

**PRESENT:**

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Stuart Carlton (Chair)	Corporate Director – Children & Young People's Service (NYCC)
Natalie Baxter	NYPACT
Richard Chillery	Harrogate & District Foundation Trust
Julie Firth	Head of Prevention/YJS (NYCC CYPS)
Judith Hay	Assistant Director, Children & Families (NYCC CYPS)
Stuart Mason	Headteacher, Thirsk School & Sixth Form College
Angela North	FE Colleges Group (Henshaws College)
Janet Probert	Chief Operating Officer, Hambleton, Richmondshire & Whitby CCG
Helen Seth	NYPACT
David Sharp	Chief Executive, North Yorkshire Youth
Sarah Tuncliffe	NYCC Public Health (substitute for Katie Needham)

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Cllr Janet Sanderson	Lead Member – Children's Services
Richard Benstead	Opportunities Area Programme Director (NYCC)
Steve Evans	Head of Strategic Support Service (NYCC)
Tom Bryant	NYCC Strategic Support Service (NYCC)
Marc Mason	Commissioning & Development Manager (NYCC CYPS)
Anthony Ruddy	NYCC Strategic Support Service (NYCC)
Ruth Stacy	Food for Life Programme Manager (NYCC)
June Taylor	County Catering Service (NYCC)
Marion Sadler	Business Support Manager (NYCC CYPS - Notes)

**ACTION**

**1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Professor Nick Frost, Katie Needham, Julia Priestnall, Jayne Hill and Nigel Costello.

**2.0 BOARD REPRESENTATION**

It was noted that vacancies remained for Academies and children and young people's voice.

**3.0 NOTES OF MEETING OF 14 JUNE 2017**

AGREED: with the following amendments –

- page 6 second bullet from bottom should read "five key strands" rather than six as shown
- page 7 first bullet should read Compass Buzz rather than Compass Reach

Natalie Baxter reported that she was now attending the Craven Group and this had already proved beneficial.

## 4.0 YOUNG AND YORKSHIRE 2

### 4.1 Launch of the new Plan

MES/KJ

It was noted that invitations to the launch event at the Youth Voice Conference should be issued shortly. **ACTION: MES to progress with VIP Team.**

### 4.2 Young and Yorkshire Performance Framework

NOTED: report, presented by Tom Bryant, seeking approval for the proposed Young and Yorkshire performance framework, including primary and secondary indicators, as set out in the Appendices to the report. Partners' engagement in determining and setting appropriate targets was sought and welcomed. Quarterly reporting to the Board was proposed alongside a series of detailed reports on each of the three outcomes to provide in depth analysis of progress made.

Angela North asked, on behalf of the FE Principals Group, which college was the best college within the geographic footprint. Tom Bryant agreed to provide clarification. Stuart Mason and Angela North asked that recognition of achievement rates at Key Stage 5 onwards also be included as a measure as the current scorecard was largely focussed on Key Stages 1-4. The Chair welcomed partners' contribution to developing the performance framework and said this would be critical in driving improvement in outcomes and enabling the "turn of the curve". Other indicators which required amendment or further clarification included

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- move from SEND statements to Education, Health and Care Plans
- number of young people who were homeless – requirement to define homelessness

The Chair said there was scope for further thought to be given to the indicator set in order to have greater outcomes focus and for performance reporting to be more contextual to tell the whole story.

Janet Probert reflected on the No Wrong Door evaluation launch conference and asked how young people's views would be captured. The plan would not add value unless their voice was included. Janet congratulated colleagues on the highly successful No Wrong Door Conference held on 25 September, which had had real impact and had been thought provoking, and suggested that young people's views of services could be the focus of a deep dive report. The Chair reflected that there was also a need to capture the impact of key relationships between professionals and young people to demonstrate the impact made on life outcomes. Judith Hay suggested that the Looked After Children Strategy be brought to a future meeting of the Board to provide further detail on underpinning work.

Janet Probert said she felt that the indicators around achieving were too attainment focussed and the wider role of schools in enabling children to be happy, healthy and achieving needed to be recognised. The Chair responded that there was scope to reflect the wider impact on social mobility and what was important to young people, as recognised by the plan to paint a holistic picture and to identify what could be done differently to drive further improvement, reflecting on the work associated with the Scarborough Opportunities Area. Helen Seth said that it was about encouraging people to appreciate and use what was on their doorstep and ensure this was accessible to all. Cllr Sanderson made reference to Forest School and Beach School initiatives.

Marc Mason reported on the work of the Youth Voice Executive and the section within the full plan around children's views. There was a need to ensure there were a range of indicators on which feedback on progress could be reported back to them.

Richard Chillery referred to the "plan, do, study, think" cycle and felt it important to identify an outcome to work on and then look at the performance measures which underpin it. It was important to make a start on using the outcome framework and see if it worked. David Sharp said that the framework had been developed to be a fluid dataset which could be adapted and refreshed as necessary. Stuart Mason asked that the views of young people who were less involved in the formal networks be captured (eg those children who were not in a vulnerable group nor represented via Youth Voice arrangements).

Steve Evans that it would be possible to include discussion at the next Board meeting to tease out the two/three outcomes on which to focus.

#### **4.3 Priority 1: A Healthy Start to Life**

NOTED: report, presented by Anthony Ruddy, providing an overall update against the strategic priority "A Healthy Start to Life". Key challenges had been identified as:

- smoking in pregnancy, particularly prevalence in some areas of the County
- hospital admissions for injuries to children (particularly fractures)
- emotional resilience for older children, especially girls and in specific geographical areas
- life expectancy at birth, infant mortality (low numbers but worsening over time against an improving picture nationally)
- wide variations in child poverty with consequent impact on inequalities in health across the geographic footprint.

The Chair reflected on the indicator relating to injuries and said, on balance, the fact that children were participating in safe play should be welcomed alongside recognition that sometimes injuries may arising from such activities. Julie Firth reported that further analysis had been undertaken in relation to unintentional injuries data.

Sarah Tuncliffe indicated that Public Health would welcome the opportunity to give a presentation to the Board on work around smoking prevention. Steve Evans reported that Public Health had expressed a wish to bring their work programme to the Board around their work in respect of children and young people and there was consensus this would be helpful. Janet Probert felt that whilst there was significant activity around work to stop smoking there needed to be more analysis and input into the prevention of smoking and the glamorisation of vaping as a safe alternative.

Julie Firth reported that the Prevention Service and Harrogate & District Foundation Trust had undertaken work to develop a breastfeeding pathway and Richard Chillery reported that this was focused around developing good quality, nurturing relationships which were difficult to capture via data.

The Chair reflected on work in relation to teenage pregnancy rates and the need to identify what strategies would make the biggest difference.

Judith Hay expressed concern that the report used Ofsted type judgement terminology and asked that this be reconsidered (eg Areas for Development).

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## **5.0 RESHAPING YOUTH JUSTICE PROVISION**

NOTED: report, presented by Julie Firth, providing an update on the review and implementation of the new Youth Justice Service which included the following changes to operational delivery:

- an integrated geographic approach within Prevention Service
- two tiers of provision: Tier 1 – early help and first time entrants; Tier 2 – referral orders over six months in duration, community orders and custodial orders dealing with more serious and persistent offending
- additional resource within Hambleton and Selby to meet need
- use of No Wrong Door and Family Group Conferencing services
- identified national performance measures. Julie confirmed that the “family” data was the YJS equivalent of statistical neighbours.
- establishment of a Youth Outcomes Panel with North Yorkshire Police which had already delivered significant benefits in terms of informed decision making around individual young people.

The changes were aligned to the direction of travel of the national review of youth justice by Charlie Taylor. Julie reflected that the wraparound services would be critical in supporting young offenders whose needs would become more complex as first time entrants to the system reduced. There was also scope to use Multi Systemic Therapy (MST) and Restorative Practice methodologies.

Judith Hay reported on the impact upon YJS data of high risk vulnerable young people placed, in North Yorkshire by other local authorities, in raising North Yorkshire average. NYCC now had access to MoJ data and would be pressing for a change in current reporting arrangements.

The Chair welcomed the new approach in enabling this area of work to be more family focussed.

Julie Firth reflected on young people’s voice data which gave strong messages as to the criticality of the relationships with key workers. David Sharp said that several youth justice workers were supporting North Yorkshire Youth in universal settings and this had been beneficial to all in developing relationships and extended a further invitation to Prevention/YJS Service colleagues.

## **6.0 IMPROVING SOCIAL MOBILITY: WILL OPPORTUNITIES AREAS MAKE A DIFFERENCE?**

NOTED: presentation by Richard Benstead, Opportunities Area Programme Director, providing an update on work to develop a Delivery Plan for the North Yorkshire Coast Opportunity Area. The Partnership Board, chaired by Sir Martin Narey DL, included representation from DfE, schools, employers, further and higher education and other key stakeholders. Young people would be placed at the centre of the work as would community engagement and ownership. The delivery plan would focus on four key priorities:

- early years – children get a head start in life through a high quality early years education
- mathematics – enabling the North Yorkshire coast to become an area where children excel in maths
- literacy – use the lower of literacy skills and love of reading to unlock future opportunities

- more good secondary school places – more families have access to a high quality secondary education with outstanding teaching and leadership

with underpinning critical themes around skills for employment & professional development, ambition and aspiration, an outstanding education workforce and children and young people's mental health.

Angela North on behalf of FE Principals Group asked whether it was the intention to include Post 16 within plans. Richard Benstead confirmed that he was engaging with relevant post-16 providers and would be attending the post-16 steering group shortly.

Cllr Sanderson said that she had recently attended the Music Hub concert and there had been a high percentage of pupils from Scarborough represented in the band. It appeared that this was largely due to the impact of an individual teacher which evidenced strongly that it was possible to make a difference through the power of the inspirational individual. Richard responded that there was recognition that a catalyst for change was critical in improving social mobility and that this, in most instances, could be different in each case. Work to capture this was ongoing. Stuart Mason reflected that there was something about putting the best people in the most challenging places but that national accountability measures were impacting on people's willingness to accept the possible risks to their career progression by working in tough places. There was a need to incentivise the best leaders and high quality teachers.

David Sharp asked that opportunities for young people which were not educationally based be included within the delivery plan. Helen Seth supported this view and asked that the needs of young people who had special educational needs and disabilities also be borne in mind. Richard Benstead confirmed that there was recognition that the impact of life outside the school gate was also critical in driving social mobility and that community/voluntary sector representatives were represented on the Partnership Board

## **7.0 FOOD FOR LIFE SCHOOLS PROGRAMME**

NOTED: report, presented by Ruth Stacy and June Taylor, providing a briefing and update on the work of the Food for Life programme for schools as part of the National Programme run by the Soil Association for nurseries, schools, care homes and hospitals. The project has been funded for two years by Public Health as a pilot project as one of only two local authorities to deliver the programme in schools (the other LA being Greenwich). There would be a national campaign by the Soil Association in the autumn to publicise the Food for Life programme to parents and the benefits it delivers in terms of high quality ingredients in school meals.

Ruth sought the Board's views on whether the programme should be extended more widely within North Yorkshire alongside work in relation to Healthy Schools and the new government Healthy Ratings Scheme.

Judith Hay welcomed the opportunity to extend the project into children's homes but asked how this could families who were on low incomes and/or accessing food banks could be encouraged to use healthy ingredients at lower cost. Ruth responded that if families were accessing free school meals they would already be benefiting via the catering service but recognised that the message to parents should be around healthy ingredients rather than high cost ingredients and how these could be used

to create wholesome meals at low cost.

Cllr Sanderson supported the view that good meals did not necessarily need expensive ingredients but there was a lack of understanding amongst some children as to where food came from. There was also a possible barrier to some schools' participation in events due to transport costs. Ruth responded there was recognition that North Yorkshire was a large geographic county and opportunities would be taken to hold events in different localities to increase participation.

There was discussion about how the evidence base could be developed to show impact when data suggested that access to healthier food within families may have greater impact than solely within schools. Steve Evans confirmed that earlier work had been undertaken in relation to breakfast clubs and impact of free infant school meals. Ruth Stacy reported that some schools were trialling free healthy tuck shops for key stage 2 pupils.

Janet Probert reflected that it was important to embed principles within all sectors in order to make a wider difference. Richard Chillery expressed his willingness on behalf of HDFT to work with the programme as part of the Healthy Child Programme.

AGREED: The Board expressed its support for the programme and would be happy to consider future extension of the programme alongside other financial and service commitments supported by an evidence base demonstrating impact.

## **8.0 FORWARD PLAN**

NOTED: the forward plan was noted

## **9.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **9.1 Young and Yorkshire launch event**

Steve Evans confirmed this would be held on 18 November at the Youth Voice event.

### **9.2 CQC Thematic Review of Children and Young People's Mental Health Services**

The Chair reported on the informal feedback from the thematic review held week commencing 18 September. Outcomes would be shared at the next Board meeting.

## **10.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 6 December 2017 – 12.45 pm for 1.00 pm