

Children's Services Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 March 2018 at 10am in the Edwards Room, County Hall, Norwich

Present:

Mrs P Carpenter

Mr D Collis

Ms E Corlett

Mr S Dark – Vice-Chair

Mr J Fisher

Mr T Garrod

Mr R Hanton

Mr E Maxfield

Mr G Middleton

Mr M Smith-Clare

Mr B Stone

Ms S Squire

Mr V Thomson

1. Chair's Introduction

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed all to the Meeting and reminded them that they were there to work on behalf of the children of Norfolk. She thanked Mr S Dark and Mr R Hanton for stepping in at short notice while she was recovering from cancer, and thanked Committee Members for supporting them. She also thanked Officers for their dedication and hard work during this time and during the recent Ofsted inspection.
- 1.2 The Chair thanked staff for their hard work and commitment during the recent snowy weather, noting the example of staff offering colleagues accommodation; Members echoed these comments.

2 Apologies for Absence

- 2.1 Apologies were received from Mr R Price (Mr T Garrod substituting) and Mr P Dunning. Mrs H Bates was also absent.

3a Declarations of Interest

- 3a.1 The following Members declared interests:
- Mr Smith-Clare declared an "other interest" as a governor of Alderman Swindell School;
 - Ms Squire declared an "other interest" as she had 2 children with autism in school with an EHCP;
 - Mr Maxwell declared an "other interest" as a governor of 2 schools and trustee of the Hamlet Centre;
 - Hanton declared an "other interest" as his daughter was a teacher;
 - Thomson declared an "other interest" as a parent of a child with an EHCP;
 - Mr Dark declared an "other interest" as a governor of the West Norfolk Academy trust and as his sister was a teacher;

3b Petition

- 3b.1 The Chair accepted a petition regarding the closure of Morley House for respite care from Ms Kibble and Ms Clarke.

4 Point of Order

- 4.1 The Chair chose to take item 5 “Public Question Time”, and Item 6 “Members Questions”, next, before returning to the running order set out on the agenda.

5 Public Question Time

- 5.1 Five public questions were received and the answers circulated; see appendix A.
- 5.2.1 Ms Kibble asked a supplementary question: “Members of Children’s Services who have met with us have told us that more children are coming through with complex needs in West Norfolk; how can the 4 beds left at Marshfields cover these needs?”
- 5.2.2 Officers replied that analysis carried out on the sufficiency of short breaks respite provision showed that the stock of residential respite ran at 67% occupancy; removal of Morley House would leave stock at around 80% occupancy.
- 5.3.1 Ms Clarke asked a supplementary question: “why are Officers only consulting with Morley family parents when the decision has been made public? We do not consider this consultation.”
- 5.3.2 Officers replied that there was wider consultation in 2016 and a report brought to Children’s Services Committee about developing greater use of community based short breaks; with regard to the changes at Morley House, they thought it was proper to first communicate with the families directly affected by the changes at Morley House. Officers had met with MPs and were due to meet with the National Autistic Society and other interested parties.

6 Local Member Questions/Issues

- 6.1 Three Member questions were received and the answers circulated; see appendix A.
- 6.2 Ms Corlett asked for local Members to be kept up to date on the issue in her question. The Chair reminded Members that she arranged training for all Members 6 months before. The Chair planned to ask the training provider, Police and Council to take the training to Borough and Parish Councils.

7 Minutes

- 7.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 16 January 2018 were **AGREED** as an accurate record subject to the amendments detailed below:
- 7.2.1 9.1.2: Ms Corlett noted that a proposal for a cross-party task and finish group to contribute to the review of Children’s Centres was put forward, seconded and defeated at the vote. She requested that this was shown in the minutes.
- 7.2.2 10.6: Ms Corlett felt this statement was about ensuring schools were held to account for money held in their budgets for additional need; she suggested this was either deleted or changed. The Executive Director of Children’s Services **agreed** to review this **and since the meeting decided to delete the statement**.
- 7.2.3 10.9: Ms Corlett noted that the Committee were notified about transition arrangements

in place being held back and that this informed their decision.

7.2.4 Further information related to the transformation strategy was **requested**.

7.3 **Matters arising from the minutes:**

7.3.1 Page 5; the Interim Assistant Director for Transformation updated Members that a detailed analysis of MASH's work and review of its purpose was being done to identify next steps. Officers were working with Lancaster University to review the model and look at those adopted in other Counties. Staffing issues had been addressed.

7.3.2 9.2: The Chair queried how the Department was tackling the £2bn public funding gap:

- The Executive Director of Children's Services stated that the Association for Directors of Children's Services (ADCS) and other relevant professional bodies had raised the issue nationally to Government;
- The departmental response was set out in reports to Committee, in the approach to managing the budget and delivering services;
- Ms Corlett invited the Chair to meet with herself and Mr Maxfield, to hold a discussion with MPs and relevant ministers regarding the public funding gap. The Chair welcomed this offer.

7.3.3 Update was requested on the SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) funding schools grant:

- From September 2018 money would no longer be delegated through clusters;
- From Autumn 2016 negotiations and 2 consultations had taken place to help design the funding model, which would support holding schools to account;
- The Chair **requested** an update on this at a future Committee meeting;
- It was **requested** that this include information on risks and consequences such as risks for SEND support staff, administration involved in the model, whether the process would be slower and contingencies, and detail to assure Members that support for Children would not be disrupted;
- The Assistant Director of Children's Services (Education) reported that following an £8m uplift in the school budget, schools had been encouraged to look at whether they would continue to employ support staff from their budget;
- Where clusters were not well prepared for the changes, they would be supported;
- The Assistant Director of Children's Services (Education) believed the new process was not onerous; it would be online and allow schools to be held to account for SEND money. It was intended that money would be with schools one month after implementation;
- The Assistant Director of Children's Services (Education) suggested indicators of positive outcomes for children could be funding reaching children at the right time, impact on number of exclusions and children's educational performance.

7.3.4 10.1: it was queried how the schools in Norfolk negatively affected by the change in Schools Funding Formula would be identified. The Council was implementing the new formula over 2 years; in preparation, shadow budgets had been given to schools. The Schools Forum Task and Finish Group were looking into which schools would be affected, however, there were constraints to how this could be mitigated; smaller schools were likely to be impacted the most.

7.3.5 The Vice-Chairman was concerned that, due to timescales being reduced to meet the September deadline, things may be missed, and **requested** the report provide detail.

7.3.6 The Executive Director of Children's Services **AGREED** to bring a report providing

information on the implementation plan and any associated risks and issues.

- 7.3.7 The current model of allocating top up funding for children with high needs via the school clusters was discussed. The Assistant Director of Children's Services (Education) reassured the committee that in most cases the funding reached the correct children, however in some clusters the governance of the funding was weak. The model needed to change to ensure the funding was targeted effectively in order to meet the 2014 SEND reforms.
- 7.3.8 A committee member suggested that 873 children in West Norfolk with an EHCP, most were in mainstream schools and if this was replicated across the county these numbers were high. The Assistant Director of Children's Services (Education) replied that different demographics were seen in the districts, and not all parts of the county had high numbers. The new approach to SEND top up funding would still have a role in dis-incentivising referrals for EHCPs. Referrals were high and increasing.
- 7.3.9 13.5: an update on elective home education was due in March 2019; the Chair **requested** the update was brought in 6 months instead.
- 7.3.10 The Assistant Director of Children's Services (Education), reported that the new DfE (Department for Education) guidance was not yet published.
- 7.3.11 15.2: the Executive Director of Children's Services confirmed that this meeting had not yet happened but was planned for May 2018.

8. Urgent Business

- 8.1 There were no items of urgent business

9. Children's Services Committee Plan 2018/2021

- 9.1.1 The Committee received the report outlining the Children's Services Committee Plan, which set out the objectives for the year and demonstrated how each area of the Council's work would change to deliver the Norfolk Futures transformation plan.
- 9.1.2 The Executive Director of Children's Services invited Members to support and challenge the plan. It was noted that "consequences to late intervention" had been misrepresented in the EDP which should have said *"this was a cost to the whole public sector"* not *"the council alone"*.
- 9.1.3 The Executive Director of Children's Services reported that there had been an update to the vital signs on pages 47-48, (shown correctly in the public copy of the agenda).
- 9.2.1 The Vice-Chairman queried the use of the terminology "looked after children".
- 9.2.2 The Vice-Chairman questioned the target on page 47 of the report, "Percentage of Children Starting a Child Protection Plan who have previously been subject to a Child Protection Plan (in the last 2 years)" of <(less than)15; performance monitoring showed the number of plans was approximately 8 from October 2017-January 2018 therefore he felt the target was not challenging enough.
- 9.2.3 It was noted there were projects and initiatives which were not included in the plan.
- 9.2.4 The Assistant Director of Children's Services (Education) reported that the measure of

“Percentage of Young People in EET for 6 months” was being reviewed.

- 9.2.5 Officers were challenged to consider if the department could be more ambitious in tackling what happened to children once outside the remit of Children’s Services’.
- 9.2.6 The wording of the Committee Challenge under the heading “Managing demand – High Needs (SEND)” on page 36, and the risk under the heading “Rising SEND/EHCP referrals” on p42 were challenged. The Committee **REQUESTED** they were re-worded to focus on the needs of the child, rather than level of applications received.
- 9.2.7 The Executive Director of Children’s Services clarified that data on page 24 referred to the number of children in receipt of free school meals. It was **suggested** the plan was amended to make this clear and to give greater detail on the number of children living in poverty in Norfolk.
- 9.2.8 The Chair noted the work programme within the report; she had previously asked for this to be brought as a report to each meeting and asked if this would be brought as a standalone report to future meetings. The Executive Director of Children’s Services **confirmed** that it would.

9.3 The Committee discussed the work programme, p65-67 of the report:

- A report on cluster funding would be added to the forward plan as discussed (see paragraph 7.3.6 above);
- A report on the refreshed participation strategy was **requested**;
- Training or a presentation on information from the cross-organisational working group on attachment for early years was **requested**; the Assistant Director of Children’s Services (Education) **AGREED** to arrange a workshop;
- A report on working relationships with NHS bodies was **requested**;
- Information on the transport budget either in collaboration or separately was **requested**; a consultancy group was looking at this and would present a report to Committee Chairs to agree proposals. Following this a report would be brought to Children’s Service Committee;
- A Report on the review of CAMHS was **requested**;
- A workshop to go through service plans for each area of service in detail was suggested, and **AGREED** by the Committee;
- The Executive Director of Children’s Services felt a seminar for Members would be useful, including updates on the children and young person’s wellbeing survey and public health performance indicators;
- The Chair discussed having Health as a regular item on the Agenda; Ms Corlett noted that reports from the Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee related to Children’s Health may be ideal to consider for this.

9.4 The Committee **RESOLVED** to:

- **AGREE** the Children’s Services Committee Plan;
- **NOTE** the Committee’s contribution to, and responsibilities for, Norfolk Futures, NCC’s transformation plan;
- **AGREE** metrics against which this Committee will report to Policy and Resources Committee for monitoring purposes

10. Performance Monitoring 2017-18

- 10.1.1 The Committee reviewed the performance data outlined in the report, presented on an exception basis.

- 10.1.2 The Interim Assistant Director Social Work **noted** the Vice-Chairman's comment to consider a more ambitious target for Child Protection plans; see paragraph 9.2.2 above.
- 10.2.1 Closure date following assessment was twice that of national average, therefore Officers were looking to reduce the number of unnecessary assessments.
- 10.2.2 Issues of children and families experiencing a number of changes to their social worker, raised at the meeting in January 2018, was being looked at.
- 10.2.3 Numbers of Looked after Children were rising in Norfolk and nationally. The last 50 placements of children who had become looked after were audited and reviewed by the locality panels, who would report in April 2018. Looked After Children trackers were in place and a Monthly Placements Board would start in March 2018 to provide oversight of pressure points and trends, and actions to address them.
- 10.2.4 Effectiveness of the Educare response, particularly in response to crisis, was being reviewed.
- 10.2.5 Assurance was requested for Members that no harm was being done when assessments were not completed in a timely way; the Interim Assistant Director of Social Work clarified that the audit of the last 50 cases would look at the source of concerns and intervention which led to children becoming looked after and links to performance around visits.
- 10.2.6 Known issues around recording were being addressed; pressure in teams could impact on this and it was therefore recognised that staff needed support for example by reducing caseloads. Concern was raised over the data gaps the case recording issues could cause.
- 10.2.7 The Vice-Chairman was concerned over delay to reach the target of assessments being completed in 45 days and asked for assurance that this was being addressed, particularly in Norwich. The Interim Assistant Director of Social Work replied that performance was impacted by high levels of contact at the front door affecting the ability to filter to the correct service and causing high levels of assessment in some teams. Reviewing the front door and MASH would aim to reduce the number of contacts converted to assessment.
- 10.2.8 The Executive Director of Children's Services reported that social worker staffing levels remained a challenge, with a high turnover of agency workers; different staffing models and staff recruitment and retention were being looked at.
- 10.2.9 Data about support for families with children going into care at a young age, to minimise the number of families in crisis resulting in children being taken into care was requested; the Executive Director of Children's Services suggested raising this at the workshop mentioned at paragraph 9.3 of the minutes; it would be a chance to identify issues which the Committee wished to follow up on.
- 10.2.10 A breakdown of age groups on entry for children in care was requested; it was **agreed** that this would be available at the workshop. The Interim Assistant Director of Social Work reported that the Looked After Children profile report could provide a regular breakdown of new and existing children in care and actions needed; the monthly placements board would review this to identify priority groups.

- 10.2.11 The Executive Director of Children's Services reported that different staffing models across the Country were being evaluated by universities and would be reviewed alongside the existing strategy. Some models freed up social worker capacity to do face to face work with families while other models took away non-professional tasks, such as admin, from social workers. As part of the "safe children resilient families" programme outcomes of this would be reported to the Committee.
- 10.2.12 It was queried whether differences between care leavers in education employment or training in districts was due to a small cohort or lack of providers; the Assistant Director of Children's Services (Education) **agreed** to bring further information to a future meeting but confirmed it related to both these factors.
- 10.2.3 The Committee **REVIEWED** and **COMMENTED** on the performance data, information and analysis presented in the vital sign report cards and determined that the recommended actions identified are appropriate.
- 10.3 The meeting stopped at 11:54 for a break and reconvened at 12:08

11. Finance Monitoring 2017-18

- 11.1.1 The Committee considered the report providing an update on the performance and financial forecast outturn information for the 2017-18 financial year and setting out financial outturn data for the period ending 31 March 2018 (period 10), as at the end of January 2018.
- 11.1.2 The Senior Accountant for Children's Services reported that the use of PFI reserves was agreed by Policy and Resources Committee. There were additional pressures related to Looked After Children and placement costs.
- 11.2.1 It was queried whether the amount of money for SEND would need to be increased. The Senior Accountant for Children's Services reported that Officers would continue to work on cluster money but may have to request more money from the Department of Education. The Assistant Director of Children's Services (Education) was keen to avoid this if possible, therefore different ways of working were being tried to drive down demand.
- 11.2.2 The Chair queried the "Children with Disabilities client costs" shown on page 111 of the report. The Senior Accountant for Children's Services clarified this was a unique situation and not anticipated during budget planning. A panel had been set up between Social Care, Health and Children's Services to mitigate issues.
- 11.2.3 The ability to continue to fund Morley house for an extra year was queried. The Senior Accountant for Children's Services clarified this was not related to budget savings therefore money was available for the service.
- 11.2.4 The Vice-Chairman noted the overspends of £3m for "Alternative Education provision Contracts" and £5.3m for "Special Education non-maintained school placements" and **requested** that actions to address these were included in the SEND paper.
- 11.3 Members **AGREED**:
- a) the forecast outturn position at period 10 for the 2017-18 Revenue Budget for both the Local Authority Budget and Schools Budget;
 - b) The forecast outturn position at period 10 for the 2017-18 Capital Programme.

12. Post 16 Education and Training in Norfolk

- 12.1 The Committee received the report providing an overview of post 16 provision, quality, outcomes for students and support for young people, and a brief overview of current work by teams in Children's Services and Community and Environmental Services.
- 12.2.1 Destination data was only available for students studying at level 3, not level 2.
- 12.2.2 The Chair asked about tracking of home educated children; the Head of Education Participation, Infrastructure and Partnership Service reported that post 16 education providers were able to focus on young people they knew had been home educated.
- 12.2.3 Providing a balance between student requirements and County and employer skillset requirements, and the impact on the economy skillset of courses being cancelled was raised. The Head of Education Participation, Infrastructure and Partnership Service reported that sub groups of the local enterprise partnership attended the skills board where plans for different skill needs were fed into planning for providers.
- 12.2.4 The Head of Education Participation, Infrastructure and Partnership Service reported that from 1 April 2018, under the new regulation, schools had a duty to ensure young people spoke directly with other providers. It was thought to be the role of the Careers and Enterprise Group to monitor this; the Assistant Director of Early Help and Prevention suggested the Children and Young Persons' Partnership Board may have oversight related to social mobility.
- 12.2.5 The issues related to training in North Norfolk and Breckland were raised; the Head of Education Participation, Infrastructure and Partnership Service confirmed this was ongoing however the Paston college merger with City College was encouraging and it was hoped they would consider what more could be offered on the Paston site.
- 12.2.6 It was queried whether layering had been done to ensure no part of the County was affected by all the issue areas identified in the report. The Head of Education Participation, Infrastructure and Partnership Service reported that district based analysis carried out for all issues had not highlighted any young people affected by all.
- 12.2.7 The strategy in place to reduce the number of children with SEND not in education, employment or training was queried. It was reported that key stakeholders were developing a strategy which included supportive internships, access to work and other approaches.
- 12.3 The Committee **NOTED** the content of the paper.

The meeting closed at 12:42

**Cllr Penny Carpenter, Chair,
Children's Services Committee**



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CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE QUESTIONS

13 March 2018

5. Public Question Time

- Jo Rayner
Why are parents not allowed to attend the panel hearings alongside their social workers that affect the respite provision awarded/not awarded to their children?

Note - Ms Kibble and Ms Clarke will be present and wish to present a petition

Response: We are happy to review our current process and consider parents' attendance at panel.

- Jessica Kibble (present)

When was the decision taken to close Morley House for respite, who took the decision, and why were parents not consulted?

Response: Children's Services Leadership Team discussed and agreed in December 2017 that this element of Break's contract with the council would have to cease in order to bring the contract within the budget set in 2016, and with the knowledge that there would potentially be a change of use by Break for Morley House. Contractual negotiations are commercially sensitive and therefore by their very nature are not public. The policy ambition to expand personal budgets and use of local community based short breaks provision was discussed by Children's Services Committee on 10 May 2016, following consultation with children and families. We wrote to all families currently using Morley House on 24 January and offered to meet with them as a group as well as on an individual basis to discuss the proposed changes to the services being offered by Break at Morley House.

- Claire Clarke (present)

How many overnight respite children with disability facilities are set to be closed when contracts are not renewed between now and April 2019 and have all parents/carers affected by any closures been consulted directly?

Response: Between now and April 2019, we are anticipating that one site will change in its use from operating as a short breaks residential unit for children with disabilities to operating as a residential unit for children with disabilities offering 52 week placements.

In relation to the change of use at Morley House, we have contacted all families currently using the facilities who would be affected by this change, offering to meet with them to discuss the proposed changes. We are continuing to meet with a number of parents, and other interested parties including MPs, and we will work with parents and service providers over the next period to support a positive transition for families.

- John Simmons

Why in an environment of ever tighter school budgets are schools undergoing closure being expected to fund the additional costs related to closure from their revenue budget to the detriment to teaching and learning in those schools where every penny counts towards children's education. The local authority is responsible for the closure decision and should be contributing towards additional costs of the reorganisation through the reorganisation budget surely?

Response: The LA does not retain any funding for such a purpose, as 100% of available funds are delegated to schools. We previously provided the answer to a similar question to both the Chair of Governor and the Head teacher of the school during a recent meeting.

- Joel Heys (not present)

The review of primary school provision in North Yarmouth, which has led to the decision to close Alderman Swindell Primary school was the result of a challenge to ensure the most efficient use of the capital development budget. In light of the applications for places at North Denes for September 2018, do the committee still consider that the planned construction of a new build, 2 form entry school on the North Denes site represents good value for money or is there an intention to further reduce the budget spend by simply renovating existing accommodation?

Response: The budget for the new school building has been approved for the scheme to deliver a 2FE primary school building for North Denes Primary as part of the Children's Services capital programme. There is no intention to reduce or change the scope of the project and we are targeting a planning application for May 2018.

Supplementary

Is a review of the cost effectiveness of nursery provision opened on the North Denes site in September 2017 required; as the Dec 2016 childcare sufficiency report clearly stated that provision in the area was already sufficient and it has caused financial loss to NCC through forcing Alderman Swindell Primary School into a deficit budget position prior to closure?

Response: We've not yet been able to ascertain if any financial difficulties experienced by the governors of Alderman Swindell (suggested by the question) can be attributed directly to an issue of early years' provision.

Changes to Early Years provision were planned with the schools and directly relate to a historical plans to bring the number of nursery places in line with the pupil admission number for each school. We do know that the December 2017 Profile now concludes there is now insufficient childcare places. This is due in part to acknowledging the increase in housing planned over the next few years and the projected loss of a number of 15 hour places as eligible parents request up to 30 hours of free entitlement funded places from their childcare provider.

We also want to increase take up of childcare in the Great Yarmouth Children's Centre Reach area. The take-up for 3-4 year olds of funded childcare places for the autumn term 2017 is 82.3%. This is one of the lowest take-up among all the 54 children's centre reach areas in Norfolk. If take-up is successful then more childcare places are required than currently exist.

6. Local Member Issues / Member Questions

- Mike Smith-Clare

How many Alderman Swindell staff are being re-deployed to North Denes Primary School following the summer merger?

Response: At this stage, no staff are being redeployed to ND, because the necessary information about admissions is not yet completed. Parents had until 28 February to indicate a preference and further work on placement will happen after that. ND is not in a position to know the number of children being admitted. Once that is known, a staffing structure for ND can be established.

Supplementary

How many Alderman Swindell staff are being made redundant following the schools closure and are these arrangements voluntary or compulsory?

Response: It is not possible to say how many staff are being made redundant as it is too early at this stage to say who might find alternative work. There is an ongoing process to support staff with finding alternative work wherever possible.

- Sandra Squire

Further to the discussion in Council regarding schools provision for SEN children in West Norfolk, particularly those with Autism: What are the numbers of children currently in West Norfolk who have EHCP's, including those still in application stage and how many of those are known to be on the Autistic spectrum. Also, what educational placements do they currently attend (mainstream school/independent/complex needs school/home educated/out of education) and how many receive transport to attend those placements.

Response:

Schools Provision for SEN children in West Norfolk with Autism	No.
What are the numbers of children currently in West Norfolk who have EHCP's	873
Including those still in application stage - EHCP Referrals	122

Including those still in application stage - Statements to be Converted to EHCP	106
How many of those are known to be on the Autistic Spectrum	245
What educational placements do they currently attend - Academy	297
What educational placements do they currently attend - A P Academy	25
What educational placements do they currently attend - Apprenticeship	4
What educational placements do they currently attend - General FE College	192
What educational placements do they currently attend - Home Educated	9
What educational placements do they currently attend - Independent	28
What educational placements do they currently attend - Independent Special	67
What educational placements do they currently attend - Mainstream	126
What educational placements do they currently attend - Out of School	52
What educational placements do they currently attend - Pre School Setting	25
What educational placements do they currently attend - Secure Unit	2
What educational placements do they currently attend - Special	258
What educational placements do they currently attend - Special Academy	4
What educational placements do they currently attend - Specialist Post 16 Institution	1
What educational placements do they currently attend - Traineeship	9
What educational placements do they currently attend - Work Based Learning	2

Due to the cross-over of geographical area for home address, special school location etc a summary of pupils transported from within the West of Norfolk to specialist provision is as follows:

- Churchill Park = 164 pupils with transport
- Pinetrees = 1 pupil with transport
- Sheridan = 16 pupils with transport

Supplementary

How many incidents in Norfolk have been reported by schools in the last two years of children taking knives into school?

Response: Schools behaviour policies and recording of incidents are locally determined by the school. There is no mechanism or requirement for schools to inform us about behaviour incidents.

- Emma Corlett

Operation Gravity is a significant issue in my division which makes me increasingly concerned for the safety of some young people, especially in respect of exploitation. The Home Office announced on 25 February a Trusted Relationships Fund to target work with young people at risk of sexual exploitation. What plans does Norfolk have to access this funding and develop work around this serious issue?

Response: A meeting has been convened on 15/3/18, with representatives from Children's Services Commissioning, Early Help and the Yot. Representatives from the Police and the voluntary sector will also be attending. The objective for the meeting is to draft an expression of interest for a project to support children and young people who are at risk of, or are experiencing sexual or criminal exploitation.

The expression of interest will be submitted by 13/4/18, and if successful will progress to the full application stage. Successful applicants will be informed on 7/5/18.