

Sunderland Children's Strategic Partnership. Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

What We Discussed	What We Decided
<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p>	<p>A <b>Children's and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) Awareness Raising Event</b> will be held in January 2018 at the Stadium of Light. It will promote a better understanding of the different services available to meeting the needs of children with mental health issues and increase awareness of the CAMHS Transformational Plan. It is primarily targeted at children's practitioners, including schools and Elected Members.</p> <p>The council is supporting 10 schools in Sunderland (2 secondary schools and 8 feeder primary schools) with the Heartstone Odyssey project, to <b>celebrate difference</b> and <b>promote tolerance</b>. The project focusses mainly on racism, but schools are encouraged to explore other areas of difference (i.e. disability, LGBT) to develop critical thinking. All ten schools will produce an exhibition and charter, with a group finale exhibition towards the end of the summer term.</p> <p>Show Racism the Red Card 'Routes Project' is targeted at 13-18 year olds who are displaying pronounced racist ideas and beliefs and who are at risk of being drawn towards <b>far-right ideologies</b>. Three referrals have been received from Sunderland schools within the first few weeks of the project being launched.</p>
<p><b>Improving child health and wellbeing and improving life chances</b></p>	<p>Johannes Dalhuijsen, GP gave a presentation and asked partners to endorse the outlined policy approach. Partners agreed with the approach in general, but felt that the challenges outlined were covered in the Children and Young People's Plan. To avoid duplication it was agreed to set up a task and finish group to look in depth at two relevant issues: Alcohol and Attachment. The Terms of Reference for the group to be considered at the February 2018 meeting.</p>
<p><b>Special Educational Needs (SEND) Area Inspection</b></p>	<p>Preparations were being made for the SEND Area Inspection. The inspection was a partnership inspection and would be unannounced at some point over a 3-year period. As part of the preparation for inspection, it was identified that Sunderland does not have a joint commissioning group for children, which was seen to be good practice. It was reported that this would be established and a meeting was being held to identify the relevant partners.</p>
<p><b>Voice children and young people</b></p>	<p>The recommendation to appoint a joint engagement officer to the Children's Strategic Partnership (CSP), managed by Together for Children (TfC) remained. TfC offered to fund an apprenticeship post if partners could contribute to an intern/post. All agencies reaffirmed their commitment to engaging with children and young people, but given current financial constraints, were keen to consider alternative ways other than funding a post. A number of different solutions were discussed and partners agreed to go back to their individual agencies to discuss funding issues.</p>
<p><b>Early Help Strategy &amp; Neglect Toolkit</b></p>	<p>The Early Help Strategy was signed off for publication. The CSP also received a copy of the Neglect Toolkit, owned by Sunderland Safeguarding Children's Board, which was ready for publication.</p>
<p><b>Teenage pregnancy</b></p>	<p>The Teenage Pregnancy Action Plan, Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Pathway was shared. It was agreed to update the action plan to reflect the needs of looked after children and care leavers and perinatal mental health.</p>
<p><b>Health and Wellbeing performance information</b></p>	<p>It was confirmed that all schools should be offered a meeting with the Designated School Nurse to support schools with general health promotion as well as specific issues for the school. LH would ensure this was the case.</p>
<p><b>Next meeting – 14 December 2017, 9.20am-12.30pm, Committee Room 6</b></p>	