

# Children's Trust Board

## Minutes of a Meeting Held on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> October 2009

### Present:

Martin Surtees	Director of Children's Services, Performance and Commissioning, NCC (item 10 onwards)
Cllr Nick Cott	Lead Member, Children and Young People, NCC
Linda Moore	Vice Principal, Newcastle College
Gerard Murphy	Head Teacher, St Cuthbert's RC High School
Jane McFadyen	Head Teacher, Newburn Manor Primary School
Ruth Rogan	Head of Children and Young People in the Community, NCC
Ray Malecki	Learning and Skills Council
Aileen Gilbert	Acting Assistant Director, Action for Children
Chris Piercy	Associate Director Patient Safety, Quality and Nursing, NHS Newcastle and North Tyneside Community Health
Susan Nelson	Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals Foundation Trust
Danny Ruta	Director of Public Health
Paul Brownlee	YOT Operations Manager, NCC
Peter Reeve	Detective Chief Inspector, Northumbria Police

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### In Attendance:

Tina Lisle	Director's Support Officer – Projects, NCC (Minutes)
Karen Straughen	Senior Nurse (shadowing Susan Nelson), Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals Foundation Trust
Pat Thompson	Children and Disabilities Manager, NCC (agenda item 5/minute number 99 only)
David Jones	General Practitioner (agenda item 7/minute number 101 only)
Andy Roberts	Joint Health Commissioning Manager, NCC (agenda item 7/minute number 101 only)

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### Apologies:

Dave Smith	Children's Services Advisor, GONE
John Collings	Executive Director of Children's Services (Acting) NCC
Cllr PJ Morrissey	Council Member, NCC
Aileen Fitzgerald	Head of C&F Commissioning, NHS North of Tyne
Rod Stapley	YOT Manager, NCC
Mick McCracken	Head of Safeguarding and Children's Social Care, NCC
Jeff Hurst	Chief Executive YMCA
Neil Munslow	Housing Services Manager, NCC
Susan Cassie	Childcare Partnership Manager, Job Centre Plus
Phil Joyce	Director of Area Based Regeneration, NCC
Frank Gallop	Superintendent, Northumbria Police
Susan Hayton	Northumbria Police (scheduled for item 6 on agenda)

### Action

#### 95. Welcome and Apologies

It was unanimously agreed that Martin Surtees would chair the meeting on John Collings' behalf and he welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted apologies as above.

96. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record with the amendment of the spelling of Cllr P J Morrissey in the list of those present at the meeting.

97. **Matters Arising/Action List**

Matters Arising were noted with no updates given.

98. **Forward Plan**

M Surtees and T Lisle to meet to discuss the November agenda to see what can be accommodated and what needs to be deferred given concerns about the size of the agenda for the meeting.

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99. **Aiming High CLD&D Update**

Pat Thompson was welcomed to the meeting and went through the previously circulated report. The following was noted:

**Short Breaks:**

- Currently deliver approximately 250 commissioned short breaks – the target is to double this
- There is currently additional funding for three years which will come to an end in 2010/11

**Parent/Carer Participation:**

- Have established an annual conference where priorities for parents and carers are agreed and reported back on the following year
- Newcastle City Council has now signed up to Every Disabled Child Matters and also has a joint Charter

**Transition Arrangements for Disabled Children:**

- This has been challenging but now working with Adult Services as well as the third sector
- Parents and carers and children and young people have agreed six priorities to improve practices

**Individual Budgets:**

- DCSF have chosen Newcastle to pilot individual budgets with children aged 14-16 with disabilities which gives greater flexibility in delivering services to families with disabled children. A small pilot has been undertaken with positive feedback

In addition the following was noted:

- Need to build on the work currently being undertaken with targeted and universal services which would lead to more sustainable provision
- Self assessment needs to be completed by the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2009
- A multi-agency protocol will be developed by the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2009 which will need to be signed off by the CTB
- A Gilbert raised concerns regarding a tender for advocacy (deadline 21<sup>st</sup> October 2009). Pat Thompson and A Gilbert to discuss this as a matter of urgency

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- Cllr Cott expressed concern regarding the sustainability of some aspects of the areas discussed. S Nelson echoed the difficulty of sustaining staff as most are now appointed on fixed term contracts
- The Board would welcome feedback on the issue of families who have not wished to take up individual budgeting and asked P Thompson to reflect on this
- R Malecki offered to dialogue with P Thompson and colleagues about the broader transition issues

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#### 100. Preventing Violent Extremism

Item deferred – to be rescheduled on the Forward Plan.

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#### 101. Be Healthy Outcome – Progress Report

A Roberts was welcomed to the meeting and gave an overview of the report. The following was noted/discussed:

- No target indicators reported as “red”
- NI 55a/NI 56a (Obesity amongst primary school age children in Reception Year/Year 6) – there is an excellent strategy in place but it depends on key people leading on parts of the action plan. It was noted that some key staff had left the Authority. A Roberts asked Board members to be supportive if asked to provide staff to lead on aspects. It was agreed that the performance regarding obesity would be reviewed within the Be Healthy Partnership, and a progress report brought back to the Board urgently
- Lean East is now extending into the West End of the City giving a total of 20 schools participating in the project. It was reported by D Ruta that the programme seems to be delivering results
- Be Healthy Partnership will be responsible for the Strategy and Action Plan as well as the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)
- NI 199 (Satisfaction with parks and play areas) - this is challenging for the CTB as judgements need to be made regarding the impact of the actions. R Rogan commented that Parks and Countryside have a critical role in delivering this as well as getting feedback from young people about their opinions of the parks and play areas outside of the “Tell Us” survey. A Roberts to get clarity about the specific issues and actions
- NI 115 (Substance misuse by young people) – This is also survey-based so assessments from other agencies need to be used. A Roberts reported an expectation that this would be light green by next year
- It was agreed that future reports would also include a general update on the wider Be Healthy picture recognising achievements as well as difficulties
- It was agreed that all future ECM Outcome reports would use the same format as this report

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D Jones was welcomed to the meeting and gave an overview of the following issues that are high on GPs’ agenda:

- Difficulties with frontline work with children and young people because the Government’s framework does not support this

- 66% of practices have now appointed a GP Child Health Champion. It was agreed that it would be helpful to bring all the champions together for a session and the CTB agreed to support this in any way they can ALL
- Recently developed breast feeding guidance targeted at GPs
- Access to CAMHS is being improved
- CAF – difficulties regarding the length of time it takes to complete a CAF (D Jones is meeting with J Collings and A Fitzgerald to discuss this further) DJ/JC/AF
- GPs have signed up to being level 3 for safeguarding
- Currently working on ContactPoint
- D Ruta suggested his two priorities for GPs would be Childhood Immunisation and Long Acting Reversible Contraception

## 102. Newcastle Plan for Children and Young People 2010-2013 Update

M Surtees tabled a presentation for discussion and the following was noted:

- Government have not yet released guidance regarding the length of the revised plan therefore Newcastle had decided to continue with a three year plan
- SCS refresh needs to be aligned with the NPCYP
- Deb Tyler will be doing some urgent work with organisations to make sure the correct contacts are in place and that the timeline for the Plan can be used to align organisations' decision making processes
- A detailed plan of events to engage with partners to possibly take place in November will be circulated to Board members in the next week MS
- Need to give some thought to engagement with children and young people in schools and colleges
- Engagement needs to be with colleagues across the Council also, not just specific directorates
- A framework for engagement has been outlined – Deb Tyler to discuss with Nick Brereton MS/D Tyler

## 103. Information Sharing/Feedback from Other Meetings

- G Murphy reported that, at the Secondary Heads meeting in early October, he was able to give positive messages from the Board regarding support from the wider CTB and LSP on the attendance agenda
- My Place – R Rogan updated the Board on the current position and that the final Business Case to the Big Lottery Fund has been submitted. Subject to the call-in process which is due to be considered at City Council on the 4<sup>th</sup> November, if the bid progresses a decision will be made in February 2010 by the Big Lottery Fund but further information can still be exchanged prior to this date
- C Piercy reported on a good piece of work currently taking place with Linda Mason regarding integrated targeted services
- M Surtees and N Cott reported on a Question Time event they participated in with approximately 250 young people with students from youth groups, secondary schools, the college and disabled children. Main issues discussed were transport and the image of children and young people as well as holding a general session discussing life for children and young people in the City. One other main issue raised was

how agencies can represent young people positively

- R Rogan confirmed the new date for the Locality Working Workshop would be the 20<sup>th</sup> November and not the 28<sup>th</sup> October as previously agreed
- C Piercy raised concern relating to a school cancelling HPV vaccinations because of an Ofsted visit. C Piercy, J Collings and M Surtees to discuss this urgently outside of this meeting
- S Nelson raised an issue regarding schools refusing access to health staff who did not have their CRB number on arrival. M Surtees to take this forward as well as this being an issue for the Newcastle Safeguarding Children Board

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#### 104. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> November at 9.15 am to 12.00 pm at Springfield Conference Centre.