

Note of last Children & Young People Board meeting

Title: Children & Young People Board
Date: Tuesday 13 March 2018
Venue: Westminster Room, 8th Floor, 18 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3HZ

Attendance

An attendance list is attached as **Appendix A** to this note

Item Decisions and actions

1 Welcome and Declarations of Interest

The Board noted the apologies listed at **Appendix A**.

No declarations of interest were made.

2 Education Endowment Foundation

The Chair welcomed Sir Kevan Collins to the meeting of the Children and Young People Board. Sir Kevan Collins presented to the Board on the work of the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF.) In particular he highlighted the role of the EEF as an independent charity dedicated to raising the attainment of 3-18 year-olds. He also raised the importance of discussion with Members on the wide ranging pieces of work the EEF are undertaking with the Department of Education.

In the discussion with Members which followed, the following points were raised;

- Of particular relevance to their work, Sir Kevan brought the Boards attention to the evidence of the relationship between attainment and socio economic background.
- Sir Kevan also highlighted the variability in attainment between regions.
- Sir Kevan explained to the Board that the work of the EEF took an evidence based approach with a focus on narrowing the attainment gap.
- He also raised that the importance of building more capacity for better systems to be put in place.
- He expressed a view that the required solution to narrowing the attainment gap would not be a structural solution but would instead be a teaching and a learning solution.
- Sir Kevan raised that any evidence generated by local authorities in this field would be valuable for the EEF.
- The Boards attention was drawn to the Research Schools Network, a partnership between the EEF & the IEE, which now includes 23 Research Schools which provide school-led support for the use of evidence to improve teaching practice.
- He also advised that the EEF was keen to work with partners to better mobilise their evidence.
- Regarding pilot areas for EEF funded projects Sir Kevan advised that where a local project is brought to their attention and shown to be functioning they would

consider that area to pilot their work. He particularly emphasised that they would look into whether a project can scale.

- In response to a concern raised, Sir Kevan advised he didn't find there were occurrences of some schools being more receptive than others.
- Regarding a query into EEF engagement with local authorities Sir Kevan explained they were always happy to receive ideas from local authorities and found them great partners in enabling closer work with schools.

The Chair expressed his gratitude to Sir Kevan Collin for speaking to the Board. He emphasised the importance of engaging with the EEF as a valuable partner and resource with a critical role in the co-ordination and dissemination of projects to raise attainment of 3-18 year olds nationally.

3 Children and Young People's mental health services (CAMHS)

Nasima Patel, Adviser, introduced the report to the Children and Young People Board on the current activities in relation to children's mental health, updating members of work in this area to date.

The following points were raised by Members in response to the update:

- A concern was raised that the mental health issues prevalent in asylum seeking children, such as the impact of trauma and bereavement, need to be given further attention.
- A view was expressed that a statutory duty to schools as well as greater accountability as to how new funding towards children's mental health is used would be critical going forwards.
- A member raised the importance on local authorities working with child line and the NSPCC.
- Concerns were raised as to issues with the current workforce available to support children and young people's mental health services.

Decision

The Children and Young People Board noted the activities detailed in the report.

Action

Officers to take forward future work while incorporating the steer given by the Children and Young People Board.

4 Note of the Previous Meeting

The note of the previous meeting was agreed.

5 Children's Services Spending Research

The Chairman welcomed Luke Tregidgo from Newton Europe. Luke gave a confidential update from Newton Europe's research into the question of "what drives variation in spend on Children's Services between local authorities?".

Board members discussed the latest emerging findings and provided steer to the officers ahead of the final stage of the work.

Decision

Members discussed and noted the work undertaken by Newton Europe to date.

Action

Officers to incorporate the Boards steer into work going forwards.

6 The interagency fee for adoption placements

Ian Dean, Senior Adviser, introduce a confidential paper around the interagency fee levels for adoption placements for the 2018-19 financial year.

A confidential discussion with the Board followed.

Appendix A -Attendance

Position/Role	Councillor	Authority
Chairman	Cllr Richard Watts	Islington Council
Vice-Chairman	Cllr Roy Perry	Hampshire County Council
Deputy-chairman	Cllr Lucy Nethsingha	Cambridgeshire County Council
	Cllr Gillian Ford	Havering London Borough Council
Members	Cllr Natasha Airey	Windsor & Maidenhead Royal Borough
	Cllr Ryan Brent	Portsmouth City Council
	Cllr Susie Charles	Lancashire County Council
	Cllr Matthew Golby	Northamptonshire County Council
	Cllr Dick Madden	Essex County Council
	Cllr Laura Mayes	Wiltshire Council
	Cllr Roger Gough	Kent County Council
	Cllr Megan Swift	Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council
	Cllr John Kent	Thurrock Council
	Cllr Bob Cook	Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
	Cllr Andy Moorhead	Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council
	Cllr Anntoinette Bramble	Hackney London Borough Council
	Cllr David Mellen	Nottingham City Council
Cllr Carl Cashman	Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council	
In Attendance	Sir Kevan Collins	Education Endowment Foundation