

Children's Executive Board

Minutes of Meeting:

Date: 16 January 2012

Venue: Committee Room 1A, County Hall, Durham



County Durham
Children's Trust

Present:

Name	Agency
David Williams (Chair)	Corporate Director CYPS, Durham County Council
Rachael Shimmin	Director of Adult and Community Services
Carole Payne	CYPS, Durham County Council
Gail Hopper	Chair Local Safeguarding Children's Board
Gill Eshelby	Head of County Durham Youth Offending service
Chris Butler	VCS Community of Interest
Liam Cairns	Investing in Children
David Priestley	Sedgefield Local Children's Board
Michael Lamb	CYPS – Performance Team
Gary Stokoe	Derwentside Community of Interest
Ann Whitton	Overview & Scrutiny, Durham County Council
Andy Palmer	Regeneration and Economic Development, DCC
Chris Davis	TEWV
Kathryn Larkin-Bramley	Police Authority
Lynn Wilson	Public Health

Apologies:

Gerard Moran	Headteacher representing Secondary Schools
Carina Carey	Probation
John Redman	Head and representative Primary Schools
Linda Bailey	CYPS, Durham County Council
Dave Ford	CYPS, DCC
Anna Lynch	Director of Public Health, County Durham
Craig Platt	
Dr Kate Bidwell	Practice Based Commissioning
Chris Peverall	Durham & Chester-Le-Street Local Children's Board
Kath Vasey	Easington Local Children's Board

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1. Introductions/ Apologies	DCW requested the group introduce themselves for the benefit of new people in attendance and the Minute taker.	
2. Minutes of last meeting	DP reiterated again the incorrect spelling of his surname and LW was not recorded as being present.	DP/LW
3. Action Log and Matters Arising	Update on the One Point Service – CP gave the group a brief update on the position so far. All HUBs are now in operation apart from Seaham who were still encountering some problems with BT. Valuable examples of innovative service provision, improved accessibility and information sharing had been duly noted by CP.	CP

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Matters arising (continued)	Investing in Children – Liam Cairns (LC) briefed the group on the progress made so far with the card scheme. Unfortunately an NHS element required for the cards had led to further delays. DCW requested this be expedited as quickly as possible. GH stated she would check on progress as discussions had taken place with the young people.	LC DCW/GH
4. Verbal Report from Board Members of Action on LSCB Annual Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LW gave the Board verbal feedback about the appointment of an ISVA (Independent Sexual Violence Advocate) and confirmed funding for 12 months. The post supports children and their families following sexual assault and assists/supports through the legal process. The ISVA will not come under 'Health' – Claire Sullivan will take the lead. Rachael Shimmin (RS) offered her support for the ISVA. • LW – Rapid Response – computerised service specification. • GH confirmed the LSCB's sub-group for Child Sex Exploitation was moving forward. • Training and Mental Health – some areas require re-visiting. • GS confirmed the new information portal had been distributed County-wide which included comprehensive details and the calendar for safeguarding training. • GH had met with Suzanne Welsh and confirmed everything was moving in a positive direction. 	LW/RS LW GH GS GH
5. Quarterly Performance Report (Up to end of September 2011)	<p>ML discussed the Quarterly Performance Report briefly explaining each outcome along with the associated area for improvement. Comments from the Board were made on the following outcomes:</p> <p>Be Healthy LW questioned the variance between geographical and cultural differences naming Easington and Derwentside as an example. CP suggested action was required on a number of different levels; for example we need to look at service provider attitudes to pregnancy rates as well as to availability of CASH services.</p> <p>Stay Safe Areas for Improvement – Number of children killed or seriously injured (KS1) in road traffic accidents – RS offered her support through Safe Durham Partnership. Number of CAFs carried out had reduced, possibly due to a change in procedure in CDYOS.</p> <p>Enjoy and Achieve Further improvement in achievements was noted.</p>	GH

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Item 5 (Continued)	<p>Making a Positive Contribution New national indicators are to be introduced, but are not yet available.</p> <p>Achieve Economic Well Being DCW had seen the impact on NEETs of decisions made on budgets. 'Not knowns' rate was very high. There is a lot of pressure from Government to find where the young people have gone. DP suggested 'partnership' working with schools and CP confirmed it was helpful to know where people were and agreed a plan to be put in place. She suggested this would be something One Point would look at i.e. 'joint working' for future years.</p>	DCW/CP/ DP
6. Key Messages for Young People for the Children's Trust	<p>LC presented his report to the Board in proposing to support young people to attend Children's Executive Board meetings to present some of their own issues.</p> <p>The Board did agree to engage directly with the young people but DCW expressed his concerns that some items discussed at Board meetings were not appropriate for the young people and that they would not benefit from attendance. DP felt that getting the 'right balance' was important and not to deny the young people their voice.</p> <p>The schedule of issues requiring consideration and a list of groups that the Board wishes to hear from was discussed but DCW did not wish pupils to miss school in order for them to attend Board meetings.</p> <p>LC to make a decision on and where to meet the children and young people bearing in mind that transport could be an issue.</p> <p>Action: Item for next Board meeting</p>	LC DCW LC
7. Think Family: Troubled Families Programme	<p>CP discussed the Think Family: Troubled Families Programme report. In the first instance it was suggested that the wording 'Troubled Families' be replaced by 'Think Family'.</p> <p>CP confirmed DCLG's funding of £448m nationally to run this programme and RS stressed the importance of using it well. She stated that the Think Family Board need to monitor programmes and requested her attendance at these meetings. RS suggested a project role for the 'Think Family Board'.</p> <p>With regard to timescales CP stipulated preparatory work to be completed by end of March 2012 and in the case of identification of troubled families by February 2012</p>	CP RS CP

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Item 7 (Continued)	<p>CP stated Durham County Council and County Durham Partnership's agreement that the Think Family programme will report to the Think Family Board.</p> <p>CD asked how to identify what is spent on agencies and suggested arranging workshops.</p> <p>DCW noted the requirement to appoint a Troubled Families Co-ordinator and requested regular reports to the Board.</p>	<p>CP</p> <p>CD</p> <p>CP</p>
8. Children's Trust Review	<p>CP summarised the consultation feedback on proposals for review of County Durham's Trust.</p> <p>The recommendations in 3.8 of the report were agreed by the Board.</p> <p>Item 4 Membership of the County Durham Children and Families Trust Executive Board – DCW thought this group could be too big and requested minor changes. He suggested only one representative from the Colleges. RS suggested two from the Clinical Commissioning Groups and noted CSUs were not on the list. KLB was keen to offer her input also. CP was concerned that to broaden the remit would mean bigger membership. It was agreed CP would request organisations to nominate one representative.</p> <p>The Board agreed that DCS should Chair the Children and Families Trust.</p> <p>Item 5 Membership of the County Durham Children and Families Trust – Area Management Groups – RS aired her concerns that only representatives from North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust were listed and none from Durham and Darlington. These members to be added.</p> <p>With regards to GP Practices it was concluded one representative from each of the Hub areas should be sought.</p> <p>Although the merging of the Think Family Board and the CFT would not occur at this stage, RS suggested that this should be reviewed again in 6 months time, hence 6 months was agreed (September).</p> <p>CP recommended One Point Area Manager to Chair and provide secretariat for the area group and an independent Vice-Chair to be elected. GS queried the role of a voluntary sector member. CP stressed the importance of full engagement of C.O.1.</p>	<p>CP</p> <p>All to Note</p> <p>DCW/RS</p> <p>CP</p> <p>All to note</p> <p>CP</p> <p>CP</p> <p>CP</p> <p>CP</p>

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Item 8 (Continued)	<p>Item 6 Locality Delivery Groups CP agreed to finalise membership of the groups and will give clarification to the Board in September.</p> <p>RS was concerned about the duplication of work with SNU and LMAPS and would ask Steve Arkley to consider this.</p> <p>DCW asked if AAPs would be appropriate and CP said she would structure the agenda and invite AAPs as appropriate to part of the meeting.</p> <p>DP requested clarity in building closer partnerships with schools and DCW suggested structuring the agenda well in advance.</p> <p>Item 8 Implementation Meetings which are scheduled and connected to each other should be 'dovetailed' together.</p>	<p>CP</p> <p>RS</p> <p>DCW/CP</p> <p>CP</p> <p>CP</p>
Any other business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback on young carers – how it operates • Schools signed up for Charter • RS – Health and Well being Board – bring something into the Children's Executive Board, could be an agenda item for the future. 	<p>All to Note</p> <p>RS</p>
Embargoed until 25 January 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCW announced the key findings of the recent Ofsted Inspection of Safeguarding and Looked After Services: <p>Overall Effectiveness of Safeguarding Services – Outstanding Capacity for Improvement in Safeguarding Services – Outstanding Overall Effectiveness of Looked After Services – Good Capacity for Improvement in Safeguarding Services - Outstanding</p>	<p>All to note</p>
Date of Next Meeting	<p>12 March, 1.00 pm – 4.00 pm (venue to be determined)</p>	