

The Children and Young Person's Partnership Board

The Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) 2014-2016 is based on the views and opinions of children and young people, through consultation with a number of groups.

Successes targeting NEETs include *The Working Lunch Pilot* which engaged 60 young people with five different employers from four different sectors (engineering, healthcare, web-based and the visitor economy).

In terms of local employment sustainability, there was an increase of 24 (54% increase) of sign-ups to the youth contract quarter on quarter.

The CYPP is well-established and data and intelligence gathering, including young people's views, should begin in late September.

Schools Child Protection Coordinators (CPC) meetings

Our first new style School CPC meeting in July was attended by over 50 CPCs, heads, governors and school nurses from schools, academies and colleges across the borough. It was chaired by Sue Sheriden, NEL strategic safeguarding manager. Helen Willis, LSCB manager, gave a short presentation on learning from Serious Case Reviews. Thanks to Carol Howard, assistant head and safeguarding manager Cambridge Park, for hosting and providing refreshments. A schedule of half-termly meetings was agreed.

Social Care Innovation Fund - Creating Stronger Communities

Recruitment is complete, with two advanced practitioners and five family group conference (FGC) coordinators now recruited. The FGC Service has suspended referrals until the expected launch of the new service in October.

Outcome Based Accountability (OBA) - NELC hosted a conference in June and welcomed ten other local authorities to the event. This opens up the potential for a regional network to share ideas for the development of OBA.

24 practice champions are now supporting OBA roll out locally.

Restorative Leadership is at the heart of the Council Plan. The leadership team recognise that they need to lead the way in the restorative practice approach across the authority.

The Restorative Schools Programme is underway with four secondary and two primary academies recruited to become centres of excellence.

Further training for practitioners will be in place in the New Year.

Signs of Safety (SOS). The two stages of workforce development is well underway. Stage 1 has seen 305 multi-agency staff trained and the professional development of practice leads on a six weekly basis. Stage 2 will be the development of practice in individual teams and new practice guidance and resources for practice leads to use within teams.

Creating Stronger Communities will issue a regular newsletter to keep key partners, agencies and practitioners updated on all of the activities above.

LSCB Chair Rob Mayall - Statutory Partner Challenge

"When I became Chair in 2014, it seemed important that I had a series of 1:1 meetings with statutory partners to get a feel for the Board from their perspective. It was immensely helpful and gave me a good foundation. One year on it seemed appropriate to repeat the activity - but with a twist. Part of the role of the Board (and the Chair) is to challenge, and I decided to make the second round of meetings more about challenge. What are the challenges for that organisation? How is it responding? To what degree are statutory partners providing challenge in their own organisations? How are statutory partners providing challenge across the system?"

The meetings are taking place in July and August and a summary of the messages and outcomes will be compiled for, and presented to the Board."

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Prevention and Early Intervention - Families First North East Lincolnshire

The proportion of CAFs closing with outcomes achieved is rising, with those stepping up to Child In Need falling. There were 1772 cases open to CAF at the end of June - 200 less than the same time last year – this correlates with 200 cases allocated at Universal-Plus which would previously have been allocated a CAF. Next steps include:

- Revised family support pathway, single assessment process and thresholds documentation will be launched as a Practitioners Handbook/Toolkit;
- Allocations meetings developed to meet 0-19 agenda;
- Continued communications and the development of relationships with partner agencies in clusters to full embed new processes and further develop data profiles for 0-19s.

Family 'R' Serious Case Review

When a child dies and abuse or neglect is known or suspected the LSCB should always conduct a Serious Case Review (SCR) into the involvement of organisations and professionals in the life of the child and their family. The Family 'R' SCR was published in June. An LSCB interagency action plan has been implemented overseen by the SCR Sub Group. Inter-agency Practice Forums were held in May to share the key learning and inform practice.

LSCB Intern Work with Young People

"I have just completed a six-week internship at the NEL LSCB. I was awarded this internship through Franklin College's Careers Academy - a UK registered charity that runs a two-year enrichment program for 16 to 19-year-olds. I worked with young people from Youth Voice to review the LSCB Website to ensure it is user friendly and has the right information for children and young people. I had several meetings with professionals including Young People's Support Services and CEOP ambassadors about what we could improve on the website. I've really enjoyed my time here and all of the staff have been so welcoming". Chloë Mansfield.

Quality Assurance

The Quality Assurance Sub Group is building momentum and both membership and regular attendance are growing. Three thematic inter-agency audits have been undertaken, Thresholds, Neglect and Conference Decision Making. The audit reports highlight good practice, required actions and learning points which will inform action plans for improving practice.

LSCB Board Membership

There have been a number of changes to the membership of the NEL LSCB Leadership Board. Craig Ferris (Head of Safeguarding for NLAG) and Sarah Glossop (CCG) have been invited to represent NLAG and CCG respectively. Jan Haxby, representative for CCG has replaced Helen Kenyon.

Local Government Association (LGA)

The LGA commissioned research into the current arrangements for the operation of LSCBs and the [report and summary](#) was published In June. It found LSCBs had made significant progress in building a joint approach to safeguarding. The Association of LSCB Independent Chairs felt the review provided a helpful overview of the current position of LSCBs and the challenges in safeguarding children we face across England. The key findings include:

- The pressure on LSCB resources;
- The increasing and widening expectations of LSCBs;
- The lack of agreement between the degree to which LSCBs are held accountable for local service failings;
- The high cost of Serious Case Reviews;
- The isolated, high profile role of Independent LSCB Chairs.

Voice and Influence of Young People

The LSCB undertook a Section 11 Audit which demonstrated examples of clear progress by all organisations, specifically how organisations are ensuring service provision is informed by the experiences of children and young people. Young people from "Youth Voice" who participated in the process found it a positive experience:

"It was a good experience because it gave me a brief understanding of a number of different organisations and how they are involved with young people."

Police Restructure and Impact

Humberside Police have undertaken a major restructure to enable the force to provide a first class service to the public, whilst managing the necessary reductions in funding by central Government. One by one the challenges faced by the restructure are now being overcome. The aim is to provide a more streamlined, efficient and overall better quality service. The restructure also provides Humberside Police with a golden opportunity to review policies and procedures along with partner agencies.