

# Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Executive Minutes of a meeting held on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2009

## Present:

Catherine Fitt (Chair)	Executive Director of Children's Services, NCC
John Collings	Director, Children's Services, Delivering Outcomes, NCC
Martin Surtees	Director, Children's Services, Performance and Commissioning, NCC
Carol Hambling	C&YPSP Co-ordinator, NCC
Aileen Fitzgerald	Head of C&F Commissioning, NHS North of Tyne
Keith Hall	Inspector, Northumbria Police
Ruth Rogan	Head of Children and Young People in the Community, NCC
Jan Brown	Northumberland, Tyne and Wear Mental Health Trust
Jane McFadyen	Head Teacher, Newburn Manor Primary School
Susan Nelson	Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals Foundation Trust
Rod Stapley	YOT Manager, NCC
Gerard Murphy	Head Teacher, St Cuthbert's RC High School
Karen Simmons	Acting Head of Children's Social Care, NCC
Jill Robson	Job Centre Plus
Jeff Hurst	Chief Executive YMCA – VCS Rep.
Chris Piercy	NHS North of Tyne

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## In Attendance:

Jackie Keeble	Admin Assistant Children's Services, NCC (minutes)
Becky Dunn	Workforce Development, NCC

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## Apologies:

Linda Moore	Vice Principal, Newcastle College
Danny Ruta	Director of Public Health
Neil Munslow	Housing Services Manager, NCC
Nick Cott	Lead member Children's Services NCC
Aileen Gilbert	Acting Assistant Director Action For Children

## Action

### 1. Welcome and Apologies

C Fitt welcomed and introduced Jill Robson and Jeff Hurst to the Board.

### 2 Co-ordinator's Report

Carol Hambling presented her report.

#### 2.1 The Protection of Children in England; Action plan.

The action plan in response to the Laming report recommends actions at a local level which are listed in the co-ordinators report.

A task group of the NSCB has been set up to consider the Government's response to Laming Report and will develop a local action plan. The Board agreed that they wish to receive the report from the task group.

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## 2.2 Inspiring Communities Grant

M Surtees reported that two Expressions of Interest were received and that Excelsior Academy/Scotswood Area Strategy and other local partners would be making an application to DCLG.

## 2.3 Generations Together

Caroline Beckett is co-ordinating the work so far and Jill Bauld is due to go on a training course. It was suggested that someone from the Integrated Youth Partnership also be involved. Ruth Rogan and Jeff Hurst to pick up.

RR/JH

## 2.4 Alcohol Strategy Officer

There was a debate about the proposal to appoint a co-ordinator rather than make the delivery of the alcohol strategy everybody's job. There are already leads for each part of the alcohol reduction Action Plan and whilst there is a need to co-ordinate work it would be easy to abdicate responsibility to a co-ordinator.

**Action;** C Hambling to clarify whether this post will be a coordination post and that the post will challenge organisations.

CH

## 2.5 Sustainable Communities Act

The Board received the information.

## 2.6 Lean East Programme Evaluation

Report gave a brief outline of the plan. If anyone would like a full copy please contact C Hambling.

It was agreed that this matter should be considered by the Be Healthy Outcome Group.

AF

The revised Obesity strategy will come to the CYPSP at a later date (date not known).

## 3. Forward Plan

Details of reports and changes to be sent to Carol Hambling.

Future items to include;

- Be Healthy Outcomes – progress report to be moved from Feb to March.
- June meeting – Inspection update from MS and JC.
- October meeting a report from Rod Stapley regarding a change in legislation which will change our way of working to be included in the Positive Contribution Progress Report –. RS to disseminate information to CH and partners in the mean time.

RS

It was agreed that a future meeting should take place at the new hospital premises and another at the new YOT centre which will open at the end of June.

CH

## 4 Progress of Workforce Reform

Becky Dunn presented a brief outline of the report.

The Board discussed the report and the following issues were raised;

- The deadline for using CAFs has now passed and agencies and there was some concern that people are still not using them consistently. A formal review is due at the end of May and results should come to the Board.
- There was a discussion about support offered to schools. J Collings advised that a letter had been sent to all schools offering support and he has not received any requests for support.
- Becky Dunn advised that all agencies have been offered support over the past 2 years and if they are not asking for training we do not know what they need help with.
- The availability of an E-CAF system would possibly encourage staff to use CAF but this will not be rolled out for another 8 to 9 months, still looking at security across the organisations. Schools will be a priority group when it is ready.
- All staff should be required to attend a common induction course for Children's Services which should include CAF training.
- A need for training could be requested through the supervision or appraisal systems. J Collings, M Surtees and B Dunn to meet and discuss.
- J Collings requested a more evaluative report. B Dunn to have a full report for the C&YPSP Executive by the end of June.

JC/MS/BD

BD

All agreed that strong leadership is needed from the group to encourage staff to use CAFs and the share feedback on good practice and barriers.

## 5 Think Families

C Hambling gave a brief outline of the report and its recommendations.

Matters arising regarding the 13 recommendations;

- The Board agreed the report and to adopt the recommendations.
- C Hambling to ensure that the membership of the Parenting Support / Think Family Commissioning Group includes Adult Services as well as Children's Services.
- To look at the language used in Case Consultancy model.
- The 7 elements of the Youth Crime Action Plan should not be treated as separate parts. R Rogan and C Hambling to check.

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RR/CH

The rest of the report was discussed and matters arising were;

- The Think Family approach should become a part of training and development.
- John Collings could be 'Think Family' Champion.
- Some families who need support do not have good previous experiences of organisations.
- K Hall suggested that police information should be included in the report regarding the 100 families. C Hambling agreed that this would be helpful.

## 6 Thresholds

Ruth Rogan gave a brief outline of the report and explained that although there is nothing new in the report it should be taken back to organisations to raise awareness of thresholds.

A shorter version of the document will be available at the Annual Conference 1/06/09.

Ruth Rogan requested feedback from organisations about whether or not organisations were confident in using these processes.

Karen Simmons suggested that training on the back of CAF process could be picked up through CAF and LSCB. K Simmons to talk to B Dunn and S Kirkley.

KS

J Brown suggested that this could be taken up through multi-agency workshops.

## 7 Transitions Action Plan

Ruth Rogan gave a brief outline of her report.

Board discussed whether a transition champion is needed and if we require a lead for children with long term health issues. Also discussed was the need for a young adult service as they currently don't meet the thresholds for Adult Services.

Aileen Fitzgerald and Ruth Rogan agreed to discuss children with long term illness outside of this meeting.

AF/RR

Agreed that a small group from CAHMS, Commissioning, PRU, 14-19, CSC and Adult Services should meet to discuss transition for young people.

RR

## 8 Newcastle Plan for Children and Young People 2009 -10 Update

- 8.1 Martin Surtees gave a verbal update on progress for plans. A draft is now ready to circulate for comment and feedback and the report will be brought back to the next meeting.

MS

## 9 Healthy Lives Brighter Futures

Aileen Fitzgerald introduced the new national strategy document.

Aileen reported on a workshop last Thursday from the Be Healthy partnership covering governance, performance management and partnership reporting and advised that more work is needed on action plans for family nurse partnerships, oral health, diabetes and asthma.

J Collings advised that the Be Healthy Partnership is the right place to take the strategy forward.

## 10 Minutes of the last meeting.

Were agreed following some changes.

**11 Matters Arising**

Had been completed.

**12 Any Other Business**

No other business.

**13 Date and time of next meeting**

**Annual Meeting / Conference – 1<sup>st</sup> June 2009 @ Springfield.**

**CYPSP Executive meeting – 15<sup>th</sup> June 2009 @ Springfield.**