

## Children's Executive Board

### Minutes of Meeting:

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> March 2012

Venue: Chester-le-Street One Point Hub

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for **children** and  
**young people**

County Durham  
Children's Trust

### Present:

#### Name

David Williams (Chair)  
Rachael Shimmin  
Anna Lynch  
Gail Hopper  
Gill Eshelby  
Chris Butler  
Liam Cairns  
David Priestley  
Michael Lamb  
Gary Stokoe  
Ann Whitton  
Andy Palmer  
Linda Bailey  
Sue Carty

#### Agency

Corporate Director CYPS, Durham County Council  
Corporate Director, AWBH, Durham County Council  
Director Public Health  
Chair Local Safeguarding Children's Board  
Head of County Durham Youth Offending service  
VCS Community of Interest  
Investing in Children  
Sedgefield Local Children's Board  
CYPS – Performance Team  
Derwentside Community of Interest  
Overview & Scrutiny, Durham County Council  
Regeneration and Economic Development, DCC  
CYPS, Durham County Council  
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### Apologies:

Kath Vasey  
Carole Payne  
John Redman  
Chris Davis  
Kathryn Larkin-Bramley

Easington Local Children's Board  
CYPS, Durham County Council  
Head and representative Primary Schools  
TEVV  
Police Authority

Item No. Subject	Discussion / Decision	Lead Officer(s) Action/ Timescale
2. Minutes of the Last Meeting	RS job title to be changed.	
3. Matters Arising	With regard to the liC card scheme for young carers, a pilot will be launched in 6 schools. This will go live in May, with an evaluation in August.	
4. Quarterly Performance Report	ML referred to the Q3 performance report. Latest data shows under 18 conception rate is improving, as is obesity. There have been 6 child casualties due to RTAs and minor changes have been seen with regard to enjoy and achieve. Figures for care leaves in education, employment or training are positive, and an improvement has been seen amongst NEET young mothers.  Numbers for not knowns are high due to the inability to track the destinations of school leavers. Call centres have been contracted to follow up, with the One Point Service to focus on those with complex needs.	

<p><b>5. Children Young People and Families Plan</b></p>	<p>SC reported that this is the second draft, with the consultation having finished on the 29<sup>th</sup> February. The direction, outcomes and priorities are the same. The strategy focuses on the root causes and intervention. It will come to the Board in June for final approval.</p> <p>It was suggested that the emerging commissioning priorities of the CCGs should be referenced.</p>	<p>SC</p>
<p><b>6. Joint Strategic Needs Assessment</b></p>	<p>SC provided a presentation on the JSNA. This will be to identify wellbeing needs. As of 2013, this will be extended to include CCGs.</p> <p>Key messages for CYPS are obesity, teenage conception and LAC. The majority of CPPs are as a result of abuse or neglect due to parental alcohol/substance abuse, mental health and domestic violence.</p> <p>Next steps will be for the report to go to the County Durham Partnership on the 29<sup>th</sup> March.</p>	
<p><b>7. LAC Commissioning Strategy</b></p>	<p>RN reported that the purpose of the LAC commissioning strategy is to understand and plan for the needs of LAC, in order for them to achieve their maximum potential and improve placement stability. The aim is to improve early intervention, emotional wellbeing, placement choice, narrowing the attainment gap and post 16 support. Once implemented, this will be driven by the MALAP Board.</p> <p>There has been success with managing the external market, and use is reducing. Recruiting internally has been successful. Achievement of LAC are presented negatively, as their lives are improved. Internal apprenticeships for LAC were suggested.</p>	
<p><b>8. Children with Disabilities Commissioning Strategy</b></p>	<p>PM reported that the launch would be on the 30<sup>th</sup> March. The focus is on prevention, and is being widened to include statements and SE. Services have been mapped out, gaps have been identified and a strategic response has been developed.</p> <p>It was agreed that finance needs to be added, and CCGs need to be engaged.</p>	
<p><b>9. Think Family Update</b></p>	<p>DW reported on the Troubled Families initiative. DCLG are offering 50% funding via a payment by results method, to aid these families to turn their lives around. £20,000 will be received to plan, followed by £75,000 over three years for a dedicated Troubled Families coordinator. Durham is estimated to have 1320 Troubled Families and these need to be identified. Links will be made with the ESF project and High Impact Households.</p>	
<p><b>10. Sedgefield LCB Legacy</b></p>	<p>DP referred to the legacy report, in particular the core issues the LCB felt necessary to share. It is imperative that the One Point Service does not exclude other partners. Commissions for the LCB can be confusing.</p> <p>A video was shown on the 'Check It Out' initiative. Young people chose the issues they wanted to promote and this was toured. It brought young people together with the voluntary sector, youth workers and the police.</p>	

<b>11. Key Issues for Young People</b>	<p>Young people were in attendance and provided a presentation on issues in their local areas. They informed the Board that there seems to be no respect for young people. By working with liC, positive relationships have been built with the Police, which has lessened trouble and bad feeling. It has been suggested that this be rolled out into other areas, with the young people in the pilot as mentors.</p> <p>It was suggested that there is no complaints system for young people to make their voices heard. GH will liaise with Ken Pattison to progress this suggestion.</p> <p>Areas depicted in the presentation are littered with rubbish, leaving nowhere safe to play. A neighbourhood warden made good progress by getting some areas cleared, but this is still an issue. DW suggested that Terry Collins would be the most appropriate person to discuss this with liC.</p>	
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