

Note of last Children & Young People Board meeting

Title:	Children & Young People Board
Date:	Thursday 14 June 2018
Venue:	Smith Square 1&2, Ground 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

There were no declarations of interest.

2 National Schools Commissioner

The Chair welcomed Sir David Carter, National Schools Commissioner, to the meeting of the Children and Young People's Board. Sir David gave a presentation on the future priorities for the National Schools Commissioner and working with the Regional School Commissioners.

Sir David emphasised that the role of all those involved in the system needs to be clear and that local authorities need to be included in this. He raised the importance of schools having effective partnerships with local authorities. He also emphasised the importance of place based leadership and the value of local intelligence which local government can provide to the education system. Sir David raised the importance of transparency in the system and highlighted the role peer challenges can play in improving schools.

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

- Following a query regarding the availability of data on school exclusions, Sir David informed the Board that this will be shared with local authorities.
- He also emphasised that they would continue to defend the right of Head Teachers to withhold this information in extreme circumstances.
- Regarding a query on regional school commissioner responsibilities Sir David emphasised that they would continue to have a role in interventions in failing schools, but managing this through triage would be remain with national schools commissioners.

The Chair expressed his thanks to Sir David for speaking with the Board. He also expressed a view that it would be important in future for the Secretary of State to emphasise the role of Councils in education, so that local government has clarity around this.

3 Early Intervention Foundation

Donna Molloy, Early Intervention Foundation, gave a presentation to the Children and Young People's Board on their work around social and emotional skills, links to child mental health and tackling parental conflict. In particular Donna drew attention to where their research evidenced the ways in which inter-parental relationships impacts on outcomes for children. It was highlighted that reducing parental conflict was not a focus for services at present and there wasn't yet a culture of early intervention on this issue.

Donna also emphasised the value of early intervention in supporting social and emotional development. In particular detailing the 3 types of approaches to early intervention in schools including universal classroom-based interviews, whole school interventions and targeted interventions.

Donna detailed future work in this area including a joint programme with the Education Endowment Foundation providing resources for schools, a new national programme focusing on culture change in services, centrally funded workforce development and evidence based interventions to target parent relationship functioning to improve child outcomes as well as continuing to emphasise schools role in local action to improve children's mental health. Donna asked if the Children and Young People Board will support this work.

In the discussion that followed, the following points were raised;

- A view was expressed that the evidence from this work would be useful in supporting the LGA's Bright Futures campaign, and that joined up work around this would be beneficial.
- The need for future work around children and young people's mental health in schools was emphasised and supported.
- It was suggested that the evidence from this work ties in with other work focusing on the impact of domestic violence and would benefit from some joined up working on this subject.

Action

Officers to work with the Early Intervention Foundation on areas of common interest

LGA Bright Futures task group to meet again after the summer break, to take stock of progress over the past year and consider next steps for the campaign.

4 Children and Young People's Health - Update on activity

Samantha Ramanah, Adviser, introduced the report updating the Children and Young People Board as to the current activities in relation to the LGA's work related to children's health issues.

Decision

The Children and Young People Board noted the update in the report.

5 Children and Young People Board - End of Year report

The Chair introduced the report providing an overview of the issues and work the Board has overseen during last year.

Decision

The Board noted the Children and Young People Board achievements for 2017/18.

6 Note of the Previous Meeting

The Board agreed the note of the previous meeting.

7 Children's Services Spending Research

Confidential item.

8 Sector-led Improvement in Children's Services and the development of an Early Years peer review programme update

Confidential item.

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 Matthew Golby	Northamptonshire County Council
	Cllr Dick Madden	Essex County Council
	Cllr Laura Mayes	Wiltshire Council
	Cllr Roger Gough	Kent County Council
	Cllr John Riley	Hillingdon London Borough Council
	Cllr John Kent	Thurrock Council
	Cllr Bob Cook	Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
	Cllr Anntoinette Bramble	Hackney London Borough Council
	Cllr David Mellen	Nottingham City Council
Apologies	Cllr Susie Charles	Lancashire County Council
	Cllr Megan Swift	Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council
	Cllr Andy Moorhead	Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council
	Cllr Carl Cashman	Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council
In Attendance	Sir David Carter	National Schools Commissioner
	Luke Tredigo	Newton Europe
	Donna Molloy	Early Intervention Foundation