

TRUST BOARD

Title: KEY ISSUES AND ESCALATION POINTS
Name of Committee: JOINT CHILDREN'S PARTNERSHIP BOARD – CCS/CPFT
Committee Chairs: Anna Gill and Brian McCarthy
Date: 18th October 2022

Summary of key messages:

The Joint Children's Partnership Board (CCS/CPFT) met on Tuesday 18th October 2022. Substantial assurance can be taken from the information presented to the Board from reports and updates, as follows:

Healthy Child Programme:

- Healthy Child Programme (HCP) activity continues to be busy, with the service trying to resume 'business-as-usual' timeframes, which has proved challenging.
- Leadership development roles have been developed and recruited to across the joint venture within the three localities.
- The Programme is currently exploring models of how best to implement the Universal Antenatal Contacts with Commissioners.
- Compliance with financial targets, in meeting the 2.5yr development check, is a core priority as we move through the financial year. Requirements for Q1 and Q2 up to 59% have been met. The next ask is to increase that to 65%, and then to 80% by Q4.
- The 1yr development check, particularly in Peterborough, is an area of ongoing concern, with a decision made to temporarily ask our Nursery Nurses to take on a revised 6-8week development check at the detriment of the 1yr review, which has resulted in clinicians now trying to catch up with workload and some children not receiving their 1yr development check within timeframe.
- Improvement and transformation work continues, particularly in relation to the 2.5yr development check being undertaken in collaboration with some 'Best Start in Life' partners and implementing that model within different parts of the geography.
- Work continues to further develop the 05-19 Patient Pathway.
- A new Pathway started in September 2022, for the next 12 months to support young people with learning disabilities.
- The biggest challenge remains around qualified Public Health Nurse cohort (Health Visitors and School Nurses).
- The impact of clinicians accessing and updating two different systems continues to be difficult to manage and is increasingly frustrating. A known issue which has previously been discussed, but it is taking time to resolve. Will be raised at the ABU Executive Group.
- Concerns are starting to emerge following the 2.5yr development check for babies born during the pandemic.

Community Nursing:

- The substantive CCN post in Peterborough has identified a cost pressure.
- Transition into adulthood remains a priority development for the SEND Strategy across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.
- The ICB service specification is out-of-date. The review identified prior to the pandemic remains outstanding.
- Work continues with acute partners to support discharges of local children, which has been particularly impactful in reducing lengths of stay on Holly Ward (NWAFT).

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- Demands continuing at a steady rate, as predicted.
- A series of Learning Events have been held to understand challenges and successes.

Contracting:

The joint venture has two core documents:

- 1) Section 75 Agreement between CCS, CPFT and the County Council, which runs from October 2019 to March 2024 and has a one off 12-month Commissioners extension option available; and
- 2) Joint Venture Contract, which is a 5-year document which binds CPFT and CCS together and runs until March 2024 before automatically expiring.

A Commissioner decision is needed around the 12-month extension, and then following this, a decision will be taken as to what happens thereafter.

Emerging Risks:

- 1) Staffing challenges and vacant posts.
- 2) Unknown clarity on contracting going forwards.

Points of Escalation to Sovereign Boards:

None.