wellbeing Board</b></p> <p>David McNaught requested that any communications for schools be sent to him for his Team to distribute.</p> <p>Gill confirmed that a learning event will follow up the findings of the report.</p>	Jamaila Tausif
8.	<p><b>Items for Future Health and Wellbeing Board</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our Way of Working – celebrations and sustainability</li> <li>• Healthy Weight pathway</li> <li>• Progress on Joint Commissioning of Services</li> <li>• Publication of Learning from SCR child E – subject to approval by Gill Frame.</li> </ul>	
9.	<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b> <b>Date: Monday 22 February 2021</b> <b>Time: 3.00pm to 5.00pm</b> <b>Venue: MS Teams</b></p>	

