

## BRIEFING FOR EARLY IMPLEMENTER HEALTH AND WELL-BEING BOARD

### SUNDERLAND CHILDREN TRUST BOARD – 26 APRIL 2012

#### Ofsted Announced Inspection of Safeguarding and Looked After Children's Services

Meg Boustead, Head of Safeguarding provided a presentation outlining the outcomes from the recent Announced Inspection of Safeguarding and Looked After Children's Services.

The inspection team were on site between 20 February and 2 March, and during this period spoke to a range of stakeholders, including:

- 37 children and young people
- 20 parents and carers receiving services
- Frontline staff and managers
- Senior officers
- Elected Members
- A range of community representatives
- Frontline professionals, managers and senior staff from partner agencies.

Each Council and its partners are scored against 22 judgements (four headline and a further 18 supporting judgements). The outcomes for Sunderland are noted below:

JUDGEMENT	SCORE
<b>Safeguarding services</b>	
Overall effectiveness	Good
Capacity for improvement	Good
<b>Safeguarding outcomes for children and young people</b>	
Children and young people are safe and feel safe	Good
Quality of provision	Adequate
The contribution of health agencies to keeping children and young people safe	Good
Ambition and prioritisation	Good
Leadership and management	Good
Performance management and quality assurance	Good
Partnership working	Good
Equality and diversity	Good
<b>Services for looked after children</b>	
Overall effectiveness	Good
Capacity for improvement	Good
<b>How good are outcomes for looked after children and care leavers?</b>	
Being healthy	Good
Staying safe	Good
Enjoying and achieving	Good
Making a positive contribution, including user engagement	Good
Economic well-being	Good
Quality of provision	Good
Ambition and prioritisation	Good
Leadership and management	Good
Performance management and quality assurance	Good
Equality and diversity	Good

The one area judged to be 'adequate' was the quality of provision in Safeguarding. The inspectors explained the primary reason being the inconsistent quality of assessments and plans. This had already been highlighted as a priority and considerable work has been undertaken in recent years to have the infrastructure in place to support improvement.

Work is ongoing to identify improvement actions to address the areas for improvement outlined in the Inspection Report.

A draft improvement plan is being presented to EMT and Cabinet for approval.

### **Children and Young People's Plan Priorities – Confirm and Challenge**

In order to monitor progress on priorities within the Children and Young People's as part of an ongoing programme of confirm and challenge sessions and agree the Children's Trust priorities for 2013-2016 (the second delivery plan arising from the Children and Young People's Strategy 2010-2025), two priority areas were discussed:

#### **Priority Outcome 14: Increase the proportion of young people who are in Education, Employment and Training (EET)**

The indicators specific to increasing the proportion of young people who are in Education, Employment and Training (EET), support the understanding of the population and targeted outcomes:

1. The number and proportion of 17 year olds who are in employment, education or training.
2. The number and proportion of 18 year olds in employment, education or training.
3. The number and proportion of 16-18 year olds from the following backgrounds in education, employment or training:
  - Learners with learning difficulties and/or disabilities
  - In care/care leavers
  - Teenage parents
  - BME learners
4. The number and proportion of young people in learning.
5. The number of young people who have been NEET for a period of 6 months or longer.

The plans in place to improve outcomes are as follows:

- Ensuring all stakeholders are engaged in the development of a robust and deliverable action plan and that they are committed to timely delivery.
- Supporting young people to maintain their engagement and support staff working with them to understand issues and respond effectively.
- Enabling young people to have good information, advice and guidance and support at transition.
- Placing a collective responsibility for ensuring young people are appropriately placed on all partners.
- Ensuring learning providers offer an appropriate curriculum for all young people.
- Increasing the number of supported apprenticeships across partners.
- Improving performance management framework in relation to Neet.

#### Priority Outcome 4: Reduce Substance Misuse, including smoking reduction

The indicators specific to reducing substance misuse and smoking reduction support the understanding of the population and targeted outcomes for:

1. Successful treatments completed
2. Offending and re-offending rates
3. Improved behaviour
4. Improved confidence and self esteem
5. Equity of access to services
6. Access to advice and information.
7. Number of adults who smoke
8. Number of young people who smoke
9. Secondhand smoke
10. Smoking at time of delivery

The plans in place to improve outcomes are as follows:

- Reducing the number of young people frequently using illicit drugs, alcohol or volatile substances.
- Ensuring appropriate services for young people in treatment as defined by NTA
- Reducing alcohol related Accident and Emergency admissions
- Reducing alcohol related crime and disorder
- Reducing the number of women smoking at the time of delivery
- Reducing smoking prevalence in young people aged over 16
- Ensuring all secondary schools attain gold smoke free award by September 2009
- Improving access to smoking cessation services across the city for under 18s
- Reducing levels of smoking during pregnancy by 15% by 2010.

In order to ensure that all priorities within the Children and Young People's Delivery Plan (2010-2013) have been through this confirm and challenge process, an additional two sessions have been arranged for 21 May and 25 June, and will inform both the Children and Young People's Plan Annual Report (2011-2012) and the development of the Children and Young People's Delivery Plan (2013-2016).

#### **Young People's State of the City Debate – Sunderland Youth Parliament**

On 25 November 2012, the Young People's State of the City Debate took place in the Council Chamber.

A group of young people from various schools across the city who are members of the Sunderland Young Parliament attended the Children's Trust Board meeting to provide detailed feedback from the event.

The State of the City Debate brings together young people from a wide range of backgrounds and 16 of the 18 secondary schools were represented, including one special school. The main areas which were highlighted through discussion were:

- Careers
- Health
- Sex education
- Student rights
- Discrimination

And these issues form priorities for Sunderland Youth Parliament in the year ahead. A detailed action plan has been developed, which includes the following key actions:

- To forge stronger relationships with the leadership teams and citizenship co-ordinators within schools and colleges.
- To work more prominently with youth groups and within youth centres.
- To begin to develop relationships with minority groups and those with whom Sunderland Youth Parliament is not currently interacting with.
- To begin to develop use of social networking sites and the Sunderland Youth Parliament website.
- To ensure that decision-makers, councillors, public sector workers, charities and Sunderland City Council are aware of the existence of Sunderland Youth Parliament, and to develop contacts and relationships with these individuals.
- To recruit more members to the group.

A copy of the action plan can be made available. It was agreed that the relationship between the Children's Trust and the Youth Parliament be formalised and that termly meetings take place.