

Children's Trust Board

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday, 21st September 2009

Present:

John Collings (Chair)	Executive Director of Children's Services (Acting) NCC
Martin Surtees	Director of Children's Services, Performance and Commissioning, NCC (item 10 onwards)
Cllr Nick Cott	Lead Member, Children and Young People, NCC
Aileen Fitzgerald	Head of C&F Commissioning, NHS North of Tyne
Jan Brown	Northumberland, Tyne and Wear Mental Health Trust
Linda Moore	Vice Principal, Newcastle College
Gerard Murphy	Head Teacher, St Cuthbert's RC High School
Keith Hall	Inspector, Northumbria Police
Rod Stapley	YOT Manager, NCC
Cllr PJ Morrissey	Council Member, NCC
Martin Gollan	Community and Voluntary Sector (Rep for Aileen Gilbert)
Mick McCracken	Head of Safeguarding and Children's Social Care, NCC
Jane McFadyen	Head Teacher, Newburn Manor Primary School
Jeff Hurst	Chief Executive YMCA
Neil Munslow	Housing Services Manager, NCC
Ruth Rogan	Head of Children and Young People in the Community, NCC
Susan Cassian	Job Centre Plus
Phil Joyce	Director of Area Based Regeneration, NCC
Ray Malecki	Learning and Skills Council

In Attendance:

Kirsty Benton	Minute Taker
Phil Hunter	Corporate Planning and Policy Team Manager, NCC (item 5)
Tony McKenna	Head of Leisure Services, NCC (item 6)
Paddy Docherty	Area Locality Development Officer, NCC (item 7)
Sue Miller	Parenting Commissioner, NCC (item 8)

Apologies:

Aileen Gilbert	Acting Assistant Director, Action for Children
Dave Smith	Children's Services Advisor, GONE
Chris Piercy	Associate Director Patient Safety, Quality and Nursing, NHS Newcastle and North Tyneside Community Health

Action

82. **Welcome and Apologies**
John Collings welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted apologies as above.
83. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**
The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.
84. **Matters Arising/Action List**
John Collings explained the purpose of the Action List. This was updated.

Action 195 - John Collings to speak to Ruth Rogan.
Action 193 - Aileen Fitzgerald to follow up.

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85. **Forward Plan**

The Forward Plan was discussed.

- Positive Contribution Progress Report to be discussed in November.

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86. **Sustainable Communities Strategy**

The Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) is currently being updated and a draft consultation document has been produced. Phil Hunter attended to make everyone aware of the consultation document and to give the Board an opportunity to feed into the process for this strategy. The Board have been asked to provide any comments to Phil Hunter during the consultation period which will end in early December.

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Phil Hunter will bring the finalised document to the Board meeting in January for agreement.

A brief discussion took place around the content of the document.

John Collings requested that the action areas of NPCYP are reflected in the SCS.

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87. **Obesity Strategy**

Tony McKenna gave a presentation on the Obesity Strategy, discussing the main issues relating to tackling obesity in Newcastle.

An action plan for 2009/10 has been produced which has been aligned with the process for the annual operating plan from the PCT.

A discussion took place around the programmes which are currently being provided in schools and with parents.

The Board were asked to endorse the strategy and request annual performance reports. The Board agreed this.

88. **Extended Services Through Schools**

Paddy Docherty presented this report and the following was noted:

- A validation exercise has been undertaken to show which schools are providing access to a core set of extended services.
- A development plan will be developed to ensure that schools are supported to deliver the core offer.
- They are currently working with two clusters of schools to explore ways of delivering the Extended Services Disadvantaged Subsidy.
- All schools are required to be delivering the full core offer of extended services by August 2010.
- The sustainability of this in the longer term was discussed briefly.

Further discussions will be required in the future.

- It was suggested that this should go to the NEIP to take matters forward. PD

The Board have been asked to receive the report on progress towards targets for information and to consider how the disadvantage subsidy can best be delivered to support the work of the Children's Trust partners.

It was agreed that Paddy Docherty would return at the end of the financial year to provide feedback to the Board. PD/TL

89. **Parenting Support Strategy**

Sue Miller went through the report and supporting papers. The following was noted:

- The total resource available to support families across the City is unclear. Sue Miller and Ian Clennell have been asked to provide details of how much resource is available for the whole city across all partners for Parenting Support and Think Family. Sue Miller will report back to the Board with the figure. SM
- Newcastle's Parenting Strategy is delivered through the Parenting Support / Think Family Commissioning Group. The membership of this group is currently being reviewed alongside the Parenting Strategy to ensure it is fit for the purpose of addressing the Think Family agenda.
- Sue Miller to speak to Ray Malecki to provide guidance on the programmes which the LSC currently provides. SM
- Kirsty Benton to re-circulate the document Sue Miller provide at the last Board meeting she. KB
- It was recommended that Sue Miller would provide a further report to the Board in six months. TL/SM

90. **Homeless Families Quarterly Review**

Neil Munslow presented this report highlighting the main issues. The following was noted:

- During the quarter only 2 children did not have a school place in the agreed target of 5 days.
- B&B accommodation has not been used for over 3 years.
- All families are given access to GP/Health facilities.
- Extensive work is going on to prevent teenage pregnancies with young people in temporary accommodation.
- YHN are working with CSC to address social care issues with families.
- A discussion took place around the lessons learnt from the experience of four families.

91. **NPCYP 2010-2013 Project Plan**

Martin Surtees gave an update on the project planning and Children's Services mapping exercise. The following was noted:

- There is a 4 phase timetable in place for children's services mapping
 - Phase 1: During October needs analysis will take place
 - Phase 2: During November identification of key themes and consultation wave 1. This will involve discussion with partners and the Children's Trust Board, reconfigure resources.
 - Phase 3: consultation wave 2
 - Phase 4: formal approval process with City Council, LSP and Children's Trust Board.
 - During March it will be signed off and published.

- It will be linked to key strategies around Narrowing the Gap and Child Poverty.

- Discussions will be needed with the Board.

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92. **Information Sharing / Feedback from other meetings**

John Collings advised that this will be a regular item on the agenda for anyone to provide verbal feedback from any meetings they have attended which they feel will be relevant for the Board.

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93. **Any Other Business**

Ruth Rogan advised that the facilitated OPM session on Area Based Working will now be held on 28th October 2009. Invitations will be sent out within the next week.

94. **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

19th October 2009 – 9.15am