

**Children and Young Peoples Strategic Partnership Executive
Minutes of a meeting held on 16 June 2008**

Present:

Catherine Fitt	Executive Director of Children's Services (Chair)
Carol Hambling	C&YPSP Coordinator
Helen Cavanagh	Transformational Change Lead, Children Services
Shirley Chambers	Barnardo's
Tom Adams	Chief Executive, Children North East
Ruth Rogan	Head of C&YP in the Community, NCC
Bruce Willoughby	Public Health, PCT
Martin Surtees	Director of Performance & Commissioning, NCC
Neil Munslow	Housing Services Manager, NCC
Linda Moore	Vice Principal, Newcastle College
Aileen Fitzgerald	Head of C&F Commissioning, NHS North of Tyne
Inspector Keith Hall	Northumbria Police
Alan Wallace	Partnership Director Learning and Skills Council
Rod Stapley	Manager, YOT
Carole Shipley	Directorate Manager, Children's Services, NUTH
Gerard Murphy	Head Teacher, St Cuthbert's High School
Cllr Nick Cott	Executive Member for C&YP
Linda Mason	Head of Inclusion, NCC (item 9)

In Attendance:

Nick Brereton	Investing in Children Coordinator (item 4)
Jayne Moules	Area Locality Manager, NCC (item 6)

Apologies:

Julia Bayes	Head Teacher St John's Primary School
Maurya Cushlow	Executive Director of Community Services, PCT
Pam Jobbins	Policy Officer, Newcastle NCVS
Karen Simmons	Acting Head of Children's Social Care, NCC
Carole Shipley	Directorate Manager, Children's Services, NUTH
Jan Cole	Service Manager, NTW NHS Care Trust
John Collings	Director of Delivering Outcomes, NCC

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

1.1 Apologies were listed as above.

1.2 Good News stories were shared as follows:

- LM said that Newcastle College and Skelmersdale have just been inspected by Ofsted and achieved an overall result of outstanding in all areas with a grade 1 in each of the ECM outcomes.

- NM said Your Homes Newcastle were inspected 2 months ago and given a result of 3* with good capacity for improvement
- The U Decide Pilot was successful at the Creating the Futures Awards
- RS said that the YOT has moved from level 3 to 4 (out of 5) at the end of year figures. This represents 3 years of straight improvement.
- Len Fenwick, Chief Executive of the Newcastle Hospitals NHS Trust, was awarded a KBE in the recent Honours.
- CS said the new Children's Hospital is underway and the first phase will be opened in March next year
- RR announced the opening of the new short break unit for children with disabilities at Cheviot View, replacing Hartburn Walk.

2. COORDINATOR'S REPORT

2.1 Participatory Budgeting: a draft national strategy

Outlined by CH

2.2 Serious Case Review in Respect of R

Outlined by CH

2.3 Criminal Records Bureau Checks: Guidance for Volunteering

Outlined by CH

2.4 Youth Alcohol Action Plan

Outlined by CH

2.5 Working Neighbourhoods Fund

Outlined by CH

The question was asked:

How does the C&YPSP Executive wish to deal with projects not funded through NRF but where funding is at risk and the project may be contributing to LAA priorities?

SC said that there are Children's Fund services in the first stage of commissioning for new projects, which haven't got through to the second stage, such as anti-bullying and healthy eating. Some key organizations know that they won't be funded.

MS said that testing and sharing is needed with the Executive. This is a conflict which we need to collectively keep discussing.

TA said that it's not a level playing field. The concern is two different commissioning processes being undertaken by City Council via Children's Fund and NRF.

CF said that we need all the information in the same place, we only find out when it's gone wrong and funding stops. IF NRF funding is coming our way we need to use it against our commissioning strategy.

KH declared interest as a Project Officer of the ABC project funded through NRF and said that we need to know sooner rather than later as the organization is not sure whether to wind down the project and there are difficulties employing staff with the uncertainty.

GM said it seems to be going back to a situation where we are bidding for pots of money, which is very distracting, and schools don't have the capacity.

CF said that in the case of the NRF the decision was made to run with the old world and a bit of the new world. We are in transition and doing our best to manage a process which is not ours.

It was agreed that a report would be brought back to the partnership next month:

- Outlining what is currently funded by NRF and the benefits of the projects
- To be contextualized so that we all approach it from the same view
- Outlining the consequences if the projects are not funded

ACTION: CAROL HAMBLING

3. FORWARD PLAN

Noted and updated as follows:

- RS will have the draft Youth Justice Plan by July meeting.
- MY Place proposal will be presented in July.
- Be Healthy Outcomes Progress and NSF Year 3 Evaluation to be postponed to September.

The Forward Plan was otherwise agreed.

4. PARTICIPATION WITH CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE: PROGRESS REPORT – NICK BRERETON

Update Paper was circulated with meeting papers. U Decide brochure circulated. Nick Brereton talked through the report.

SC said that the children and young people had been well prepared and good preparation and facilitation was essential to process.

RR said that the same process is being used for My Place.

LM asked whether in future the age range could be extended as they may be 16 – 18 year olds in college who may wish to make a contribution.

NB confirmed that the funding was for children aged 5-13 for this piece of work but that it is a possibility for the future.

NM asked whether there is an opportunity to reflect with the group involved. NB confirmed that a letter had been sent but acknowledged that the team needs to provide regular feedback and inform the children of the final outcome.

CF suggested research into impact of U Decide on uptake by young people of various projects and then to outcomes. We need to demonstrate the impact of investment in participation on outcomes to maintain the resources.

CF thanked NB and the team for their work and asked that if anyone wants more information or would like to use the voting equipment to contact NB.

CF also asked how we capture the harder outcomes and, very importantly, the difference projects make.

Agreed to reflect at the next C&YPSP Development session on 5 commissioning processes:

- Children's Fund process
- U Decide process
- Youth Opportunities Fund process
- PBMA used in CAMHS
- NRF process

Action: Carol Hambling to liaise with Commissioning Project Group

5. C&YPSP RISK REGISTER

Item deferred – CH will circulate by e-mail.

6. PROGRESS OF EARLY INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION IN LOCALITIES – JAYNE MOULES

JM outlined progress which had been circulated with the meeting papers.

NC asked JM about alignment and whether the right people who can make decisions are being targeted.

JM said that the target audience is a bit 'off' – there are probably people there reflecting the people around this table who hopefully have had the endorsement of their senior managers.

CF said that we knew what our priorities were 3 years ago. There is passion and commitment and good work taking place but where's the evidence that it is making a difference?

CF said that with regard to CAF, we need to shorten the distance between this situation and people getting on with it.

GM said key partners are not fully part of locality process yet. MS and GM will meet separately and talk through.

NC said that elected ward members will have views and need to support the locality partnerships. NC will attend as lead member if needed. JM will take up the offer for the events in September.

JM said that CAF will be included in the Children's Services briefings and will be an item at the next CISSG meeting.

Agreed need to escalate timetable for progress in delivering early intervention and prevention

Action JM and Theme 5 Project Board

7. MY PLACE, INTEGRATED YOUTH STRATEGY – RUTH ROGAN

RR talked about the application to be submitted in September for a world class youth facility, focusing on the development in the City Centre.

- The facility could include a mobile resource
- The intention was to go back to the work undertaken in the streetwise bid for new premises and build on that work
- The city centre rationale is that young people in the West End wouldn't travel to the East etc, but all would gravitate towards the city centre
- There is also £495,000 for the youth capital fund, more locality based, to be cross referenced with the police

CF said that Nick Cott has a support member who will attend the Integrated Youth Steering Group and will need to persuade Newcastle members of any proposal.

NC said that the issue is high on the agenda. Members from across the city will be expected to be involved.

AF said that Andy Roberts was going to discuss a representative from Maurya's team to be represented at the IYS – as essential Teenage Pregnancy Services are part of thinking.

ACTION: AILEEN FITZGERALD.

TA said that the danger is that My Place capital project sucks revenue out of other projects and we need to be aware of this in the planning process, and recognize Streetwise as the beginning of the process and build on, this is not a replacement for Streetwise.

NM said that the Foyer want to be used but this has to be a new build rather than a conversion.

CF said that this needs to be underpinned by needs analysis and we need to demonstrate why other options aren't being followed.

Action: RR to present proposal re My Place to July meeting

8. POLICE SUMMER YOUTH STRATEGY

Document circulated with meeting papers. Summarized by Keith Hall.

CF asked whether agencies are getting together to talk. There is a Youth Strategy meeting taking place in August.

RS said he is hoping this doesn't show a boost to first time entrants into the system. RS is involved in consultation with the Police

9. SAFE NEWCASTLE STRATEGY

Circulated with meeting papers. LM talked through the Executive Summary. Please note that the full document is restricted.

10. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Agreed as an accurate record.

11. MATTERS ARISING

The Primary Strategy was submitted to the Executive and approved and has now been submitted to the Department for Children and Families.

CH to pursue date for Safeguarding training for C&YPSP and LSCB

HC is discussing evidencing Transformation Programme with John Collings

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 David Jones has been appointed as GP Advisor for Children and Families with the main focus being CAMHS and Urgent care for children

12.2 National Challenge.

CF talked about the 'gold nugget' in this challenge to target schools who are not meeting thresholds, of which there are 5 in Newcastle. Schools have to compile an action plan by September and, by doing this, the Secretary of State has given us the impetus to use integrated services to target young people. The negative effect of the initiative overall on schools morale has to be regretted, however.

12.3 BW announced that he has taken up a new post in Yorkshire and that August will be his last meeting of this partnership. A representative from Public Health will join in November 2008. BW was thanked for his contribution to the partnership.

NEXT MEETING

Monday 21 July 2008

09.15 – 12.00

Springfield

Item	Action	Lead	Due Date
Page 3	Provide report outlining benefits of NRF and other projects and losses if decommissioned	Carol Hambling	July 2008
Page 4	Focus at C&YPSP Development session on 5 commissioning processes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children's Fund process• U Decide process• Youth Opportunities Fund process• PBMA used in CAMHS• NRF process	Carol Hambling and Commissioning Project	October 2008
Page 5	Escalate timetable for progress in delivering early intervention and prevention	Jayne Moules	ongoing
Page 6	Proposal re My Place to July meeting	Ruth Rogan	July 2008
Page 6	Identify representative to link PCT provider services to IYS and My Place discussions	Aileen Fitzgerald	July 2008

Date of the next meeting: Monday 21 July 2008
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