

**Children and Young Peoples Strategic Partnership Executive
Minutes of a meeting held on 15th September 2008**

Present:

Catherine Fitt	Executive Director of Children's Services (Chair)
Helen Cavanagh	Head of Transformation, Children Services, NCC
Tom Adams	Chief Executive, Children North East
Martin Surtees	Director of Performance & Commissioning, NCC
Aileen Fitzgerald	Head of C&F Commissioning, NHS North of Tyne
Ruth Rogan	Head of C&YP in the Community, NCC
Linda Moore	Vice Principal, Newcastle College
Sara Morgan-Evans	Manager, Newcastle Connexions
Carol Hambling	C&YPSP Coordinator, NCC
Karen Simmons	Acting Head of Children's Social Care, NCC
Cllr Nick Cott	Executive Member for C & YP, NCC
Julia Bayes	Head Teacher, St John's Primary School
Gerard Murphy	Head Teacher, St. Cuthbert's R C High School
Susan Nelson	NUTH (for Carole Shipley)
Danny Ruta	Director of Public Health, NPCT
Heidi Douglas	Streetwise
Barrie Irving	Learning & Skills Council (for Alan Wallace)

In attendance:

Jackie Keeble Minutes

Apologies:

Rod Stapley	YOT Manager, NCC
Frank Gallop	Superintendent, Northumbria Police
John Collings	Director of Delivering Outcomes, NCC
Carole Shipley	Directorate Manager, Children's Services NUTH
Alan Wallace	Learning & Skills Council

Action

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were listed as above.

2. Coordinator's Report

2.1 Child Poverty Family Intervention Project

CH gave an update on the bid and advised that feedback to the bid has been positive.

2.2 Child Poverty Pilot

Newcastle's application was unsuccessful for the Work Focused Services in Children's centres. We will be notified in October whether we have been successful in the other 3 pilots: Innovation Pilot, Child Development Grants and Improved Housing Support for Teenage Parents.

CF thanked CH for all the work that she has done in

relation to the bids.

2.3 **Neighbourhood Renewal Fund/ Working Neighbourhoods Fund**

This item was discussed at the last meeting. MS advised that we can now review this more extensively.

2.4 **Youth Crime Action Plan**

Item summarized.

JB raised the problem of non attendance and is concerned that even when parents are fined the problem remains as there is no strategy available to follow the case up.

CF advised that John Collings is working with Linda Mason to review the strategies for taking stronger action.

Targeted Youth Support Services are targeting prolific non attenders who need intensive support. GM advised that secondary schools are aware of the problem and are sharing information and strategies between the schools.

Attendance is a priority in The Newcastle Plan and there will be a lot of focus on this issue in the next few months.

3. **Forward Plan**

- The meeting on the 20th October has been cancelled because of the APA.
- The Safeguarding Training on the 18th September has been moved to December.
- AF suggested a future item 'The Identification of Children with Psychosis'. CF advised that it would be up to the Child Health Commissioning Group as to whether this comes to Executive.

Action: CH and AF to deal.

CH/AF

4. **Targeted Youth Support**

Sara Morgan Evans presented the report with a verbal update. The report will be updated for the Interim Self Assessment on Friday 19th September.

The following points emerged:

- There are 47 year 10 & 11 children who are persistent absentees with no CAFs. CAFs will be created for all of these children and used to pilot a system for a new process.
- Locality Network Events have shown that the Voluntary Sector is now using CAFs.
- There has been a citywide improvement

- because of Locality working in Newcastle.
- There will be early identification of young people at risk of absenteeism, domestic violence etc. and measurers will be put in place early so that issues do not escalate.
- There will be taylor made plans for young people to divert them from crime.
- Services will work together to build relationships with young people.

A national eCAF is being developed. Newcastle are looking at creating a system in the interim but are still deciding which way to go. ContactPoint will give us details of which agencies have been involved. This will be rolled out in 2009 following the pilot in the North West.

Thanks

Before going to the break on behalf of the partnership CF thanked Helen Cavanagh, Tom Adams and Shirley Chambers who will be leaving the Board, for all their work and support. Carole Hambling will present Shirley Chambers with her gift.

5. Local Authority Transformation Programme

Helen Cavanagh presented the report. The Council is working with KPMG to look for opportunities to improve efficiencies and performance across all services.

LM asked if the new programme will include 14-19 arrangements.

6. Reporting Arrangements Outcome Groups

CH summarized the reporting arrangements. It was agreed that the groups need to be rationalized and outcome leads are to do this by Christmas.

Action; Outcome leads

MS

7. Narrowing the Gap

Helen Cavanagh presented the report. A more detailed report with an action plan will be produced when final guidance is published. This report will be added to the CYPSP forward plan and the agenda for the Head teacher meeting at which point templates will be distributed and explained.

Action; MS to look at templates.

HC/JC

8. September Guarantee

Sara Morgan Evans presented the report.

The Local Authority must offer a place in learning to all year 11 and 12 leavers. We have 559 pupils without offers at present. Personal Advisors are chasing these up but two schools have not sent in their information.

GM

Action; GM will chase up the two schools.

The figure should be reduced when all Newcastle College's information has been recorded on the database.

CF advised that we need to know where these young people are by the end of September.

SME
CH

This item will be updated at the next meeting.

Action; Add to the agenda of the next meeting.

9. Be Healthy Outcomes

AF presented the report.

The following points and actions emerged:

Child and Adolescent Mental Health

The updated CAMHS Strategy was approved by the partnership.

Disabled Children

There is a need to identify longer term funding and a risk assessment report will be brought to the Executive.

CF advised that an urgent report is needed on the standard of services we need as budget consultation meetings are now being held.

CF/MS/A.Roberts

Action; CF/ MS and Andy Roberts to discuss a timetable.

National Service Framework (NSF)

CF suggested putting in another column showing the progress to date ahead of the March 09 target.

AF/A.Roberts

Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

CF asked if the timetable could be brought forward from Spring 09. This will be discussed here at CYPSP and at the development partnership day in December.

Commissioning Intentions

Commissioning will be discussed at the Development day on October 2nd.

Immunisations

Cervical cancer immunizations are expected to be undertaken from October in Newcastle's schools.

CF asked to be advised when they commence.

Action: AF to advise CF when immunization has commenced.

AF

CF explained that it would be helpful if future reports could include:

- Local targets

- Traffic lights – telling the story
- Consistency across all outcomes
- Flagged LAA indicators.

Action; JC/MS to look at format of future reports.

JC/MS

12. Any Other Business

- The new children’s hospital will be ready for services to move into by August 09.
- CH reminded everyone of the Development Session on the 2nd October.
- MS to discuss FIPs with DMT at next meeting.
- Julia Bayes announced her resignation from the Board, she will attend one more meeting. CF thanked JB for her contribution to the partnership.

MS

10. Minutes of Last Meeting

Agreed with the following amendments.

Item 6

Change information on Newcastle College’s inspection to read ‘Linda Moore shared experience at Newcastle College’.

JKeeble

Item 10.

Change Draft Youth Justice Plan information to read ‘Agreed that the plan would be circulated.’

Next Meeting

Monday 17th November
9.15-12.00
Springfield Centre.