

Children's Trust Board

Minutes of a Meeting Held on Monday, 16th August 2010

Present:

John Collings (Chair)	Executive Director of Children's Services, NCC
Martin Surtees	Director of Children's Services, Performance and Commissioning, NCC
Ruth Rogan	Head of Strategic Partnerships, NCC
Cllr Nick Cott	Lead Member, Children and Young People, NCC
Susan Nelson	Directorate Operational Services Manager, Children's Services, Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals Foundation Trust
Paul Brownlee	Youth Offending Team Manager, NCC
Phil Joyce	Director of Area Based Regeneration, NCC
Aileen Fitzgerald	Head of C&F Commissioning, NHS North of Tyne
Dawn Scott	Public Health Consultant, NHS North of Tyne
Gerard Murphy	Head Teacher, St Cuthbert's RC High School
Dr Fu-Meng Khaw	Acting Director of Public Health, NHS North of Tyne
Lisa McWiggan	NSCB Co-ordinator, NCC
Jeff Hurst	Chief Executive, YMCA

In Attendance:

Nick Brereton	Participation Co-ordinator, NCC (agenda item 3, minute number 178 only)
Paul Chadwick	Corporate Parenting Manager, NCC (agenda item 4, minute number 179 only)
Pam Jobbins	Partnerships, Policy and Projects Officer, NCVS

Apologies:

Neil Munslow	Housing Services Manager, NCC
Jane McFadyen	Head Teacher, Newburn Manor Primary School
Linda Moore	Group Director, Newcastle College
Tina Lisle	Director's Support Officer – Projects, NCC (Minutes)

Action

176. **Welcome and Apologies**

J Collings welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted apologies as listed above.

177. **Children's Trust Board Governance**

Progress to date was shared and will be discussed further at the next meeting.

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178. **Participation Update**

Nick Brereton did a presentation which led to a useful discussion. The following actions were identified:

- There are far more resources allocated to participation work that is not captured across the Children's Trust and it would be helpful to do this and to link this to impact and change
- There could be opportunities to use tools developed in the commissioning (decommissioning) processes. Important to keep access to services as a priority
- D Scott to meet N Brereton regarding her PhD research and learning from this DS/NB
- N Brereton to contact Sam Harrison NB
- N Brereton and R Rogan to clarify priorities for the coming year based on discussion NB/RR

179. **Corporate Parenting Strategy**

Paul Chadwick introduced the Corporate Parenting Strategy which unfortunately had not been circulated with his covering report. Actions noted:

- Strategy to be circulated TL
- Board members to send any comments to Paul Chadwick by Friday, 27th August ALL
- Chair of Children's Trust Board to ratify the strategy on behalf of Members JC
- An update would be received by the Board every six months

180. **Stay Safe Outcome Progress Report**

L McWiggan spoke to the report that was circulated to the Board prior to the meeting highlighting both areas of improvement and good practice as well as declining performance and areas of risk/concern. The areas of risk/concern discussed were:

- N165 – 3 barriers identified. CTB considered in how these might be removed/addressed
- JW highlighted that other agencies (apart from police) do not appear to be routinely asking about/highlighting domestic abuse as 90-90% of cases come to light through the police route
- J Collings asked if this gives us an opportunity for higher level monitoring of children and families where domestic abuse was a contributory factor to the first child protection plan. This would involve Integrated Targeted Services as well as Children's Social Care
- P Brownlee raised a question about the link between CTB and NSCB domestic abuse and sexual violence SDG within Safe Newcastle. This is being reviewed and being made more robust with the Domestic Violence Co-ordinator reporting twice a year
- M Khaw highlighted work going on with women and girls and domestic violence that needs to be incorporated
- P Brownlee highlighted lack of recognition of violence in relationships between young people under 18 and the risk that this reduces an opportunity to pick up potential victims and perpetrators of domestic

violence at an early stage. Such cases are picked up under safeguarding/child protection, involve IRS/CSC to respond to issues

- J Hurst – are resources allocated to domestic violence adequate given prevalence? Are the resources available being deployed effectively and efficiently as they can be?
- J Collings to pick up and clarify exactly who is doing what across the key partnerships ie Safe Newcastle, Health and Wellbeing/Adults and NSCB
- N170 – Trend improving toward amber
- Trying to identify a lead for accident prevention 5-17 year olds was considered. In Northumberland health visitors have responsibility. Unclear what/who is best placed to take this lead in Newcastle. More information about cause and reason for admission would be helpful. A change may be seen in figures when A&E is moved to the RVI from NGH
- A strong children's lead is required in discussion within broader consideration about accident prevention/hospital admission as it relates to adults
- M Khaw, D Scott and A Fitzgerald to meet and agree who within health can take responsibility for convening a meeting/possibly Child Accident Strategy group to look at this indicator in more detail
- NI60 – This is Children's Social Care core business and internal target only missed by 0.6% in 2009/2010. Good improvement noted in completion of core assessments. Systems and processes in place to maintain this trend, key aspect links to stability of workforce and continuing focus on quality assurance

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181. **CTB/NSCB Annual Conference – 18th October 2010**

Verbal update from R Rogan focussed on the emerging theme/focus on Vulnerable Young People linked to:

- Mike Stein from the University of York able to be our guest speaker on Adolescent Neglect
- Using the recent Turning the Curve format works
- AGM will be from 8.30 am to 1.30 pm approximately

R Rogan/L McWiggan to take comments into the planning group

RR/LM

182. **Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising**

Page 3 accuracy AGM October not August.

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183. **Forward Plan**

D Scott to liaise with T Lisle/Andy Roberts regarding an agenda slot for Be Healthy and Obesity Action Plan – November.

DS

184. **Any Other Business**

None.

185. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 20th September 2010 at 9.15 am to 12.00 pm at Springfield Conference Centre. The AGM will be held on the 18th October 2010.