

## Hello stranger, missed us?

Jayne and Chris here, bringing you an update on this week's progress of the transforming the front door project.

### Updates

On the 15<sup>th</sup> April, the County Council's Children and Families Select Committee received an update report about the project. You can read the report [here](#) and watch the relevant part of the meeting [here](#) (it's 1:28:15 into the recording). Speaking of updates, a presentation was given to the joint County and City NSCP meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> March. Both updates were well-received, with recipients supporting the project and wishing to thank all of those involved (**that means you!**). Hopefully the updates also underline our commitment to working transparently and in the open.

### Celebrating great successes

Charlotte Pope is a social worker, currently working in the Strengths-based Practice Team within the council. The team support colleagues across the Children & Families department with embedding Our Nottinghamshire Approach to Strengths-based Practice in the ways we work with children, young people & families, our partner agencies, and each other. This includes Charlotte offering workshops and training to colleagues in the MASH and Early Help Unit alongside the Front Door Project.

Charlotte had an opportunity to meet the MASH teams and this is what she had to say; "I had the chance to join in with inspection preparation work in recent weeks at the MASH, spending time with social workers and asking them to share a recent referral they'd worked on and talk me through their decision making. Consistently, workers showed real commitment in understanding the impact for children, and creativity in identifying the right help for them at this point in time. For a number of children this meant they didn't need to move to a social work assessment, because the team of professionals and the family were able to develop a robust and proportional plan to help. I was also really impressed by the curiosity and compassion workers held for where other professionals and family members were coming from. It was a great insight into the culture at the MASH, and how passionately teams are working towards good outcomes for the children they come into contact with."

### Hopes & Fears Session

We met with colleagues from Children's Social Care, Police, Health, Business Support and the Early Help Unit on Wednesday at the Piazza. We shared an overview of the work we have done so far, we then gave the group an opportunity to share their own hopes and fears and ask any questions. There was lots of interesting and helpful feedback and questions. Once these have been collated we will share with management involved in the project and back with the groups.

For colleagues who were unable to make this session, there will be a further session arranged during May, please look out for the invite soon.

### Platinum group

On Thursday our Platinum group met to have strategic discussions on PPNs and how these can be sustainably resourced. Diamond also asked for permission to start designing our next test, colloquially known as the 'Uber test'. In this test Diamond would like to combine elements from previous testing and test for longer to gather more data on how this effects the outcomes for children and processes within the MASH.

### You don't want to miss this!

On **Thursday 25 April** you are all invited to our '**Show and Tell**' meeting live at the Piazza building. Can't make it in person? Don't worry, this meeting will also be available via Microsoft Teams. Invites have been

sent out to you all, however if you know anyone who would like to attend this meeting please feel free to let us know and we will add them to the invite list.

**Just a recap for those of you who are new to 'Show and Tell':** A show and tell is a regular meeting that a team holds to enable people outside of the team to understand and input into what they are working on. It gives the team the opportunity to share what they have done, what they have learned and what they are planning to do next. It creates a feedback loop which people - **like all of you!** - can use to ask questions, form connections and influence the work.

## Weeknotes

We continue to see an increase in the number of colleagues wishing to receive these weeknotes however, if you know anyone who should be receiving these weeknotes, then please feel free to let us know. If you are new or would like to see weeknotes from previous weeks, these can be found here [Needs-led Front Door Project \(nottinghamshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/Needs-led-Front-Door-Project)

## Got a question...?

If you have any questions, comments, or ideas regarding the front door project, please feel free to contact us via our group mailbox: [childrens.frontdoorproject@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:childrens.frontdoorproject@nottscc.gov.uk)

That is all from us this week, we hope you enjoyed our update and we look forward to updating you all again next week.

Until then, we hope you have a super weekend.

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