

Newcastle Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership

One Minute Guide: Meeting held on 10th January 2025

This meeting was held at the Laing Art Gallery and gave members the opportunity to meet in this historical cultural venue.

1. Safe Outcome Update, including performance data

Partners contributed to an update on progress towards priorities under the 'Safe' outcome of the [Newcastle plan for children and young people 2024 to 2027](#). This included data from key performance measures agreed by the Partnership to help understand the current landscape and needs of babies, children and young people in Newcastle.

2. Online Safety Working Group update

Information was presented to provide the Partnership with an update on the multi-agency Working Group that has been working together since March 2024. The focus has been to understand what the key online risks to children and young people are and what support is needed for them, their parents and carers, and professional to mitigate against these.

A summary of the findings from this work, including a significant amount of research undertaken with young people, practitioners and on academic literature and campaigns was shared. A proposal was shared that outlines the funding required to progress this work.

3. Youth Council and You Said, We Did update

An update was shared on recent work that has supported children and young people to use their voice, and influence services. This includes:

- Primary School 'Net Zero Hero' event, involving 30 Primary Schools and 150 children in years 1-6.
- An inter-school Debating Competition, fully planned and delivered by Newcastle Youth Parliament reps, involving 50 students.
- Work with the Student Council and Careers Champions at Jesmond Park Academy to help the school gain School of Sanctuary Status.
- Christmas events for young people and the annual sitting of National Youth Parliament

A summary of the most important issues that matter children and young people and action taken to progress these issues was provided. This included:

- How the Council and other services communicate with young people
- White Ribbon and Gender Based Violence
- Mental Health
- Parks and Open Spaces
- Transport (cost, accessibility, reliability and safety)
- Vaping

- Climate Change / Environment
- Work Experience

4. Vulnerable Children Health Needs Assessment

Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals Trust (NUTH) shared findings from an assessment that was undertaken to identify the healthcare needs of vulnerable children and their families in the city, and how these can be met by NUTH. For further information contact emma.roycroft1@nhs.net

5. AOB

Information was shared on the successful 2024 **Evry Christmas Campaign**. This was a collaborative effort between the City Council, residents, and Evry partners, with the aimed guarantee that every Newcastle Care Leaver, and more children in need, received a personalised wrapped gift and had the opportunity to participate in festive activities. Highlights include:

- **1,800 gifts were donated**, alongside an additional estimated 5,000 gifts from Cash4Kids for children working with Children's Social Care.
- **765 children and young people received a gift**. The total value of gifts bought via the Amazon wish list and gift-card vouchers via partners was over £6,000. Food parcels were also provided for Care Leavers.
- **Over 20 Evry Partners supported the campaign**, including Newcastle College, Northumbria University and local businesses and national suppliers e.g. 0800 Repairs, Lenovo, Morrisons, Tesco, Streetgames, Unison.
- **1,500 free tickets** were distributed to the Theatre Royal Pantomime, Santa Stories workshop experience, Centre for Life Ice Skating, Northern Stage, Gosforth Civic Theatre, Northern Lights.
- **Looking ahead to 2025**, we will continue our commitment to ensuring all young people can celebrate a variety of religious events throughout the year.

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