

CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONING COMMITTEE

9 September 2020

9.30 a.m. to 11.07 a.m.

PRESENT: Nick Browne (NB) - in the Chair

Members:

Councillor John Walsh (JW)	Executive Support Member for Education and Learning (SCC)
Kate Jones (KJ)	Neighbourhood Lead (CCG)
David Warhurst (DW)	Chief Finance Officer (CCG)
Councillor Bill Hinds (BH)	Lead Member for Finance and Support Services (SCC)
Councillor Jim Cammell (JC)	Executive Support Member for Social Care and Mental Health (SCC)
Karen Proctor (KP)	Director of Commissioning (CCG)
Steve Dixon (SD)	Chief Accountable Officer (CCG)
Charlotte Ramsden (SR)	Strategic Director, People (SCC)

In Attendance:

Eejay Whitehead (EW)	Senior Service Improvement Manager (Children & Maternity) (CCG)
Debbie Blackburn (DB)	Assistant Director of Public Health Nursing and Wellbeing (SCC)
Michelle Whittaker (MW)	Public Health Development Strategic Manager (SCC)
Mike McHugh (MM)	Senior Democratic Services Officer (SCC)

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

1.1. NB welcomed those present to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2.1. Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor John Merry, Harry Golby and Chris Hesketh.

3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

3.1. No conflicts of interest were declared in respect of the items included on the agenda for this meeting.

4. MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

4.1. The minutes of the meeting held on 8 July 2020, were approved as a correct record.

5. MATTERS ARISING

5.1. There were no matters arising.

6. FINANCE UPDATE

6.1. DW presented a finance report which provided the Children's Commissioning Committee (CCC) with an in-year update in relation to the financial performance of the children's element of the integrated fund at month 4 2020 / 21

6.2. It was reported that owing to the current uncertainty in relation to the NHS financial regime, the position was currently not forecast forward to the end of the financial year. It was noted that, at time of writing, the CCG had not yet formally received confirmation of its allocation for month 5.

6.3. At month 4, the children's element of the Integrated Fund is currently showing an overspend of £0.8m.

6.4. The main areas of over and under performance within the fund against the approved integrated fund plan for 2020/21 were highlighted, as follows -

- **Looked After Children £2.8m overspend**

£2.1m of this overspend related to out of area placements. The other areas highlighted were independent fostering arrangements (£0.3m) and residential care (0.2m)

- **Committed Developments £1.9m underspend**

This predominantly related to the release of the contingency (£5m full year) which was set aside to offset the pressure on looked after children.

- **Committed Developments**

The nationally calculated block contracts resulted in overspends on children's, offset by service underspends on adults. Consequently £1.4m of funding had been transferred into children's. Without this transaction, the overspend would have been c. £2.2m. The Adult's position following the transaction was materially balanced.

- **Children's Best value (BOND)**

The programme was expected to deliver significant savings through 2020/21, however as at Month 4, the benefits of this programme were being assessed and therefore the impact included in the fund was minimal.

6.5. Details were also provided which related to the key risks along with updates which were related to the children's integrated fund. This was provided along with the next steps in delivering a balanced children's integrated fund position for 2020/21.

6.6. RESOLVED: (1) THAT the in-year position of the children's services within the Integrated Fund for 2020/21 be noted.

(2) THAT the risks and next steps for children's services for the remainder of 2020/21 be noted.

7. URGENT BUSINESS - PART 1

7.1. There were no items of urgent business.

8. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

8.1. RESOLVED: THAT, under section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as specified in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

9. BOND PROGRAMME - QUARTERLY UPDATE

9.1. DB submitted a report which provided the Children's Commissioning Committee (CCC) with a summary of the programmes in the Better Outcomes New Delivery (BOND) programme formally known as Best Value.

9.2. DB provided details of the background for the programme and also the investment by the Salford Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) into four programmes of children's transformation.

9.3. It was confirmed that each programme had interdependencies and sought to improve the outcomes for Salford children and their families.

9.4. It was noted that the programmes were implemented based on evidence of effectiveness from other parts of the country and had been localised to operate within existing systems.

9.5. It was reported that each programme was funded on an 'invest to save' basis and details were provided relating to the savings and cost avoidance for each programme.

9.6. RESOLVED: (1) THAT the report we noted.

(2) THAT the ongoing investment into these programmes be supported.

(3) THAT a detailed evaluation report be presented at the next meeting of this committee to support a business case for the programme

10. 0-19 CHILDREN'S INTEGRATED HEALTH SERVICE, SPECIALIST HEALTH SERVICE FOR LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN AND THE YOUTH JUSTICE SERVICE

10.1. MW submitted a report which provided the Children's Commissioning Committee (CCC) With an update and assurance on key issues raised relating to 0-19 Children's Integrated Health Service, Specialist Health Service for Looked After Children and the Youth Justice Service contracts.

10.2. Updates were provided on the progress of the services and further information was submitted in order to give assurance on the quality and evidence required.

10.3. RESOLVED: (1) THAT the information received from Salford Royal Foundation Trust (SRFT) as assurance on provision of the 0-19 services be noted.

(2) THAT the issues raised regarding the Looked After Children (LAC) / Youth Justice Service (YJS) specialist health contract; the interdependencies with other commissioned services and the ongoing work with SRFT, be noted.

11. INGLESIDE BIRTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

11.1. EW and KP submitted a report which provided the Children's Commissioning Committee (CCC) with an update on progress following the discussion at previous meetings on the future commissioning of Ingleside BCC.

11.2. RESOLVED: (1) THAT the content of report and progress to date with existing maternity service providers on a collaborative approach be noted.

(2) THAT the risks highlighted in relation to the timeline be noted.

(3) THAT The proposal to allow Salford Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to negotiate a contract extension with the current provider be approved.

12. URGENT BUSINESS - PART 2

12.1. There were no items of urgent business.

13. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

13.1. The following items were submitted to the Committee for information -

- 0-25 Highlight - Therapies ERG - OT / PT Service Review / SLCN
- 0-25 Highlight - Salford Thrive
- 0-25 Highlight - Voice of the Child Advisory Group
- 0-25 Highlight - CAN ERG
- 0-25 Highlight - Early Help Neighbourhood Operational Group (EHNOG)

13.2. RESOLVED: THAT further copies of the updates be provided to members, including the embedded documents contained within the current versions.

14. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

- 14.1. RESOLVED: THAT the next meeting of this Committee be held on Wednesday 11 November 2020 at 9.30 a.m.