

FAMILIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AGENDA

Thursday, 30 January 2020 at 4.30 pm in the Bridges Room - Civic Centre

From the Chief Executive, Sheena Ramsey

Item	Business
1	Apologies for absence
2	Minutes of last meeting (Pages 3 - 8) The Committee is asked to approve as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 28 November 2019
3	Support for Young Carers (Pages 9 - 12) Report of the Strategic Director, Children, People and Families
4	Liaison with Gateshead Youth Assembly (Pages 13 - 42) Report of the Strategic Director, Children, People and Families
5	Ofsted - Annual Report (Pages 43 - 44) Report of the Strategic Director, Children, People and Families
6	Secondary Academies Performance - Progress Update (Pages 45 - 50) Report of the Strategic Director, Children, People and Families
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GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
FAMILIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, 28 November 2019

PRESENT: Councillor B Oliphant (Chair)
Councillor(s): M Hall, D Bradford, B Clelland, P Craig,
S Craig, S Gallagher, L Kirton, K McCartney, E McMaster,
M Ord, I Patterson and Reay

CO-OPTED MEMBERS Tim Kynoch

F26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Buckley, Cllr Caffrey, Cllr Oxberry, Cllr Weatherley and co-opted members Jill Burrell and Cheryl Lain.

F27 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting held on 31 October 2019 were agreed as a correct record.

F28 MONITORING REPORT - OSC REVIEW OF OBESITY

The Committee received the six monthly monitoring report into the review of children's healthy weight in Gateshead. As an outcome of the review a number of recommendations were agreed by the Committee, an update on progress against these recommendations was provided.

Gateshead has been selected to pre-test the whole system guide and set of resources produced by Public Health England to support local authorities to implement a whole systems approach to address obesity. Therefore, a series of healthy weight workshops have been held, led by Public Health and attended by a number of stakeholders. An action plan is currently being worked on, looking at issues such as transport and community safety and raising awareness to encourage healthy weight. It was noted that the action plan will be shared with the Committee when the next update report is brought back. The next workshop will be held in February, this will continue to bring together stakeholders to identify areas to intervene in the system to affect change with short term and longer term actions.

The review recommended the creation of a strategic steering group to consider the vision for a healthy weight generation for Gateshead and to decide priorities. Since completion of the review, the Gateshead Healthy Weight Alliance has been formed to provide the strategic direction of the healthy weight agenda in Gateshead. It was noted that at the next workshop the operational group will be formed which will carry

out work on the ground.

A further recommendation from the review was to focus on strategies to address the healthy weight agenda across the social gradient, thus focussing on inequalities. Progress in this area has been seen through the regional work led by CNTW in developing a plan for people with lived experience of mental health conditions to support them maintain a healthy weight. It was also reported that the 0-19 years service has appointed a dedicated infant feeding and nutrition lead, to provide a focus for breastfeeding, weaning and nutrition in early years. Work is ongoing with the Regional Local Maternity Systems Co-ordinator around the Obesity in Pregnancy Self-Assessment Tool, to work with mothers pre and post partum. Work has also been undertaken by the QE hospital paediatrician to measure BMI in two year old children, this allows early identification of those children who need additional support.

One of the recommendations which came out of the review was to establish a healthy weight declaration for Gateshead, working with partners to understand the contribution of each partner and ensure commitment to action through a multi-agency partnership. It was reported that Gateshead are one of the first areas regionally to sign up to the Healthy Weight Declaration. The declaration is focused on population level interventions to address social, environmental and legislative factors that affect people's ability to change their behaviour. The declaration includes 14 standard commitments which is a good way to demonstrate local authorities commitment and ensures a consistent approach. Six local commitments will be prioritised for the declaration, a consultation will be carried out in the new year to identify these.

There was a recommendation to achieve a balance between population level measures and more targeted interventions. This is around the universal offer and those people disproportionately targeted. Gateshead is supporting the regional daily mile programme, 30% of Gateshead schools are engaged which is aligned with the school sport partnership. Work is ongoing with planning and Newcastle University to improve understanding of the link between green infrastructure and health and wellbeing at a local level. This work is due to be completed by February 2020. In addition, workplace interventions have taken place and this includes only sugar free drinks being made available in all council facilities, discussions are also in place to implement healthy alternatives in vending machines.

The point was made that there seems to be a tension for the Council in terms of needing to derive income from business rates which may not necessarily be in line with the tackling obesity agenda. It was confirmed that there is a balance between benefits in terms of economic development and how it impacts on the health and wellbeing of the population. Since 2015 planning permission has not been given for hot food outlets in areas where there is over 10% childhood obesity.

It was questioned what the mapping of local systems showed. It was confirmed that this showed a complex picture, causal mapping was carried out to look for the root causes and this revealed various factors that cause obesity. It showed what needs to be tackled going forward over the 9-15 month process. It was requested that an example of the mapping be brought back to Committee with the next update report

in April.

- RESOLVED -
- (i) That the Committee noted the update of the healthy weight review 6 monthly update.
 - (ii) That Committee agreed to receive a further update in six month's time when the recommendations will have been progressed further.

F29 MAKING GATESHEAD A PLACE WHERE EVERYONE THRIVES - SIX MONTH ASSESSMENT AND PERFORMANCE DELIVERY 2018-19

Committee received a report giving an update on performance and delivery for the period 1 April 2019 to 30 September 2019 in relation to the Council's Thrive agenda.

It was reported that there are 32 strategic indicators for children and families which fall under all five Thrive Pledges.

Two strategic indicators fall under the 'putting people and families at the heart of everything we do' pledge, both of which have been achieved. These are around the number of eligible two year olds accessing their free learning place and the number of families engaging in the Troubled Families Programme.

In terms of the pledge to 'tackle inequality so people have a fair chance' there are 18 strategic indicators which fall under this pledge. For 8 of these indicators there has been improvement in performance, 8 have declined, one is a new indicator and for one there has been no update as of yet. It was noted that there is no data currently for the Progress 8 scores for children receiving free school meals as this data has not been collated. Also, data has started to be collected for free school meals at primary level which will be a new indicator. It was reported that Gateshead remains top of the region in terms of GCSE results.

Four strategic indicators fall under the 'work together and fight for a better future for Gateshead' pledge, one has improved, two declined and one is showing no change. Performance declined in relation to the number of first time entrants to the Youth Justice system, however improvements have been made in the number of hospital admissions for self harm and also the proportion of mothers smoking at the time of delivery.

In relation to the pledge to 'invest in our economy', four strategic indicators have been identified, three of which have seen improvement and one cannot be compared as there has not previously been six month data collected. Under the 'supporting our communities' pledge four indicators have been identified, three of which have declined, including excess weight in 4-5 year olds and 10-11 year olds and also the proportion of children in low income families.

The issue of permanent exclusions was raised. It was noted that there was previously an increase in exclusions and a conference was held to look at why. Work is ongoing to broaden provision so that there are more fitting routes for all young

people. The rate of exclusions is dropping and officers continue to challenge secondary schools. Multi-disciplinary panels are held to look at the needs of individual young people and alternative provision, this has been found to be more successful than referring to the PRU as it does not offer a lot of alternative provision. It was questioned as to the relationship between Multi Academy Trusts (MAT) and the local authority in terms of exclusions. It was confirmed that the relationships are very positive at present.

It was questioned whether lost days at school is used as an indicator. It was confirmed that this information is available but was not contained within the report. It was also noted that approval has been received for that appointment of an officer to work with school phobic children and young people. The question of home education was also raised and it was noted that a multi-agency group is in place for electively home educated children. A number of families have been identified that a school order would be enforced against if there is no evidence of school educating taking place. There are robust processes to track and monitor these young people and children's services inspections look at electively home educated children.

It was suggested that seasonal differences be looked at in terms of school attendance. It was also questioned as to the plans for a new facility in Gateshead for young people on the edge of homelessness, it was agreed that further information would be brought back to Committee on this point.

It was noted that action plans are in place behind each area for improvement identified by the inspection.

- RESOLVED -
- (i) That Committee was satisfied the activities undertaken during April to September 2019 are supporting delivery of the Thrive agenda.
 - (ii) That Cabinet will consider a composite performance report at its meeting on 21st January 2020.

F30 HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD STRATEGY REFRESH

The Committee received a presentation on the new Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The Health and Wellbeing Board has recognised that not all determinants of health lie within the health service, therefore there is a need to engage a wider group of stakeholders.

It was reported that there was a need to update the strategy due to a number of new challenges, for example austerity and welfare reform and continuing inequalities. A significant proportion of Gateshead residents are in need or are vulnerable and it was reported that once a child is born into deprivation a number of other inequalities follow, thus there is a need to think more broadly.

It was noted that the policy objectives in the Marmot report are still relevant today and therefore the strategy will adopt these policies;

- Give every child the best start in life, with a focus on the first three years of a child's life

- Enable all children, young people and adults to maximise their capabilities and have control over their lives
- Create the conditions for fair employment and good work for all
- Create and develop sustainable places and communities
- Strengthen the role and impact of ill health prevention

There is a need to understand why people adopt behaviours which have a detrimental impact on their health and understand the environment they live in. It was acknowledged that there needs to be a focus on prevention, through service intervention along with community intervention and civic level interventions.

Committee was advised that this was an opportunity to set out the strategic vision. Each policy objective was looked at as to what action could be taken and identified what delivery vehicles would do so. It was noted that in terms of delivery the strategy will move and change.

In terms of the next steps, further engagement will continue, the strategy will be finalised in December, to then be approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board. The aim is to launch the strategy in Spring 2020. Action planning will take place in order to deliver the strategy.

It was questioned how we approach communities. It was acknowledged that the medical model has always been a preventative approach, for example stop smoking services. However there is now a recognition that more needs to be done to start empowering communities and ensure people are enablers and that we are not disempowering them. An example of such work is Edbert's House, this has demonstrated positive collaborative work with communities, allowing them to take the lead. It was also suggested that more needs to be done to support communities while they are waiting to access services.

RESOLVED - That the Committee's views on the proposed strategy be noted.

F31 YOUTH JUSTICE SERVICE PERFORMANCE UPDATE

Committee received an update on the Youth Justice Service key priorities for 2019/20. The priorities for this year are;

- To strengthen the Gateshead Youth Justice Board, including development sessions and reviewing terms of reference.
- To set up a scrutiny panel for Out of Court Disposals and reporting into the board to improve accountability.
- To develop a digital forum where young people can access information and support through mobile technology
- To further develop case audits to include trauma informed working and Enhanced Case Management approaches
- To increase the identification of speech and language difficulties of young people

In terms of the scrutiny panel it was noted that decisions will be scrutinised and reported to the Board on a quarterly basis. If it is felt that a decision is not right an action plan will be put into place.

Work is ongoing with Viewpoint to get the digital forum in place. In terms of the audit around trauma, this will be looking at the early years of the child's life.

Work is also underway to increase identification of speech, language and communication needs, NTW staff are now situated in the main police stations between 7am and 7pm.

Committee was informed that the Knife Angel will be coming to Gateshead Quayside on 1 February 2020, a number of activities will take place during its time in the region. It was noted that the arrival of the Knife Angel was driven by a family in Newcastle who lost their child to knife crime.

It was reported that links are being made with other Youth Justice Services that are working under the same police force to establish joint protocols.

In terms of performance, first time entrants continue to fall, and the rate of re-offending remains below the Force and national averages. In relation to custody rates there is currently one young person in custody, this is lower than the national and regional averages.

- RESOLVED -
- (i) That Committee continue to receive regular updates on the key priorities.
 - (ii) That the Committee noted the contents of the report.

F32 WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee received the work programme report setting out the provisional work programme for the Committee for the year 2019/20.

- RESOLVED -
- (i) That Committee noted the provisional work programme.
 - (ii) That Committee noted that further reports on the work programme will be brought to the Committee to identify any additional policy issues, which the Committee may be asked to consider.

Chair.....



TITLE OF REPORT: Young Carers Service

REPORT OF: Strategic Director, Children, People and Families

SUMMARY

The Young Carers Service is one element of a three-part Carers contract, which commenced on 1st May 2019 and expires on 30th April 2024. The contract is jointly funded by Gateshead Council and Newcastle Gateshead Clinical Commissioning Group.

The existing provider, Carers Trust Tyne and Wear, were awarded the contract to support Young Carers, aged under 18 years of age, along with the Carers Relief Service; Gateshead Carers Association were awarded the contract to deliver services to Adult Carers aged over 18.

Data for the first 2 quarters of the Young Carers contract can be summarised as follows:

- A total of 50 referrals were received from various sources;
- There were 31 female Young Carers referred and 19 males;
- Referrals broken down by age:
 - 5 years to 7 years – 8 referrals;
 - 8 years to 13 years – 27 referrals;
 - 14 years to 17 years – 15 referrals.
- At the end of quarter 2 there were a total of 400 Young Carers receiving support:
 - 351 Young Carers were receiving active (frequent, activity based) support;
 - 30 Young Carers were receiving short term (quick intervention, advice) support;
 - 19 Young Carers were receiving non active (no intervention, registered) support.

Purpose of Report

To update Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Families) on progress of the Young Carers Service, commissioned by Care Wellbeing and Learning.

Background

The new contract has been operational since May 2019. Carers Trust Tyne and Wear are required within the terms of the contract to provide quarterly data on the Young Carers Service covering the following key areas:

- Measuring Referrals;
- Assessments and Support Plans, including outcomes achieved;
- Measuring the Care & Support Provided;
- Measuring Performance;
- Measuring Outcomes;
- Employees.

In terms of the initial 50 referrals, data for the first 2 quarters of the new contract shows that almost 50% (24) were received from two main sources:

- Education (12) and Self-Referral/Family (12).

A further 10 referrals were received from:

- Council's FIT/Early Help Team (10).

The remaining 16 referrals arrived from 7 different sources:

- Other (5);
- Voluntary Organisation (4);
- Children's Services Safeguarding & Planning (3);
- Adult Social Care Direct (1);
- Children's Services Disabled Children's Team (1);
- CYPS (1);
- Health including GP's & Hospitals (1).

At the point of referral, the provider also records the Health and Care needs of the family member that the Young Carer is supporting. Of the 50 initial referrals the breakdown is as follows:

- Long Term Condition – 15;
- Mental Health (including Dementia) – 11;
- Autism – 9;
- Physical Disability or Illness – 8;
- Behaviour Problems – 4;
- Learning Disability – 2;
- Substance Misuse – 1.

At the end of quarter 2 100% of Young Carers Assessments of Need were completed within the contractual timescale of 28 working days from the date of referral. Also, a total of 94% of Young Carers received a re-assessment or review within the stipulated 6 months since the original or last re-assessment.

During quarter 1 a total of 29 Young Carer Assessments were completed, 28 Support Plans developed and there were 15 Assessments offered but not completed. In quarter 2, 12 Assessments were completed, a total of 12 Support Plans developed with 9 Assessments offered but not completed.

As stated in the summary, there were a total of 400 Young Carers supported by this service at the end of quarter 2. Over 87% (351) of the 400 Young Carers were receiving frequent, activity-based support including group work.

With regards to the interventions provided for all Young Carers receiving the service, the totals for quarters 1 and 2 are:

- Group Activities – 60;
- Drop in Sessions – 49;
- Young Carers Support Networks (Peer) – 12;
- 1 to1 Emotional Support – 8;
- Expert Young Carers Group – 5;
- In-House Training (including Cooking Skills Workshop) – 4;
- Raising Awareness – 4.

In conjunction with the interventions several programmes or training courses have been completed by Young Carers in local Schools and Colleges. In quarter 1 56 Young Carers attended 16 School based programmes and 8 College based programmes. In quarter 2 145 Young Carers attended 6 School based programmes and 1 College based programme; 2 Health Professionals also attended programmes for Young Carers in this quarter.

The provider also records Young Carers who have exited the service during each quarter. Of the 283 Young Carers who left the service across quarters 1 and 2, the reasons recorded are as follows:

- Reached 18 Years of age – 161;
- Other (most frequently due to inability to contact) – 62;
- Declined the Service – 44;
- No longer caring – 12;
- Moved out of area – 4.

The Carers Partnership has reconvened and is meeting bi monthly, with the primary goal in 2020 to refresh the current Carers Strategy, a working group is being created to take this forward. Senior Officers from Carers Trust Tyne and Wear attend the Partnership Meetings and report to the group on the progress of the Young Carers service.

Performance monitoring of this service is completed by the Commissioning Team and included in the terms of the contract. Supplementing the quarterly data, two monitoring visits to the provider have also been completed since the contract commenced in May. The visits focussed on five key areas:

- Referrals;
- Performance Data;
- Outcomes for Young Carers;

- Case Studies
- Any Service Issues.

A comprehensive Annual Quality Assessment Framework review of the service will also be completed before the end of May this year.

The following quotes from Young Carers receiving the service were collected by Carers Trust Tyne and Wear in their 2019 Annual Survey:

“I have not been getting the opportunity to go out much this year because my mum has been in and out of hospital. The service is really good. I love it. God bless you all.”

“How thankful I am that every time I have went out you have put a smile on my face.”

The following quotes were recorded from the Parents of Young Carers who attended the WHISKIDS activity Programme:

“I was concerned that J might spoil the WHIS kids programme for others and that he would not settle. We agreed to see how he went on the first day. J really engaged with programme and was very expressive about his feelings. Made a friend with another lad who both said they had made a very special friend and asked if they could come out together next time we have a trip. J feedback from the day “was that it made his soul fly.”

“T has grown in confidence and has just seemed to blossom since joining young carers has now turned 8. WHIS kids helped him to be more understanding of his sisters need and helped him realise that there are others in the same position as himself. He is more willing to join in other out of school activities and mum thinks he is calmer and happier within himself with. Staff have also observed similar.”

Recommendations

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to accept the content of this report and refer any questions to the Commissioning Officer for further clarification.

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TITLE OF REPORT: Liaison with Gateshead Youth Assembly

REPORT OF: Caroline O'Neill, Strategic Director, Children, People and Families

Summary

The Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee have met with Gateshead Youth Assembly (GYA) on an annual basis.

This report outlines activity undertaken following the 2018/2019 GYA Elections and priorities set for 2019/2020. The GYA year runs from November to October.

Introduction

1. Sophie Adams and Freya Ender were appointed to the role of Joint Chair and Abbie McMullon Vice Chair following the Elections held in November 2019.

All Secondary Schools, Special Schools, Gateshead College, The City Technology College and One Voice Youth Network (Gateshead Children in Care Council) are invited to engage with GYA. Further promotion and awareness raising of the group and its benefit will take place with all Head Teachers and School Councils.

2. GYA and Peace of Mind (a group who support Refugee and Asylum-seeking families) continue to work jointly and have delivered a series of drop-in sessions for Refugee and Asylum seeking young people in 2019. The program developed events and activities on issues that affect this specific group of young people.

This has resulted in an arts group who are currently working towards their Bronze, Silver and Gold Arts Awards. Funding for this was secured by Gateshead Youth Council (GYC) through the Community Foundation.

GYA members are also working towards their Arts Awards.

3. GYA continues to be called upon by Gateshead Strategic Partnership and Public Health to explore how young people can further support issues on Community Safety and Improving and promoting Good Health.
4. GYA continues to work closely with Northumbria Police Central Engagement Team around independent scrutiny of stop and search initiatives, organised crime and radicalisation. GYA are also part of a regional group who are

currently developing a Youth Independent Advisory Group for Northumbria Force Area.

5. Sarah Keegan a GYA member from Heworth Grange School sits on the board of Governors for Gateshead Hospital Foundation Trust and this involvement helps shape and influence developments at the QE's Children Unit.

Sarah continues the work of Josh Smith who is now a student at the Royal Veterinary College, London and Jess Leighton (now Dr Leighton), who have been recent previous Youth Governors representing GYA.

6. GYA have identified Emotional Wellbeing (Mental Health and Bullying), public transport, period poverty, LGBTQ+ issues, the environment and tobacco as key priorities for 2019-20. This is alongside their ongoing work in respect of self-esteem, poverty and inclusion. A copy of the GYA Plans and Priorities document accompanies this report.
7. Members of GYA meet weekly on a Tuesday either at GYC or at the Civic Centre in the Council Chamber. In addition, the group intends to plan to host three Convivial Suppers to which offers a more informal opportunity for discussions around GYA priorities and plans for 2019/2020.

Members of OSC are invited to attend a Convivial Supper on Tuesday 30th June 2020, at 5pm, in Gladstone Terrace Community Centre.

8. Experienced members of GYA will continue to provide mentoring support to newly Elected members by delivering training as part of the groups monthly meetings at the Civic Centre. This training will include Youth Work Core Skills, Confidence Building, Committee Skills and Community Volunteering and Activism.

Proposal

9. Members are asked to support the continued attendance at OSC and the work of GYA.

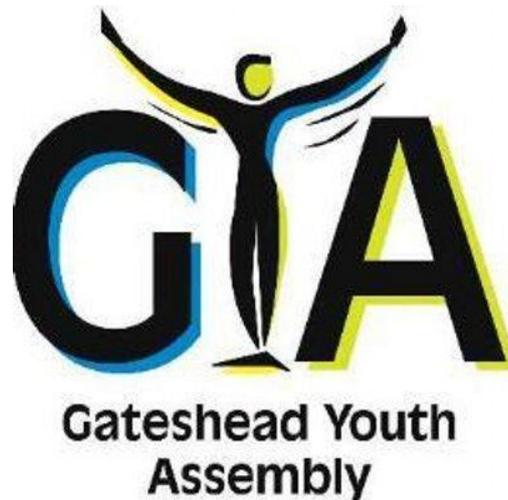
Recommendations

10. The Committee is requested to note the information presented in the attached reports and additional information presented by the Young People.
11. The Committee is asked to note the invite to the Convivial Supper on Tuesday 30th June 2020.

Attached: 2018-2019 Annual Review
Our plans and priorities for 2019-2020

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Annual Review 2018-2019

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Foreword by Andrew Adams, GYA Chairperson

Well, where do I start? I guess, by saying my farewells, this is my last foreword as Chair of GYA; by the time you read this I will be at Leeds College of Music and my seven years at GYA will have come to an end. I'm quite sad about this, as are my GYA colleagues Josh, Benjamin and Joe who, like me, have come to the end of their GYA time. I can safely speak for all four of us and say that joining GYA was one of our best decisions, making lifelong friends we wouldn't otherwise have met, taking part in activities and events that just aren't available to everyone and being part of a project that really does have young people at its core.

GYA never fails to surprise me every single year. The amount of work we do is quite something and this year has been no different. We started the year in November with the training weekend, by welcoming new and returning members. We then decided on our plans and priorities for the year, and the number of ideas for projects was amazing. We've continued our work with The Key framework and have also had new opportunities with the City of Dreams initiative. I am proud of what GYA has achieved this year, and I can't wait to watch what happens over the next year. I hope you enjoy reading our Annual Review which is just a highlight of the work; we just couldn't write about every single thing we have been involved with.

Introduction

Welcome to our review of 2018/19. It is a snapshot of the work Gateshead Youth Assembly has been involved in this past year but doesn't truly show the skills and experiences we have had, so, at the end of this report, we have written a little about the skills we develop and the added value of being a member of GYA. This is basically the 'So what?' question. Why is GYA important and relevant to Young People in Gateshead today?

We have tried to cover our plans and priorities from our Welcome Newsletter and think we have managed to achieve all our goals, as well as some new ones that cropped up along the way! We have laughed, cried and set the world to rights this year!

September 2018 (we have a little bit of crossover every year)

Our executive committee sourced funding to go to London to see an amazing exhibition at the Houses of Parliament about women and voting, we also had a tour of the building which was fantastic. Of course, we took in a show too and walked miles!



When we got back, we worked on a series of sessions to be used in schools on democracy and worked with Parliaments Education Department.

During **October** half term, we made trick or treat bags and sweetie packs for Halloween and sold them at Gateshead Civic Centre raising £150 for our holiday activities.

October is often an odd month for us, the current years GYA is over and the new year hasn't quite started, we stay busy though as we like our Tuesdays at GYA,

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so October 2018 was filled with fundraising and planning the next training weekend. We write the training plan, devise the exercises and deliver some of the sessions. Lucy, Sue and Valerie are very conscious that the new members don't feel like they are joining a clique though, so we don't deliver sessions that create a 'them and us' climate. Each GYA year is a complete group of equal members. Schools elect or nominate young people to join GYA or young people can come along as independent delegates, we don't mind, as long as people come along.

The **November** training weekend is our first meeting of any GYA, this year we met at the Lobley Hill Building which is a great space for us. We met the new members and some of their parents and carers before embarking on a packed two-day programme of committee skills, presenting skills, communication, negotiation etc. At the end of the weekend we had our draft outline of our year, our priorities and some plans to tackle them. These priorities were later agreed at our November full meeting and published soon after and people started work!

November sees our regular commitment to Remembrance Day, Andrew, our chair read 'In Flanders Fields' at the Cenotaph and, joined by Josh, our vice chair lay wreaths from Gateshead Youth Assembly and Gateshead Youth Council. Whether you agree with war or not, we believe that commemoration and thanks should be given to those who died to allow us those choices.



December saw us raise funds and donate Christmas food, selection boxes etc to Peace of Mind, a group who support asylum seeking families, we feel very strongly that we should support people in need, and we have over the past few

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years developed strong links and great friendships with Peace of Mind and the families they support. If you would like to know more about Peace of Mind and their work, let us know and we will make connections.

We also had a Christmas party, which was more like a Christmas sit in, but fun! Sue and Valerie let us decorate the office, but we think, by the rolling eyes, they might not let us next year!



January 2019 started busy and kept on going! We took part in the LSCB big conversation, which is where members of the Local Safeguarding Children's Board work with young people from a variety of groups, GYA, One Voice Youth Network, Care Leavers, Primary and Secondary schools to look at the priorities set by the LSCB and how that works with priorities young people choose. Both groups were very similar actually, young people's mental health featured heavily. We are going to continue developing our relationship with the LSCB, or whichever body replaces it.

February half term saw us doing some more fundraising at the Civic Centre because, whilst we get funding for our residentials, we still feel that it's important for us to understand and feel that sense of pride that we get by raising money for ourselves and reap the rewards when we are having fun at Gibside!! We raised £150 which just about covers the food bill for us all to have three days away.



We have worked with various people at the QE on loads of projects over the years, this year we worked on a 15 steps assessment of the Paediatrics Unit at the QE. It was a little bit nostalgic for some of our members, who were around when GYA worked with the QE on the design of this new unit. This time though, we assessed whether the QE have done enough so that families feel like they know what's going on when their child is admitted to hospital.



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After the QE we popped back to GYC to have lunch (Thanks Greggs for your very welcome food donations that keep us going on Tuesdays) then straight over to the Live Theatre to work on the City of Dreams Launch event planning. City of Dreams, in case you don't know, is a project and ambition for all children and young people in Newcastle and Gateshead to have access and get involved with cultural experiences, whether that's dance, drama, creative writing or game design and everything else in between



March was a quiet month for the Youth Assembly. It's that sort of time when you have to do so much planning for the events coming up that you just have to stick in and have some worky days - which is what we did. Very productive they were too!!

April saw us working with Mortal Fools Theatre Group on their i-Weigh performance. It was highlighting body image - a really important topic dealt with very sensitively through drama. Our sessions saw us exploring the topic through drama and fun exercises.



During the Easter holidays our Audacious Aramdillos (Andrew, Benjamin and Josh) once again raised the money for one of our infamous bus days. We feel it's such an important skill to promote independence and learn how to navigate the mystery that are bus timetables!! We travelled far and wide enjoying the Sunderland Winter Gardens, Sunderland Glass centre - finishing off with Fish and Chips at Roker Pier. Whilst we used local transport - we also walked plenty too. Our step average was brilliant!



Drip at Live Theatre



This has got to be one of the best and most bizarre things that we have ever seen!! The Armadillos project also included going to see Drip at the Live Theatre. Now, when you are handed a blue poncho as you go in the door - it makes you

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worry a little. However, it turned out to be one of the most hilarious things we have ever seen - very, very funny. Just so you know - we didn't get wet - the ponchos were to turn the theatre into a sea of blue as in a swimming pool. Very clever!!

In May we had a visit from Adalina from the Police Engagement team Lots of interesting work discussed. Adalina was new to the role and the area so we briefed her on what we do.



We celebrated National Vegetarian Week in May with a grant kindly being given by the Vegetarian Society and one of our support workers doing some fabulous cooking. We had three sittings a day over three days - all filled very quickly with people enjoying a very tasty tea. We fed over 100 people with biryani, pakora, samosas, salads, cake and sorbet. It was fab! And showcased good, inexpensive and tasty vegetarian food. Some of our guests had NEVER eaten a vegetarian meal before!



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We were very lucky once again, to be nominated for the Key Awards. Our Audacious Armadillos and #Jellybeans attended and had a fantastic night. Not as successful as last year but still completely delighted to be up there and nominated with some other amazing groups. Our fantastic volunteer Mahnoor won Volunteer of the Year, we are so, so proud. Of course, we did the prerequisite photo calls!



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We also had a visit in June from The Trailblazers. This is an NHS initiative about mental health and trying to intervene early. We did a lot of talking, and a bit of crying, at this session - about what we felt would work with young people and what wouldn't. This is a really interesting project to be involved with and we look forward to working with and seeing the work that they do with young people.



We had a really interesting visit from Balance Northeast. They came with a presentation about alcohol that they have put together to deliver to other young people. This was an absolutely fantastic session about alcohol misuse, alcohol marketing and misrepresentation of the effects of alcohol on young people. #balancenortheast



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July saw us have a lovely evening at the Rivers Hotel. The Audacious Armadillos had some money left and we were able to use for a bit of a treat. We took ourselves out for tea and had some amazing time with some amazing company. Sometimes it's nice to be able to play hard as well as work hard. If you haven't been to The Rivers Hotel, we really recommend that you give it a go. It's an autism friendly hotel and diner, its also a training agency for young people with autism and learning difficulties who are looking for careers in hotels and hospitality. You can google Rivers Hotel or search for them on Facebook.

We combined another Bus Day with a project we have started with Public Health and the QE Paediatrics department around food poverty and food inequality. We have been taking photos of places where people can buy food, sounds odd we know, but bear with us. We bussed around Gateshead hopping on and off at various locations and took pictures of every place in that area where you can buy food; butchers, bakers, greengrocers, supermarkets, takeaways, restaurants and corner shops. We are going to carry on with this project in the coming months and while we know it isn't proper, university standard research, our results so far show, quite clearly, that in areas that are considered 'well off' good quality fresh food is really easy to find, in areas less well off, the choices are often limited to takeaways and corner shops. We also know that the issues are really complicated, but we are doing our bit!



We also had a visit from Sarah Kilpatrick and Steph Hancock from the National Education Union talking about SATS testing and its effects on both young people and staff alike. It was a really interesting evening. As young people, whilst we struggle with SATS, it seems that Staff administering the tests struggle with them also. They are only too aware of how detrimental they can be to mental health.

As a Youth Assembly, we observe Holocaust Memorial Day and a few years ago added Remember Srebrenica to our list of things we believe need remembered and commemorated. The 11th July saw The Millennium Bridge lit up to remember the genocide in Srebrenica. This is something that we are proud to commemorate. #Neveragain We also have sessions and workshops about the massacres at Srebrenica and use these to develop wider conversations around hate, war, peace and love.



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like talking about the wider world - we learned just how difficult it is to balance a Government budget - not as easy as it seems. Valerie and Sue create fantastic exercises for us, that make us really think about how the world works and how decisions are made.

The second day we had visitors. We were joined by reps from National Education Union who spoke to us about SAT testing. This was really interesting and was as informative for us as for them. We all talked about how SAT testing makes us feel - and wondered, is there a better way to be assessed? This is work for us for the future and we are looking at producing a Myth buster leaflet to send out.



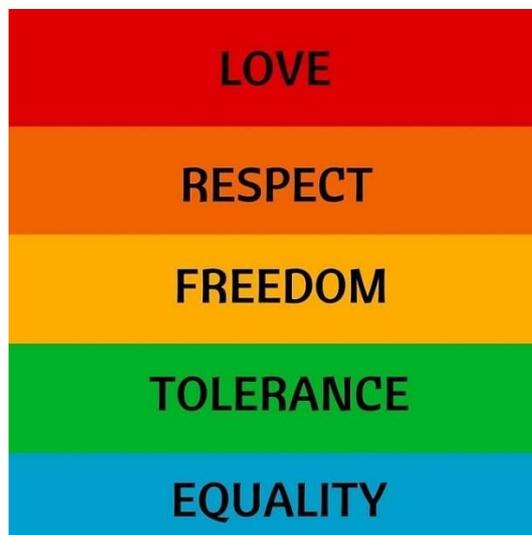
We have to say, one of the visitors trumped the rest. Meet Hector 😊



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In September, some of our members set up the LGBTQ+ and Bullying awareness Facebook page. This is going to be monitored by some of our members. It was part of our priorities at the beginning of the year so it has been good to bring the project to fruition.



Other projects are still ongoing - such as equality, human rights, poverty and feminism. Groups are hoping to go to the Key panel produce a resource to go out to schools. We had a great meeting with Ben Dickenson from City of Dreams explaining to our newer members exactly what City of Dreams all about. We've had a fabulous time with City of Dreams and it would be great to keep the project going. This is a link we love and will hope to keep it going with new representatives from GYA.



Sadly, September and October are always bittersweet as we have to watch some people leave before our new members start. We said goodbye to four of our members this year who are off to pastures new. A cake to wish them well seemed to be the way to go.

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Andrew is off to Leeds College of Music, Benjamin to Newcastle Uni, Joe to Newcastle College and Josh to the Royal Veterinary College.

These four young men have been absolutely crucial to the development of GYA over the past few years and we are already missing them! On the upside, they are now allowed to go to the annual Christmas GYA reunion, which is held in a pub so we can't go!



OK, so what?

You may well ask

Well, apart from the benefits we make to the wider community in terms of poverty relief, intergenerational harmony and political awareness, we get involved with loads of projects and develop massively in terms of our personal and social skills.

We think Young People are given a rough ride and frankly, we don't deserve it. Young People are amazing individuals who, with support, encouragement and opportunity can achieve great things. The skills Young People develop while working on their projects are the soft skills that employers seek, the everyday things we often take for granted but aren't part of a school curriculum.

We did a little bit of brainstorming recently, and by little, we mean little, this was five minutes' worth. Imagine if we had more time?

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What are the benefits to being involved in GYA?

- Developing a 'can do' attitude.
- Learning to problem solve.
- Developing resilience.
- Learning and developing life skills.
- Developing political awareness.
- Starting to understand civic society.
- Developing civic responsibility.
- Learning about citizenship.
- Developing awareness of community ownership, leadership & responsibility.
- Increased self-esteem.
- Increased self-confidence.
- Developing critical thinking skills.

- Learning to recognise and challenge inequality and stereotypes.
- Experience of people from different social groupings.
- Learning to work with people from different groups to achieve common goals.
- Developing an awareness of others, their feelings, needs, qualities and limitations.
- Recognising and appreciating all of these differences.
- Developing empathy with others.
- Developing mindfulness about self and others.
- Practicing effective decision making.
- Learning to negotiate.
- Developing communication skills.
- Developing research skills.
- Developing skills in presenting self and ideas.

- Working with people in positions of power.
- Understanding power structures, how they can be a struggle to comprehend.
- Developing awareness of how power structures can affect self and others.

Funders

Of course, we can't do any of this without the help and support of our wonderful funders. They are fantastic and we are so grateful for their support.

Our work in 2018/19 was funded by The Tyne and Wear Community Foundation; the High Sheriffs Award; Gateshead Council; Trinity College London; Greggs; The Reading Agency; The Willan Trust; and, crucially, The Key who enable us to access funds to deliver our projects by way of a skills framework which allows and enables us not only to develop skills and experience but also to map it, and track our developments.

Thank You's

Huge thanks go to Gateshead Council for their support, particularly around staffing (Valerie); also to all of our members parents and carers; the former High Sheriff of Tyne & Wear Robin Brims; the current High Sheriff of Tyne and Wear; Greggs for their generous donations of food; schools and organisations for accommodating GYA requests; Rachel Hamer for the help with our arts awards, all of the other organisations that we have worked with this year and those who support us with hugs and funding ideas!

Special thanks to the Board of GYC, particularly Sue, Lucy and Mahnoor who are there every single week, but also the rest of the Board, without whom, we just couldn't operate. Also, thanks to Valerie, who makes GYA happen, some of that in her work time, but lots in her own.

But most of all, thank you to our fantastic members who turn up, week in, week out and deliver all of this!

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Our plans and priorities for 2019 - 2020

Welcome to GYA 2019 – 2020

We welcome you all to the 2019-2020 Gateshead Youth Assembly. We had a fantastic training weekend at Lobley Hill and came up with loads of ideas and priorities for the year ahead. Whilst some of our priorities have changed, we will still be sticking with some of our previous projects, including Child Poverty, Emotional Well-being and LGBTQ+ awareness. We expect that GYA will have another packed year, and it already looks like there are some brilliant projects.

We will continue to be the voice for Young People in Gateshead and continue to work on issues identified by ourselves and our peers. We are looking forward to working with our Youth Assembly team this year and hopefully this newsletter gives you an insight into our ideas. If you want to get involved or have contacts you think we could try, we would love to hear from you.

Watch this space!

Sophie Adams & Freya Ender, Joint GYA Chairs

Welcome to Gateshead Youth Assembly 2019 – 2020

Heworth Grange

Sophie Adams

Sarah Keegan

Daniel Chard

Abbie McMullon

James McMullon

Grace College

Ruby Taws

Imogen Oliver

Rosie Greatorex

Lucie Hardy

Faith Henderson

Isla Schrader

Katie Talbot-Brown

Cedars Sixth Form

Etta Beckreck

Brandon Hood

Katherine Young

Thorpe Academy

Erin Bilclough

Amy Binks

Tegan Oxley

Independent members

Freya Ender

Ryan McGurk

Amelie Ring

Esmay Wright

GYA 2019 – 2020 Executive Committee

Following campaigns, speech writing, hustings and elections at our recent training weekend, the following Executive Committee was elected by our delegates:

Chair - Sophie Adams & Freya Ender

Vice-Chair - Abbie McMullon

Secretary - Ruby Taws

Project Leads - Rosy Greatorex; Brandon Hood; James McMullon; Tegan Oxley.

Each project lead will work with all GYA members to design, deliver and evaluate their chosen projects.

Our priorities for 2019 – 2020

Mental Health Issues – We plan to carry on our existing work around emotional well-being and mental health as this issue hasn't gone away. We run an informal buddy system at GYA so that members who are struggling can access support from other members. We plan to produce a range of resources for parents, teachers and young people around mental health, the signs and symptoms and where to get support.

We are going to work on a publication of people's mental health stories, anonymised, of course. We hope this will be used as a tool to enable people to talk about mental health. We will also create social media content to support this.

We also do our best to ensure that we cover the five building blocks for good mental health:

- **Connect** – We spend time developing relationships with other GYA members, in and out of GYA. Some of our members recently said that apart from GYA and family, they don't go anywhere, as a result of this we are making greater efforts so hold more social activities, even if it's just board games at GYC.
- **Be active** – We aren't known for our physical activity but in 2017 we, collectively, walked over ONE MILLION steps. We had a great time too. We didn't do quite so many steps in 2018. So, for this year, we plan to build on this and set ourselves some challenges.
- **Keep learning** – Everything we do at GYA is about developing existing skills and learning new ones. We also deliver a range of training to our members around committee skills, soft skills, self-esteem. Also, our members deliver training to other young people and adults, so not only do we keep learning, we facilitate learning in other people.
- **Give to others** – All of our members are volunteers, however some of them don't always realise that so lots of our time is spent developing an awareness of what volunteering is and why it's good for both the donor and the recipient. We also collect food, clothing and household goods for our friends at Peace of Mind to give to whoever they need to.
- **Be mindful** – Some of our members take part in the '100 Happy Days' initiative, those who don't, are encouraged to think about it. We firmly believe that we need to pay attention to the world, our place in it and our effect on it and the people around us.

Self - confidence/self – esteem – We plan to continue our series of self-confidence and self-esteem workshops throughout the year. Each year the sessions are delivered by young people who have been through GYA, and coming back to volunteer.

Tobacco & Alcohol – We will continue to work with Public Health around tobacco and alcohol related issues and how we can protect children and young people from the effects of smoking, e-cigs, alcohol and from being manipulated by the manufacturers of tobacco and alcohol related products. We plan to raise awareness of and highlight the effects of smoking and drinking on mental health. We will develop a myth buster about peer pressure and a lesson plan for schools about the effects of smoking and drinking on mental health. We will continue our work with Fresh and Balance.

Life Skills – We will develop a range of social media content, lesson plans and posters around life skills, how to develop them, why its important and where young people can find support. The issues we will concentrate on include: voting, how to vote and how to choose who to vote for; how parliament actually works; skills for leaving home (tax, benefits, CV's, interview skills, how rent. Mortgage and bills work); Trading standards (not to avoid being ripped off).

Environment – We will continue to support WWF Earth Hour and make efforts to reduce our consumption of disposable products and encourage our members to use public transport where appropriate. We refund our members public transport costs and try to ensure that all our school holiday activities use public transport. We use reusable cups and plates to use when we are out and about, so we don't need to buy paper ones. We will work with Gateshead Council on its Climate Change Emergency Declaration. We will continue our work with the Environment Agency around flood resilience.

Child Poverty - We continue to work on issues around child poverty, we regularly hold collections for the Foodbank and the Peace of Mind Drop in.

Arts – We continue to support our young people to gain Arts Awards, even those of us who can't or don't want to 'do art' can help other people get involved. Last year lots of us were awarded a Bronze Arts Award for the volunteering we did around arts events. We will continue to develop our work with City of Dreams, and the aspiration for all children and young people in Gateshead and Newcastle to access good quality art and culture experiences, with the added value effects that brings.

LGBTQ+

We are going to continue to develop links with existing groups to highlight the available support, challenge inequality and discrimination and work to make sure that all Children and Young People in Gateshead are supported to be themselves, whatever that means to them. We will also promote our LGBTQ+ Facebook page providing inspiration, motivation and support. We plan to work with Gateshead Council and be part of Northern Pride in 2020.

Fair Trade – We will continue to work with Gateshead Council to keep Gateshead a Fair-Trade Town by encouraging our schools to be Fair Trade Schools and by using Fair Trade products at our meetings and events.

Position Statements

We have developed the statements below; we accept that unfortunately we cannot change the world or indeed legislation in one GYA year, but we do have opinions and these statements have been agreed by GYA for 2019 – 2020

- We believe that everyone should be paid the living wage, regardless of age. The argument that young people don't work hard enough is just fluff, any worker not working to the expected level is a management issue, age is just an excuse.
- We believe that Emotional Well Being and Mental Health Services need improving, with our help.
- We believe that young people will be more ready to be properly contributing workers if they secure good quality work experience and careers advice.
- We believe that young people in Gateshead are entitled to and need a good quality Youth Service. We further believe that the Government should commit funds to a properly funded statutory Youth Service.
- We believe that organisations, whether public, voluntary or private need to engage young people in their decision making in real, not tokenistic, ways.
- We believe that young people should be able to access support to develop their self-confidence and self-esteem; this has been stated by Northumbria Police as the best protection from being exploited.
- We believe that it is everyone's job to try and limit the effects of poverty on children and young people. Whatever the cause of a family's poverty, the children never had any influence over decisions made. We must all work to ensure that these children and young people are protected and their dignity preserved.
- We believe that for young people to make informed decisions when it comes to voting, sound political education should be delivered efficiently within schools.

- We believe that young people aged 16 and 17 should be entitled to vote in all elections. Nothing happens between the ages of 16 and 18 which make people better qualified to vote, so why not?
- Gateshead Youth Assembly supports Fairtrade and uses, where possible, fairly traded goods. We firmly believe that we all have a responsibility to ensure that people all over the world are treated fairly, with dignity and respect.

If you want to get in touch with us to find out more, get involved or anything else please email Gateshead Youth Council at info@gatesheadyouthcouncil.org.uk You can also find us on Facebook by searching for Gateshead Youth Assembly.

If you are a young person who would like to get involved please contact our support worker Valerie at valerieender@gateshead.gov.uk or valerie@gatesheadyouthcouncil.org.uk

GYA meets weekly, usually at Gateshead Youth Council, 12 Gladstone Terrace, Gateshead, NE8 4DY but we do hold our monthly formal meeting on the second Tuesday of each month at Gateshead Civic Centre, Council Chamber.

If you want to attend a meeting for any reason, please contact Valerie Ender in the first instance as these are private meetings and guests are welcome by invitation. This is so that the GYA members retain control of their meeting.

Thanks for all the support, we really do appreciate it!



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TITLE OF REPORT: Analysis of School Inspections Autumn Term 2019
REPORT OF: Caroline O’Neil, Strategic Director, Children People and Families

Summary

This report details the position of Gateshead schools in relation to Ofsted Inspection findings for the autumn term 2019.

Background

September 2019 saw the introduction of a new schools’ inspection framework – the Education Inspection Framework (EIF). As expected, this framework differed quite considerably from the previous version and has a significant focus on the quality of the curriculum. Schools receive an overall effectiveness grade based on a sub grade for each of the following areas.

- quality of education
- behaviour and attitudes
- personal development
- leadership and management

The quality of Early Years and 6th Forms are also assessed.

Ofsted use the following grading system

- 1 = Outstanding
- 2 = Good
- 3 = Requires Improvement
- 4 = Inadequate

Full copies of all inspection reports can be found at www.ofsted.gov.uk

Outcomes

Primary/Nursery School	School Type	Previous Inspection	Present Inspection
Rowlands Gill Primary	Maintained	Requires Improvement	Requires Improvement
Washingwell Primary	Maintained	Good	Good

Special School	School Type	Previous Inspection	Present Inspection
Dryden Special	Maintained	Outstanding	Outstanding

In the autumn term 3 schools were inspected:

2 Primary/Nursey Schools

- 1 school was judged to be good
- 1 school were judged to require improvement
- 2 schools received the same grade as in the previous inspection

Recommendations

OSC is asked to consider the position of schools in relation to ofsted inspections.

TITLE OF REPORT: Secondary School/ Academy Performance Update
REPORT OF: Caroline O’Neil, Strategic Director, Children People and Families

Summary

This report gives details of the secondary school/academies in relation to ofsted judgements, GCSE results, exclusions and parental preference.

Background

Since the introduction of the academies programme all but one of the secondary schools in Gateshead have either been converted to academies as a result of a poor ofsted inspection or have chosen to convert. Once a school has converted the local authority loses most of its power to intervene. While the Council has lost most of its statutory powers it continues to monitor secondary schools on a range of measures, challenge directly when required and share information with other organisations such as the Schools’ Commissioner’s Office and Ofsted.

Ofsted Judgements

- **3 schools are graded as outstanding**
- **3 of schools are graded as good**
- **1 school is graded as requiring improvement**
- **2 schools have no ofsted grading.**

The “no ofsted grading” is due to the schools not being inspected by ofsted since converting to new schools. However, it should be noted that both Heworth Grange and Joseph Swan were graded as inadequate.

Primary/Nursery School	School Type	Inspection
Cardinal Hume Catholic School	Academy	Outstanding
Emmanuel College	Academy	Outstanding
Grace College	Academy	No Grade
Heworth Grange School	Academy	No Grade
Kingsmeadow Community Comprehensive School	Maintained	Good
Lord Lawson of Beamish Academy	Academy	Requires Improvement
Thorp Academy	Academy	Good
St Thomas More Catholic School	Academy	Outstanding
Whickham School	Academy	Good

GCSE Performance Summer 2019

Attainment 8 is the key measure of Key Stage 4 attainment that combines a set number of specific subjects. The tables below show that Gateshead was the highest performing Council when compared to its statistical neighbours for summer 2019.

The 2019 GCSE data was also the highest in the region. In the previous year Gateshead was the second highest performer.

2019 comparisons with Statistical Neighbours
and England Average

	Att 8	National Rank
Gateshead	46.80	56
England Average	46.70	
Darlington	46.40	66
North Tyneside	45.80	82
Halton	45.30	86
Wakefield	45.20	89
Durham	44.60	104
Barnsley	44.00	112
Tameside	44.00	112
St. Helens	43.70	119
South Tyneside	42.70	135
Sunderland	42.70	135

2019 comparisons with Regional Neighbours
and England Average

	Att 8	National Rank
Gateshead	46.80	56
England Average	46.70	
Darlington	46.40	66
Northumberland	46.40	66
Stockton-on-Tees	46.30	68
North Tyneside	45.80	82
Durham	44.60	104
Redcar and Cleveland	43.70	119
Newcastle-upon-Tyne	43.50	124
Hartlepool	42.90	133
South Tyneside	42.70	135
Sunderland	42.70	135
Middlesbrough	41.40	145

The table below breaks down GCSE performance on a school by school basis as well as adding an additional measure of Progress 8. Progress 8 measures the progress the pupils have made since leaving Year 6. The data shows that Emmanuel College, Cardinal Hume, St Thomas More and Whickham are the highest performing while Heworth Grange, Grace College, Lord Lawson and Kingsmeadow are the lowest for this academic year.

	Pupils	Actual results		
		Attainment 8 (Overall)	% English & Maths (Grade 5+)	Progress 8 (Overall)
LA Gateshead (390)	1843	4.7	42%	-0.17
Cardinal Hume RC (3904605)	208	5.3	53%	+0.30
Dryden School (3907009)	10	0.0	0%	-1.50
Emmanuel College (3906900)	211	5.7	63%	+0.49
Furrowfield School (3907006)	14	0.4	0%	-3.11
Grace College (3904003)	133	4.3	29%	-0.34
Heworth Grange (3904002)	188	3.9	24%	-0.73
Hill Top (3907008)	18	0.0	0%	-1.97
Kingsmeadow Community Comp (3904041)	119	4.1	23%	-0.48
Lord Lawson of Beamish Academy (3904027)	242	4.4	34%	-0.50
River Tyne Academy Gateshead (3901101)	31	0.9	0%	-3.17
St Thomas More RC (3904606)	227	5.3	48%	+0.06
The Cedars Academy (3907002)	19	0.4	0%	-2.37
Thomas Hepburn Community Academy (3904000)	70	4.0	47%	-0.34
Thorp Academy (3904001)	150	4.9	54%	+0.33
Whickham School (3904029)	231	5.2	50%	-0.06

Exclusions – Autumn Term 2019

The following tables show the number of permanent exclusions for each school for the autumn term 2019 and the total number of permanent exclusions for each term covering the last 6 years.

School	Number of PX	Year groups
Cardinal Hume Catholic School	2	1 Y8 1 Y7
Emmanuel College	1	1 Y11
Heworth	2	1 Y11 1 Y9
Grace College	4	3 Y11 1 Y9
Kingsmeadow Comprehensive School	3	2 Y11 1 Y10
Lord Lawson of Beamish	5	3 Y9 2 Y8
Saint Thomas More	2	2 Y9
Thorp Academy	1	1 Y8
Whickham	3	2 Y9 1 Y10
RTMAT	0	
Total	23	

Academic Year	Permanent Exclusions (Total)	Permanent Exclusion (Secondary Primary)	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
2014/15	56	54/2	21	19	16
2015/16	72	71/1	28	21	22
2016/17	85	80/5	34	19	32
2017/18	58	57/1	29	15	14
2018/19	70	69/1	36	21	13
2019/20			25		

Permanent exclusions are closely monitored by the Council and the LSCB. Council officers will challenge exclusions that they believe to be unfair or inappropriate. Schools/academies continue to work closely with the Council to try to reduce the numbers of pupils that are permanently excluded.

Parental Preference of Secondary School/Academy

The table below shows the number of first preferences each school has received for September 2020. The data shows that Cardinal Hume, St Thomas More, Grace College, Kingsmeadow and Whickham have received more requests than their published admission number.

School	Official PAN	1st Prefs received	1st Prefs r'cd over/under PAN
Cardinal Hume	225	455	+ 230
Grace College	210	268	+ 58
Heworth Grange	210	163	-47
Kingsmeadow	180	210	+30
Lord Lawson	254	191	-63
St Thomas More	235	291	+ 60
Thorp	270	248	-22
Whickham	266	297	+ 31

Emmanuel College's admissions are outside of the arrangements followed by the other secondary/academies in Gateshead and so not available to the Local Authority at this time.

Recommendations

OSC is asked to consider the position of secondary schools/academies on this range of data.

Contact: Steve Horne

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TITLE OF REPORT: Smoking in Pregnancy

REPORT OF: Alice Wiseman, Director of Public Health & Wellbeing

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to give the Committee an overview of the work that has been undertaken in relation to smoking in pregnancy.

The report will cover the following areas:

- Background
 - Previous performance – introduction to the data
 - What we have been doing?
 - What difference has this made?
 - Future work
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BACKGROUND

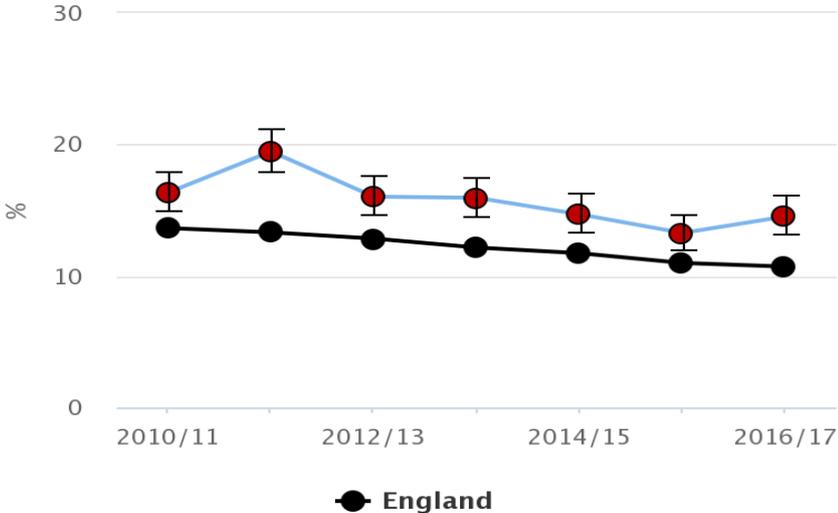
1. The transfer of public health responsibilities in 2013 brought public health services into the established local government Sector Led Improvement (SLI) regimes. In the Public health sector-led improvement framework the Association of Directors of Public Health (ADPH) indicated that the purpose of SLI is to “provide confidence both to internal and external stakeholders and the public as well as demonstrate continuous improvement to public health practice”.
2. The North East Directors of Public Health and Public Health England’s (PHE) North East centre approved a process for SLI for children from conception to two years. The work built on learning from the Local Government Association (LGA) SLI model. The SLI involved a local self-assessment procedure and aimed to identify where local authorities could focus time and resources to improve areas within the conception to 2-year offer.
3. The North East Directors of Public Health and Public Health England’s (PHE) North East centre agreed that the Gateshead and Durham Public Health Teams would pilot the SLI work in their areas.
4. The SLI looked at the following topic areas:
 - Pre-conception
 - Transition to parenthood, including healthy pregnancy and the early weeks
 - Breastfeeding (initiation and duration)

- Healthy weight, healthy nutrition (to include physical activity)
 - Health, wellbeing and development of the child (age 2)
 - Maternal mental health
5. Following the self-assessment smoking in pregnancy was chosen as one of the areas to initially focus on. This was chosen as protecting a baby from tobacco smoke is one of the best things a person can do to give their child a healthy start in life.
 6. Smoking in pregnancy causes up to 2,200 premature births, 5,000 miscarriages and 300 perinatal deaths every year in the UK. Smoking during pregnancy increases the risk of complications such as miscarriage, premature (early) birth, a low birth weight baby, still birth. Infants born to smokers are more likely to become smokers themselves which perpetuates cycles of health inequalities.
 7. The benefits of stopping smoking in pregnancy include:
 - Reduce the risk of complications in pregnancy and birth
 - More likely to have a healthier pregnancy and a healthier baby
 - Reduce the risk of stillbirth
 - Baby is less likely to be born too early and have to face the breathing, feeding and health problems that often go with being premature
 - Baby is less likely to be born with a low birth weight. Babies of smokers are, on average, 200g (about 8oz) lighter than other babies, which can cause problems during and after labour. For example, they are more likely to have problems keeping warm and are more likely to get infections
 - Reduce the risk of sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), also known as "cot death".
 8. Subsequent to birth, there is no risk-free level of exposure to second-hand smoke. Second-hand smoke causes numerous health problems in infants and children, including more frequent and severe asthma attacks, respiratory infections, ear infections and sudden infant death.
 9. A smoking in pregnancy working group was set up in October 2018. The group includes key partners from public health, maternity services, quality improvement lead from Gateshead Foundation Trust, 0-19 team (health visiting, school nursing and family nurse partnership), regional local maternity systems prevention co-ordinator and the early help team. It was acknowledged by the group, at the outset, that there was no additional funding available and services needed to work together to make use of the available skills and resources to drive this work forward.

PREVIOUS PERFORMANCE – INTRODUCTION TO THE DATA

- 10. Data on smoking in pregnancy is obtained from NHS Digital’s “Smoking Status at Time of Delivery (SATOD)” collection. It is given as the number of mothers known to be smokers at the time of delivery as a percentage of all maternities. A maternity is defined as a pregnant woman who gives birth to one or more live or stillborn babies of at least 24 weeks gestation, where the baby is delivered by either a midwife or doctor at home or in a NHS hospital.
- 11. For Gateshead, whose boundary is contained wholly within that of Newcastle Gateshead CCG, the LA count is estimated as a proportion of the CCG figure. Since 2013/14 the Gateshead figure has been expressed as equal to the figure for Newcastle Gateshead CCG.
- 12. The chart below illustrates smoking status at time of delivery (SATOD) in Gateshead. Whilst there had been a year on year reduction since 2011/12 (19.5%) this has increased in 16/17 to 14.5% and 15.1% in 17/18. NB. Since 13/14 the data is presented at Newcastle Gateshead CCG level.

2.03 – Smoking status at time of delivery – current method – Gateshead



- 13. The Tobacco Control Plan contains a national ambition to reduce the rate of smoking throughout pregnancy to 6% or less by the end of 2022 (measured at time of giving birth).
- 14. Improvements in smoking in pregnancy at a national level have stalled since 2015/16.

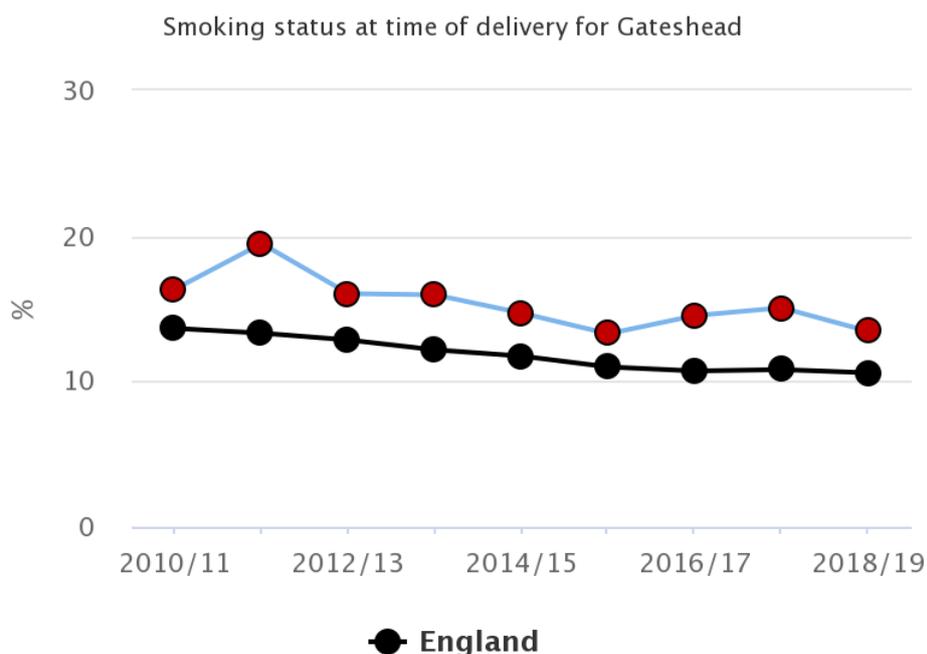
WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING?

15. We now have 28 GP practices and 37 pharmacies within Gateshead who have stop smoking advisors. The single point of contact number for advice on referral into GP and pharmacy stop smoking services has been established.
16. A bespoke public health maternity plan has been agreed as part of the North East Local Maternity system (LMS) network. This has a specific section which focuses on reduction in tobacco dependency in pregnancy and has a number of key actions which the smoking in pregnancy working group review at each meeting.
17. Local Authority Early help services – links are being made to have workers in the service trained in very brief advice, so they can offer advice and be able to refer on, where appropriate, and “hand hold” to get people into GP’s or pharmacies if they wish to quit. They will then look at embedding smoking support into the support plan.
18. Over half of the 0-19 public health nursing service (health visiting and school nursing staff) have been trained as stop smoking advisors – this is in addition to the 4 family nurses who were already trained. In addition to the support offered by maternity services, health visiting staff will be able to identify at the 28-32 week visit if the mother is still smoking and offer support to quit. They will also be able to offer support to anyone else in the household who is smoking. This is especially useful to reduce exposure to second-hand smoke in the home, and to help the family to stay quit following the birth of the child.
19. The maternity service at Gateshead Foundation Trust (FT) was one of 23 sites who participated in the PREP trial (Helping Pregnant Smokers Quit: A multi-centre randomised control trial of electronic cigarettes and nicotine patches). They saw all pregnant smokers who were identified in clinics, who were over the age of 18, were daily smokers and were between 12 and 24 weeks pregnant. Gateshead FT was the number one recruiting site in the country for the trial.
20. Following a presentation by the Public Health Consultant in Gateshead to the Board of Gateshead FT a Quality Improvement Lead was nominated to drive forward improvements in identifying and treating nicotine dependence. Support includes work to ensure that hospital staff can easily refer patients to local stop smoking services.
21. The Quality Improvement Lead carried out a gap analysis on smoking training and the Public Health MECC lead provided a programme of Very Brief Advice training for Gateshead FT staff. The initial priority groups that were trained were midwifery, A & E, respiratory staff and the short stay unit.

22. Gateshead FT now provides a stop smoking service through their outpatient pharmacy. This is available to all patients and staff.
23. The Public Health Programme lead for tobacco is working with Gateshead FT to support them to develop nicotine dependence pathways and to become completely smoke-free in line with NICE guidance.
24. Gateshead FT has re-established specialist midwife support to help women and their partners to stop smoking.
25. Gateshead FT Maternity service has been a priority for pathway development. All midwifery staff are equipped with a carbon monoxide monitor and trained in its use. All women are screened at their first appointment (the booking scan) and those who smoke advised on support available, including the QE's in-house stop smoking service. Women are screened again at their second appointment (the dating scan) and subsequent scans. Those who continue to smoke are referred to the specialist stop smoking midwife for enhanced support.
26. There are "screen savers" around the Queen Elizabeth hospital so staff know who to contact within the public health team to get details of GP and pharmacy stop smoking advisors in Gateshead if required.
27. Regionally, the North East England Tobacco Dependency in Pregnancy working group, set up as part of the Local Maternity Services Network, has developed a pregnancy pathway and dependency in pregnancy script. This is to support maternity services across the region to have a consistent approach with pregnant women who are smoking. This was launched in Gateshead on the 1 October 2019 and the Chief Executive of Gateshead FT has signed up to support this. Training is currently taking place with staff to embed the use of the script within every contact with pregnant women.

WHAT DIFFERENCE THIS HAS MADE?

28. Smoking at time of delivery fell from 15.1% in 2017/18 to 13.4% in 2018/19. This the third lowest out of the eleven North East and Yorkshire CCGs and below the regional average:



29. This improvement has been sustained throughout 2019/20:

SATOD	2018/19	2019/20				
	Annual	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Cumulative
NHS Newcastle Gateshead	13.4%	13.5%	12.2%	N/A	N/A	12.9%
North East and Yorkshire	15.6%	15.0%	14.3%	N/A	N/A	14.4%
England	10.6%	10.4%	10.4%	N/A	N/A	10.4%

30. This is especially encouraging against the backdrop of effectively no change at a national level since 2015/16. Smoking at time of delivery remains amongst the lowest across the region.

31. In addition, this work has helped develop a whole system approach to how relevant services and partners in Gateshead work to support pregnant women and their families to stop smoking. This has been achieved through true partnership working and the creative use of existing resources.

FUTURE WORK

32. Initially it was envisaged that the smoking in pregnancy working group would be time limited. To enable us to continue to monitor progress and the tobacco dependency in pregnancy section of the LMS action plan it has been decided the group will continue to implement actions and drive forward any areas of work that are identified.

33. Areas to develop further will include post-natal support to prevent relapse and the implementation of evidence-based support to further reduce smoking during pregnancy.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The committee is asked to note the contents of this report and the work that has taken place to support pregnant women and their families to stop smoking.

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TITLE OF REPORT: Annual Work Programme

REPORT OF: Sheena Ramsey, Chief Executive
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Summary

The report sets out the provisional work programme for Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the municipal year 2019/20.

1. The Committee's provisional work programme was endorsed at the meeting held on 4 April 2019 and Councillors have agreed that further reports will be brought to future meetings to highlight current issues / identify any changes / additions to this programme.
2. Appendix 1 sets out the work programme as it currently stands. Any changes proposed to the programme will be set out in bold and italics for ease of identification.

Recommendations

3. The Committee is asked to
 - a) Note the provisional programme;
 - b) Note that further reports on the work programme will be brought to the Committee to identify any additional policy issues, which the Committee may be asked to consider.

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APPENDIX 1

Draft Families OSC 2019 - 20	
20 June 19 1.30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constitution (to note) • Role and remit (to note) • Making Gateshead a place where everyone thrives – Year End Assessment and Performance Delivery 2019-20 • Foetal Alcohol Update • YOT Performance Update • Work Programme
12 Sept 19 1.30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ofsted Inspections/School Data – Progress Update • School Exclusions – Performance Update • Safeguarding Children - LSCB Annual Report and Plans • Annual Report on Complaints and Representations – Children • Monitoring Report – OSC Review of Children on Edge of Care • Work Programme
31 Oct 19 1.30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAMHS Progress Update • Impact of Early Help – Progress Update and Case Studies eg Team Around the School • Integrated Referral and Assessment Team • Performance Update on Children’s Centre, IAG and Early Years Childcare Service • New Guidance on Overview and Scrutiny • Work Programme
28 Nov 19 1.30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making Gateshead a place where everyone thrives - Six Monthly Assessment and Performance Delivery 2018-19 (including update on implementation of Ofsted recommendations) • Monitoring – OSC Review of Obesity • Health and Wellbeing Board Strategy Refresh • Youth Justice Service Priorities and Performance • Work Programme
30 Jan 20 <u>4.30pm</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaison with Gateshead Youth Assembly • Ofsted – Annual Report • Secondary Academies Performance – Progress Update • Smoking in Expectant Mothers • Support for Young Carers • Work Programme
5 March 20 1.30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Conversation with Head Teachers of Special Schools • Social Work Recruitment & Retention / Quality of Social Work Practice – Performance Update • SEND Update – (to focus on quality of inclusion in Gateshead/ outcomes for SEND children / impact of budget reductions) • 0-19 Services • Work Programme
23 April 20 1.30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OSC Review of Obesity – Monitoring • CAMHS Progress Update • Foetal Alcohol Update • Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements Update • 12 month evaluation – Integrated Referral and Assessment Team

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Issues to slot in: