

Children's Trust Board

Minutes of a Meeting Held on Monday, 19th April 2010

Present:

John Collings (Chair)	Executive Director of Children's Services, NCC
Martin Surtees	Director of Children's Services, Performance and Commissioning, NCC
Neil Munslow	Housing Services Manager, NCC
Gerard Murphy	Head Teacher, St Cuthbert's RC High School
Aileen Fitzgerald	Head of C&F Commissioning, NHS North of Tyne
Susan Cassie	Childcare Partnership Manager, Job Centre Plus
Linda Moore	Group Director, Newcastle College Group
Ruth Rogan	Head of Strategic Partnerships, NCC
Laura Young	Superintendent, Northumbria Police
Paul Brownlee	Youth Offending Team Manager, NCC
Michael Johnston	Partnership Director North Tyneside, Learning Skills Council
Martin Gollan	Policy Officer (Regeneration), NCVS
George Duff	Northumbria Police
Lisa McWiggan	NSCB Co-ordinator
Jane McFadyen	Head Teacher, Newburn Manor Primary
Helen Robinson	Public Health Specialist NHS North of Tyne, (rep for Dawn Scott)
Meng Khaw	Acting Director of Public Health, PCT/Council
Mick McCracken	Head of Safeguarding and Children's Social Care, NCC
Chris Piercy	Associate Director Patient Safety, Quality and Nursing, NHS Newcastle and North Tyneside Community Health

In Attendance:

Jackie Keeble	PA Children's Services, NCC (Minutes)
Deb Tyler	Head of Performance Management and Information, NCC (Item 5)
Judith MacMorran	Public Health Service Improvement Manager (Item 4)
Dr David Jones	GP (Item 3)
Sue Miller	Lead Specialist Family Support and Parenting, NCC (Item 6)
Andy Roberts	Joint Health Commissioning

Apologies:

Dawn Scott	Public Health Consultant, NHS North of Tyne
Jeff Hurst	Chief Executive, YMCA
Phil Joyce	Director of Area Based Regeneration, NCC

139 Welcome and Apologies

J Collings welcomed everyone to the meeting, introductions were made and apologies were noted as listed.

140 Children's Trust Board Governance

There is new guidance as to how the Children's Trust Board will operate. Andy Roberts has been working on what models already exist and gave a presentation of his findings to the board. The CTB will now be responsible for developing and monitoring the Children and Young People's Plan and services for Children and Young People across Newcastle. Previously the City Council was responsible for the plan.

The presentation included models of governance structures used by other Boards, for example Safe Newcastle.

Two options were presented for consideration by the Board. The structure must cover the management, direction and procurement of services.

A discussion took place regarding the two options and the following matters were raised:-

- Cross over between LSCB and CTB – need to ensure that relationship is clear.
- Resources and capacity of staff needs to be ensured and partners should play to their strengths.
- Confidence is needed in the process and structure and trust that everyone will do their job.

Mick McCracken advised that the Safeguarding Board will need to see the CTB proposal.

Model 2 was accepted as the best option but with more work to be done on the detail. A Roberts to bring to the Board in June.

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141 Be Healthy Progress Report

Aileen Fitzgerald introduced the report Andy Roberts drew attention to specific elements.

The report gives an update on most recent information which overall compares well with our statistical neighbours.

A discussion took place and the following points were raised:-

- Information needs to be more up to date where possible.
- Reports do not give details of where blockages or barriers are. The Board need to know why there has been no movement so that it can help move issues forward.
- Should we be going into more depth on reports about barriers and obstacles?
- An explanation of the interpretation of the data needs to be detailed in the reports.
- Links to other areas need to be shown. If we improve one service does it have an effect on another area?

J Collings asked the board to consider the double red indicators which will be dealt with as matters arising at the next meeting.

David Jones GP gave an update of progress. Points of interest were:-

- GPs are interested in what is going on for children and young people – over 70% of practices in North of Tyne have identified a GP Child Health lead
- Have discussed CAFs and now see the purpose.
- Royal College of GPs now have a Children's Champion who will be responsible for producing a strategy.
- Long term contraception for young people.
- Safeguarding – every practice to submit a plan which will include multi-agency training.
- Trying to reduce hospital stays for children.

142 Smoke Free Newcastle

Judith MacMorran, Public Health Service Improvement Manager gave a powerpoint presentation "Addressing smoking and Young People in Newcastle". This presentation gave an overview of the current strategy for preventing young people smoking.

The recommendations were agreed by the Board.

143 Children and Young People's Plan update

Deb Tyler gave a verbal update on progress of the Children and Young People's Plan.

The plan is half way through the initial consultation and a standard presentation is being made to partnerships. Thirty presentations have been made and a further twenty scheduled.

Deb Tyler requested feedback from the consultations, especially from the Police and Job Centres. So far feedback has been positive. The consultation will take place until the end of June, and will come to the Board.

A draft of the plan will come to the CTB in September with an extended meeting with a wider group of reps, to review and challenge the plan.

The Plan will be signed off when all Statutory Partnerships have signed off, in March 2011.

There is 6-7 weeks of the consultation left and Deb Tyler requested that details of suggestions for getting the message out to a wider audience be sent to her or Tina Lisle.

A summary document will go out to schools this week and the Participation Unit will visit schools in the near future.

It is proposed to have Turning the Curve events in July and partners are asked to identify where they can assist and opportunities for presentation to be made.

Deb Tyler requested that all comments and feedback be sent to her via email on debbie.tyler@newcastle.gov.uk

Action: Deb Tyler to send details to Linda Moore and colleges.

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144 **Parenting Support Strategy**

Sue Miller tabled a report updating the Board on the Parenting Support Strategy.

Points of note:

- Grant funding - funding of £20 - £30m comes to the city annually for Family and Parenting Support Services. Funding is assigned by various assessment processes but needs to be more consistent to maintain services. Need to look at what will be done when funding ends.
- Two Parenting Practitioner Posts have only been funded until March 2011.
- Performance and Commissioning - S Miller has commissioned figures to ensure that provision is made for the future.
- Area Based Teams - J Collings is speaking to schools re Education Welfare and other family support type services.

145 **Partnership Assurance Statement**

Ruth Rogan talked through the updated Statement which has been developed to assist partnerships in reviewing how their governance working arrangements have operated. She advised that the statement will be updated again when the governance of the CTB has been decided.

The Board were asked to advise Tina Lisle of nominations for LSP Inclusion and empowerment. Two people from the CTB are need to join this cross cutting meeting. Email details to Tina Lisle of Ruth Rogan if interested.

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Minutes of the Last Meeting and Matters Arising

- Minutes to be amended to 15th March not February
- 135.1. Stay Safe Progress Report. Minute of NI70 to be amended to Judith Stonebridge to take forward (change from A Fitzgerald). Minute should read Sunderland not Northumberland.
- Mick McCracken and Lisa McWiggan to meet and discuss The Domestic Violence Partnership before the next meeting.

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Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 17th May at 9.15am to 12.00pm at Springfield Conference Centre.