

Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Thursday 12 July 2012

PRESENT:

Councillor Bowie, in the Chair.

Councillor Sam Leaves, Vice Chair.

Councillors Mrs Beer, Browne, Sam Davey, Martin Leaves, Rennie, Singh, Stark, Kate Taylor and Tuohy.

Co-opted Representatives: Alderman Pauline Purnell

Apologies for absence: Councillor Jordan and Matthew Currie

Also in attendance: Councillor Nicky Williams – Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, Carole Burgoyne – Director for Place, Jayne Gorton – Lead Officer, Michelle Thomas – Director of Operations and Dan O'Toole – Director of Finance, Plymouth Community Healthcare and Amelia Boulter – Democratic Support Officer.

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 11.25 am.

Note: At a future meeting, the committee will consider the accuracy of these draft minutes, so they may be subject to change. Please check the minutes of that meeting to confirm whether these minutes have been amended.

12. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

In accordance with the Code of Conduct, the following declarations of interest were made, as follows –

Name	Minute	Reason	Interest
Councillor Mrs Beer	Minute 16 – University Technical College (UTC)	School Governor at Plympton St Maurice, Chair of Plumtree Children Centre and employed by Devon and Cornwall Police.	Personal

13. **MINUTES**

Agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 June 2012 were approved as a correct record.

14. **CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no chair's urgent business.

15. **TRACKING RESOLUTIONS AND FEEDBACK FROM THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD**

The panel considered the tracking resolutions and those present commented as follows –

- regarding minute 3 (3) - Parent Governor Representative. The panel were happy for the election process to commence.

16. **UNIVERSITY TECHNICAL COLLEGE (UTC)**

Jayne Gorton, Lead Officer gave an update on the University Technical College (UTC). It was reported that -

- a. there would be no more than 600 pupils in attendance at the UTC;
- b. the UTC would specialise in marine engineering and advanced manufacturing. Students would be encouraged to undertake workplace based experience;
- c. the UTC is on target, the deadline was extremely challenging with a vast majority of building work to be completed in time for the opening of the UTC in September 2013.

In response to questions raised, it was reported that -

- d. the first round of recruitment for a principle was unsuccessful. The second round pulled in candidates from further afield, all with educational backgrounds. The successful candidate would be in post by January 2013;
- e. the overall number of staff would be between 80 to 100;
- f. there would be limited take of places during the first year. Other UTC's across the country that had been running for two to three years were now full and would hope the Plymouth UTC's uptake of places would increase over two years;
- g. Plymouth City Council, University of Plymouth and City College were equal partners. The UTC would have a governing body and representations on that body would need to be set up over the next 12 months.

Agreed that the Project Manager to update the panel on progress made on the UTC in January 2013.

17. **CHILDREN'S EMOTIONAL WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH TASK AND FINISH UPDATE**

Michelle Thomas, Director of Operations and Dan O'Toole, Director of Finance, Plymouth Community Healthcare (PCH) gave an update to the panel. It was reported that -

- a. a single point of access for referrals and simplifying the model to support young people through the process was being looked at;
- b. every child receives a risk assessment and care plan. The care plan details the treatment the child would receive and the length of treatment;
- c. Rapid response and quick access back if they require the service again.

In response to questions raised, it was reported that -

- d. an urgent referral would be seen within two weeks, other referrals to be seen within 18 weeks;
- e. the benchmarking exercise was conducted by Oxford and they compared their services to the services provided by PCH. Work was continuing with Oxford to further improve services at PCH;
- f. early intervention was a main priority and looking at identifying issues sooner.

Agreed that the Children's Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Task and Finish Action Plan is continually monitored by the panel.

18. **UPDATE DATES FROM PARTNER ORGANISATIONS**

- a. Children and Young People's Trust Board

The panel noted the update from the Children and Young People Trust Board. Panel members reported that Derriford Hospital was not very child friendly and the benefits of having all the specialists in one room discussing a child's needs.

Agreed that the panel explore hospital appointments for children and young people and the co-ordination of consultants when seeing patients.

- b. Corporate Parenting Group

The panel noted the update from the CPG. It was reported that the Awards Evening was a success and needed to be continued and the Chair of the Corporate Parenting Group was exploring ideas on how the event would be supported in the future.

- c. Local Safeguarding Children Board

The panel noted the report from the Local Safeguarding Children Board.

19. **WORK PROGRAMME**

The panel noted the work programme and agreed to recommend to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board the following items for inclusion:

- Primary school attainment to include secondary school attainment;
- School Transport to be brought forward to September;
- Hospital appointments for children and young people and the co-ordination of consultants when seeing patients.

20. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

There were no items of exempt business.