

**SUNDERLAND HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

26 July 2013

**FEEDBACK FROM THE SUNDERLAND CHILDREN TRUST BOARD – 11 JULY 2013**

**Report of the Chair of the Children's Trust**

**HealthWatch**

Liz Greer, Healthwatch Transition Manager attended the Trust to provide information regarding the development of Healthwatch in Sunderland. Liz also outlined

- the key powers of Healthwatch – although a not a statutory body, they have statutory powers, both old and new,
- the model for working and networking
- Healthwatch in Sunderland
- Key roles for children and young people, including giving them a voice, representing their interests on key boards, providing information and signposting, and offering information and signposting on how to make a complaint.

The following questions were posed as to how children and young people can ...

- Exercise collective influence on the way their services are designed, commissioned and provided.
- Participate in setting HealthWatch priorities and work programmes.
- Get involved in scrutinising services and finding out what matters to their peers.
- Collaborate on or deliver specific projects on issues which matter to them.
- Help us reach children and young people whose voices are seldom heard.
- Help us tell other children and young people about the best services and support where they live.

There were a number of groups which Healthwatch will be able to work with the ensure that the above was achieved, including Children's Trust Advisory Network, Sunderland Youth Parliament, Young Inspectors, school councils and youth groups in the city.

The following actions were agreed:

- LG to ask the CCG how they are hearing the voice of children and young people in developing their priorities and plans.
- LG was invited to return to the Trust in six months to discuss the Healthwatch Workplan and to discuss any additional work that has arisen.

**Child Health Profile**

Nonnie Crawford, Director of Public Health, provided the Trust with an update on the Child Health Profile. Nonnie noted that the data has to be taken with a health

warning, in that it was a snapshot at a given point in time and the position locally and national may have changes since publication. The key findings from the Profile were:

- 22.6% of the population of Sunderland is under the age of 20.
- 5.8% of school children are from a black or ethnic minority group.
- Health and well-being of Sunderland children is generally worse than England average, whilst infant mortality rates are similar to the average.
- Child poverty is worse than England average, 26/2% of children aged under 16 live in poverty, however family homelessness is better than England average.
- Levels of obesity are worse than average levels of obesity at ages 4-5 years, 10-11 years old.
- MMR immunisation rates are higher than England average, with rates for diphtheria, tetanus, polio, etc higher than England average.
- GCSE achievement is better than the England average, 62.6% of young people gain five or more GCSEs at A\*-C including maths and English.

### **Health and Wellbeing Board**

Keith Moore, Executive Director Children's Services, provided the Trust with an update on items discussed at Health and Well-being Board on 24 May 2013.

It was agreed that minutes from the meeting would be circulated with Trust members once approved.

The agenda for the Board meeting on 26 July 2013 was circulated for information.

### **People Directorate**

Keith Moore, Executive Director Children's Services, provided the Trust with a briefing in relation to the development of the People Directorate. Keith noted that from 1 August 2013, Neil Revely would assume the role of Executive Director People Services. Keith also informed the Trust that there would be a new management structure in place from that date, which has the capacity built in to be safe, secure and transformational.

Keith outlined the benefits of the new directorate, in that it would:

- Be all age-inclusive, total life course pathway
- Have a whole family and inter-generational approach
- Give better understanding of needs and issues of local people
- Provide productivity and efficiency opportunities.

Keith Moore and Cllr Pat Smith assured the Trust that the arrangements would continue to be reviewed.

## **Disabled Children's Charter**

Fiona Ottewell, City Hospitals Sunderland gave a presentation on behalf of Dr Karen Horridge, Consultant in Paediatric Disability in relation to the development of a Disabled Children's Charter for Health and Wellbeing Boards. The Charter has seven specific areas, which Health and Wellbeing Boards are asked to evidence within one year of signing up:

- Detailed and accurate information.
- Engage directly with disabled children and young people
- Engage directly with parent carers
- Set clear strategic outcomes
- Promote early intervention
- Strengthen integration
- Have cohesive governance.

There were a number of actions set out in the presentation and it was agreed that City Hospitals Sunderland takes the lead where possible in ensuring that these are carried out, particularly in relation to the re-establishment of the Inter-agency Strategic Partnership for Disabled Children and Young People.

It was further agreed that the Children's Trust endorse the Charter on behalf of the Health and Wellbeing Board, in the Trust's role as advisory partner.

## **Children and Young People's Plan Refresh**

Jane Hibberd, Head of Strategy and Policy (People & Neighbourhoods), presented a report setting out the timeline for the refresh of the Children and Young People Delivery Plan. The Trust agreed to the recommendations contained within the report:

- Undertake a light touch refresh of the CYPP, both strategy and delivery plans.
- Refresh the principles to embrace those of the Health and Wellbeing Board priorities.
- Focus the Plan on a key number of priorities to where partnership working can add most value.
- Seek the views of children and young people, in order that their views are at the heart of the plan.
- Incorporate Child and Family Poverty into Trust priorities and review membership of the Board.
- Convene a task and finish group.
- The Trust agreed to receive regular updates in relation to the development of the new priorities and actions.

*Copies of associated reports and presentations for all of the above mentioned items are available from Agnes Rowntree ([agnes.rowntree@sunderland.gov.uk](mailto:agnes.rowntree@sunderland.gov.uk) or 0191 561 1482)*

