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**MINUTES**

<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
Partnership Board	8/11/2018	3-5pm	City Hall

**Present**

Dr Jacqui Jensen, Service Director – Care & Support, Children & Families, Bristol City Council

Dr Jo Williams, Public Health Consultant, Bristol City Council

Jon Angell, Principal, Representative Secondary Heads' Association

Kirsty Alexander, GP Representative and Clinical Commissioning Lead for Maternity, Children & Young Peoples Services, CCG (Co Chair)

Nicolle Deighton, Headteacher Briarwood School, member of Special Schools Partnership

Richard Lyle, Programme Director, Community & Partnerships/Deputy Operations Director

Fiona Castle, VCS Advocate, Imayla CIC

Dom Wood, VCS Advocate, 1625 Independent People

Ann James, Acting Director, Children's Services, Bristol City Council

Sarah Salmon, Head Knowle West Children Centre and Nursery School, Early Years Representative

**In Attendance**

Bonnie Curran, Policy and Partnerships, Bristol City Council

Emilie Williams-Jones, Principal Manager for SEND & Inclusion Services, Bristol City Council (on behalf of Alan Stubbersfield)

Gary Davies, Head Of Early Intervention & Targeted Services (Children and Families Services), BCC (Item 3)

Graham Jones, Commissioning and Policy Officer, Housing Services, BCC (Item 4)

Sue Moss, Public Health Principal (Mental Health and Social Inclusion), BCC (Item 5)

Alison Ford, Children's Commissioning Manager, CCG (Item 6)

Nick Smith, Strategic Intelligence and Performance Manager, Policy and Strategy, BCC (Item 7)

**Apologies**

Cllr Helen Godwin, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People

Jenny Theed, Director of Nursing & Operations, Sirona Care & Health (CIC)

Lucy Driver, Head at St Pauls Nursery and Children's Centre and Chair of the Early Years Heads group

Julie Edwards, VCS Advocate, Childcare Manager, BAND

Andy Bennett, Avon and Somerset Police

Alan Stubbersfield, Service Director, Education and Skills, Bristol City Council

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**1. Welcome & Apologies**

A number of apologies were noted.

## **2. Minutes and Matters Arising**

The minutes of the meeting the September meeting were confirmed as accurate.

## **3. Bristol Early Help Strategy 2018 - 21**

Gary Davies presented the Early Help Strategy for Bristol. This is a multiagency strategy that outlines a plan to deliver the help and support families need at the earliest opportunity to enable them to thrive. It includes a focus on identification and reduction of adverse childhood experiences (ACE) and prevention of escalation of need to specialist services (Edge of Care/Custody).

The Board discussed and supported the priorities included. Members were positive about the intention to collate the Early Help offer but stressed the need to for consideration of how VCSE partners can be included in this and how they are included in the developing locality arrangements more widely. Gary Davies agreed to pick this up.

The Board endorsed the strategy.

## **4. Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2019 - 24**

Graham Jones presented on the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2019 – 24.

There is a statutory duty under Homelessness Act 2002 for every local authority to conduct a homelessness review and produce a strategy based on that review. Consequently, the Early Intervention & Preventing Homelessness Challenge Group (EI&PHCG) has been asked by Bristol Homes Board to oversee a revised Homelessness Strategy to reflect Homelessness Reduction Act 2017.

The Board discussed the cross overs between homelessness and several of the Board's strategic priorities. The Board specifically flagged the links with Adverse Childhood Experiences, our SEND population, employment and skills and school attendance. The Board shared contacts and opportunities for Graham Jones to link with as the strategy develops.

The Board noted the financial resource attached to the national strategy and considered how best to respond, noting the possible tension in responding to bids whilst staying aligned to a strategic vision that cuts across so many priorities. A small group agreed to come together to do some horizon scanning and look at how to position ourselves for a strong holistic bid.

## **5. Draft Bristol Domestic Violence Strategy**

Sue Moss updated the Board on work underway to refresh the Bristol Domestic and Sexual Violence and Abuse Strategy. The new strategy will take a life course approach and include more on children and families than the previous strategy. The strategy will cover a three year period and cover the City, with alignment with regional neighbours. A set of draft principles have been developed and the needs assessment is underway.

Board members highlighted links to existing streams of work that the strategy needs to link with or align with, including PSHE, the work in children's centres, and the developing ACE Strategy.

Board members recognised the need to address domestic violence as a priority for the city and were positive about the inclusion of children and families in this strategy. Board members agreed to forward additional information of relevance to Sue Moss.

A consultation on the strategy will follow and Board members are encouraged to engage

with this.

## **6. Developing the ‘Children’s Strand’ of the STP**

Alison Ford provided the Board with an overview of work that was being initiated to develop a children’s strand of the Sustainability and Transformation Partnership’ (STP).

Alison gave an overview of the structure of the STP and described the extensive programme of transformation. There is not currently a childrens strand or vehicle for children’s transformation within the STP arrangements so a childrens workstream is being established. This is in its very early stages, at the point of scoping who needs to be involved. This group will then plan the development process in more detail.

The intention is that this is a co produced piece of work. Alison explained that the timeline can be formed around local partnership needs but that there was an intention to get the process underway imminently.

Board members discussed the broad range of links and relevant issues and needs that could be included in the work. They suggested that a wide group engage in initial the conversation with a core group then reviewing scope and taking the work forward. Board members were keen to see the work progress.

Board members were also keen to see links across this and the other strands of the STP, for example learning from work to mobilise the community to achieve the outcomes.

Board members agreed that there was a strong link to the work of the JHOG and that this should be considered as the work progresses.

Board members were invited to contact Alison Ford if they were interested in being directly involved in the work.

## **7. Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2018**

Nick Smith and Jo Williams presented the JSNA 2018, highlighting key issues for children, young people and families.

The JSNA can be accessed here: <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/policies-plans-strategies/joint-strategic-needs-assessment>

Board members discussed the improvements identified and the areas of concern that were flagged. The Board agreed the overview was helpful but stressed the need for commissioning and strategy development to respond to the data directly. The Board considered the ongoing challenges of inequality and child poverty and the need for this to be addressed at a city level.

The Bristol JSNA Steering Group is seeking stakeholder views on JSNA resources via an online User Survey – at [www.bristol.gov.uk/jsna/JSNA Data Profile](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/jsna/JSNA%20Data%20Profile)

Board members were encouraged to share the JSNA with relevant networks.

## **8. Adverse Childhood Experiences: Update**

Nigel Colston gave an overview of the work Public Health Wales and Welsh policing have been doing to develop a public health approach to policing. Links are developing with the Programme Team in Wales to share learning and explore opportunities for joint work.

Jacqui Jensen updated on discussions within BCC to develop the Council as an ACE aware organisation and ensure that knowledge and understanding of ACEs influences how

decisions are made. There was wide support and engagement in this with a number of opportunities identified. This work is ongoing.

An Expression of Interest to develop an ACE HIT has been submitted to Bristol Health Partners for consideration.

Regional discussions are ongoing to explore where there are gains from a joined up approach to ACEs.

The event on the 17<sup>th</sup> January has been split into two to allow for more people to attend. Over 300 people are now booked in.

The Board were supportive of the developments.

There was interest in a series of screenings of the film 'Resilience'.

There was discussion about poverty and the relationship between poverty and ACEs and questions raised about whether this needed to be stronger in the narrative around ACEs, and how to respond collectively to national policies seen to be having a negative impact locally.

<b>Agenda Ref. Item</b>	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Progress</b>
3	3.1 Gary Davies to ensure that VCSE are included in ongoing development and collation of Early Help offer.	Gary Davies	
4.	4.1 Ann James to discuss with James Beardall and Gary Davies representation on the EI&PH Challenge Group.	Ann James	
	4.2 Ann James, Paul Sylvester and Graham Jones to meet for early scoping work in anticipation of funds connected to the national homelessness strategy.	Paul Sylvester	
	4.3 Dom Wood, Paul Sylvester and Bonnie Curran to scope collation of a national policy response re ACEs, Housing and Poverty.	Paul Sylvester / Dom Wood.	
5	5.1 Board members to forward information relevant to the development of the DVA Strategy to Sue Moss to support alignment	Board members	Complete
6	6.1 Board members to consider how they could add value to the development of the Children's strand of the STP and contact Alison Ford if they would like to be involved.	Board members	Complete
7	7.1 Board members to use and share the JSNA report and presentation as relevant	Board members	On going
	7.2 Board members to complete the JSNA user Survey	Board members	Complete
8	8.1 Consider theme, impacts, influences of child poverty within the HIT, if successful in the full application	Bonnie Curran	Ongoing
	8.2 Bonnie to explore possibilities of screening the Resilience Film with partners	Bonnie Curran	Complete

