

Children's Trust Board

Minutes of a Meeting Held on Monday, 21st December 2009

Present:

John Collings (Chair)	Executive Director of Children's Services (Acting) NCC
Aileen Fitzgerald	Head of C&F Commissioning, NHS North of Tyne
Linda Moore	Group Director, Newcastle College Group
Ruth Rogan	Head of Strategic Partnerships, NCC
Cllr Nick Cott	Lead Member, Children and Young People, NCC
Jane McFadyen	Head Teacher, Newburn Manor Primary School
Mick McCracken	Head of Safeguarding and Children's Social Care, NCC
Dawn Scott	Public Health Consultant, NHS North of Tyne
Phil Joyce	Director of Area Based Regeneration, NCC
Martin Surtees	Director of Children's Services, Performance and Commissioning, NCC
Neil Munslow	Housing Services Manager, NCC
Aileen Gilbert	Acting Assistant Director, Action for Children

In Attendance:

Tina Lisle	Director's Support Officer – Projects, NCC (Minutes)
Nick Brereton	Participation Unit Manager, Agenda item 6/minute number 122 Only
Lee Luke	YIP Member, Agenda item 7/minute number 123 only
Dave Currie	YIP Member, Agenda item 7/minute number 123 only
Jade Cairns	YIP Member, Agenda item 7/minute number 123 only
Deb Tyler	Head of Performance and Information, Agenda item 9/minute number 125 only

Apologies:

Gerard Murphy	Head Teacher, St Cuthbert's RC High School
Jan Brown	Northumberland, Tyne and Wear Mental Health Trust
Rod Stapley	YOT Manager, NCC

Action

117. **Welcome and Apologies**

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

118. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Agreed as a correct record.

119. **Partnership Risk Register**

- Risk 1 Governance Arrangements – M Surtees confirmed plans had been put in place for when John Brown leaves Children's Services

- Risk 2 Cross LSP Delivery Partnership Issues – This will be split into “performance risks” and “linkages with partnership and developing an action plan”
- Risk 3 NPCYP – The risk has become more about delivering the priorities within the Plan
- Risk 4 – Financial Pressures – Needs escalating and developing MS
- Risk 5 – 14-19 Arrangements – Need to raise the profile through the CTB ALL

MS to bring the register back to a future meeting so it can be signed off. MS/TL

120. **Forward Plan**

Suggested that the meeting in June 2010 is spent looking at governance issues, the work of this Board in light of new legislation and new requirements. Also one hour needs to be set aside at this meeting to look at the requirements about inspections for safeguarding so the CTB are clear about the expectations of the Board. K Simmons to attend for this item. KS/TL

121. **Integrated Youth Strategy Progress Report**

R Rogan presented the report in Rod Stapley’s absence. The following was noted:

- R Stapley, in his new role, will lead on areas for improvement and an action plan which will come to the CTB in 2010
- The My Place comment within the report is critical
- It is a challenge about how we improve universal issues not just targeted
- There is a need to assess budgets to look at how we improve universal services and how budgets are realigned
- Need to remember the “Your Welcome” criteria when R Stapley is compiling his action plan

122. **Matters Arising**

115 Feedback from Joint CTB and Young People’s Steering Group Meeting – the feedback tabled by N Brereton was noted and some thought needs to be given about how to take some of the issues forward and how outcomes for children and young people have improved due to action taken.

224 Action No 224 JC asked each member to nominate someone within their organisation to work with the NSCB on the Laming Action Plan recommendations. Email directly to Sue Kirkley. ALL

123. **Independence Youth Forum Action Plan**

N Munslow introduced the young people who attended for this item who were warmly welcomed by the Board. The forum is made up of young people who have had homeless issues in the past and are working with decision makers to help shape services. Issues raised included:

- Quality and supply of accommodation
- Supporting vulnerable people to independence
- Positive Change award
- An inspection service to move things and assure young people
- Peer education to prevent young people getting to crisis point
- Making peer education part of the curriculum
- Homeless prevention should be available in schools
- Young people want to know what the city is doing for excluded young people
- More support after moving to independent living
- Everyone to recognise the benefits of the YIF and encourage attendance
- A DVD is available about where young people can go for help
- N Munslow to circulate details about the YIP, meeting dates etc

NM

124. **Positive Contribution Report**

R Rogan presented the report which was noted by the Board.

125. **Newcastle Plan for Children and Young People 2010-2013 Update**

D Tyler was welcomed to the meeting and gave a update on the NPCYP. Slides included:

- More national consistency
- Children and young people priorities
- Stakeholder engagement
- Children and young people aspirations
- What the data tells us
- Parent and carer participation
- Consultation with voluntary and community sector

D Tyler also tabled a document showing the SCS/OBA outcomes and a document showing links with the SCS. Any comments to be forwarded to T Lisle. D Tyler to circulate the list of high level priorities and the framework in early January 2010.

ALL
DT

126. **Children's Services Quarterly Performance Update**

T Lisle to circulate the report again.

TL

127. **Improving Financial Management**

M Surtees shared to document produced by the Audit Committee. Proposals going forward were to create a financial board of the CTB which would become an operational group. The group would have lead finance officers from all partner organisations who would do a check list against the published self assessment and bring this to the CTB. This would achieve better financial reporting and would enable some resources to be available for issues within the NPCYP and would be better aligned to look at future finances.

126. **Any Other Business**

Healthy City Status – R Rogan reported that Newcastle has been awarded the Healthy City Status.

Children First – MS tabled copies of Children First for colleagues' information.

Thanks – Aileen Gilbert was thanked for her input to the Board and it was noted that Pam Jobbins and Martin Gollan will be attending from the VCS in future.

127. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 18th January at 9.15 am to 12.00 pm at Springfield Conference Centre.