

TRUST BOARD

Title: KEY ISSUES AND ESCALATION POINTS
Name of Committee: JOINT CHILDREN'S PARTNERSHIP BOARD – CCS/CPFT
Committee Chairs: ANNA GILL and JO LUCAS
Date: 28th July 2022

Summary of key messages:

The Joint Children's Partnership Board – CCS/CPFT met on Thursday 28th July 2022. **Substantial assurance** can be taken from the information presented to the Board from several reports and updates, as follows:

Integrated Governance Report for Joint Services:

- The Healthy Child Programme has a priority of reducing previously agreed stretched targets for the New Birth Assessment and the 6–8-week reviews back to 'business-as-usual' timeframes, however this has been difficult. Mandated contacts continue to have core focus, with close work ongoing to monitor these.
- Delivering some of the mandated interventions within the wider timeframe has not been detrimental with no safeguarding or concerns identified.
- The service currently has a total of 16 WTE Health Visitor and 5 WTE School Nurse vacancies across the joint venture due to resignations, promotions, retirements, and career development opportunities. Staff shortages are being discussed across the East of England with a number of other service providers equally struggling to fill registered workforce vacancies. The JCPB Board were encouraged by the refreshed recruitment and development approach, which has been popular and successful so far.
- An ICB engagement event was held 27/07, where the significant and increasing pressures and demands for children with complex needs were presented, acknowledged and discussed.

Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) Partnership Project Update:

- Principles around the project were to align information, processes and documents that guide practice within CPFT and CCS to ensure a properly aligned and functioning MASH service is available and delivered.
- The project has given a slightly different staffing model, which has been well received and recognised at both regional and national level as an excellent example of joint working which has improved safety, quality and experience.

Baby Friendly Accreditation

- CCS Stage 5 Baby Friendly Assessment initiative was undertaken in March; and the CPFT assessment in May 2022. Both Trusts have been successful in maintaining their level 3 accreditation and can now progress towards achieving Gold Accreditation status.
- To move onto Gold Accreditation status, each organisation is required to have an identified Guardian, which should be a Board member equivalent (Executive or Non-Executive Director). Anna Gill (CCS NED) is the identified CCS Guardian. CPFT are yet to identify an individual.

Decision Regarding Non-Medical Prescribing for SCPHN Training Programme

- Revised NMC standards for Specialist Community Public Health Nurse (SCPHN) practice have recently been published by the Nursing and Midwifery Council, which have taken out the requirement for Health Visitors and School Nurses to need a V100 prescribing qualification.
- The Board agreed to support the removal of the V100 qualification within the mandatory training curriculum, across the joint venture.

YOUUnited

- Since establishment, YOUUnited has received 453 young people referrals and has seen 435 young people transfer from the incumbent provider. The Board were assured that the service

has developed well and were encouraged by the ongoing involvement of parents joining the Co-Production Group, and involvement of young people with continued service evaluation.

Escalation Points:

CPFT – to identify a Board level Guardian for the Baby Friendly Accreditation.

Emerging Risks/Issues/Concerns to Note:

Staffing challenges and number of vacant posts.