

**CHORLEY, SOUTH RIBBLE & WEST LANCASHIRE CHILDREN'S PARTNERSHIP BOARD  
NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 9 JUNE 2016 AT TAN HOUSE COMMUNITY  
ENTERPRISE, ENNERDALE, TANHOUSE, SKELMERSDALE, WN8 6AN**

**Present:**

Sarah Ashcroft	Co-ordinator	Chorley Council
Stephanie Critchley	Locality Manager	Lancashire County Council
Mark Gaffney	Head of Neighbourhood Services	South Ribble Borough Council
Victoria Gibson	Business Manager	LSAB & LSCB
Fiona Grieveson	Head teacher	Kingsbury Primary School
Rebecca Huddleston(Chair)	Head of Customer Transformation	Chorley Council
Cllr Mark Jarnell	Young People's Champion	Chorley Council
Tony Morrissey	Deputy Director Children's Services	Lancashire County Council
Nicola Murphy	Senior Manager	Lancashire County Council
John Nelson	Deputy Director Leisure & Wellbeing	West Lancs Borough Council
Stephen Sinnott	Family Support Team Leader	POPs
Karl Turner	Development Officer	Lancashire County Council

**Apologies:**

John Ainscough	CIP Early Action	Lancashire Constabulary
Louise Burton	Designated Lead Nurse Safeguarding Children	CCG
Donna Crank	Assistant Head teacher	Penwortham Priory Academy
Cllr Yvonne Gagen	Councillor	West Lancs Borough Council
Cllr Cliff Hughes	Councillor	South Ribble Borough Council
Donna Hussain	Development Officer	Chorley VCFS Network
Jackie Livesey	Named Nurse for Safeguarding Children	LCFT
Cllr Mark Perks	County Councillor	Lancashire County Council
Debra Wilson	Clinical Lead Universal Services	LCFT

**ACTION BY**

**1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION/APOLOGIES**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited attendees to introduce themselves, apologies were noted as above.

**2 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING**

At item 6 there was an error, the new Prevention and Early Help Co-ordinator is Laura Davidson and not Richardson as noted in the previous minutes.

The Board agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2016 as a correct record.

As Debra Wilson was unable to attend, the Chair advised that the update of the Children's Service Scrutiny Committee would be deferred to the next meeting.

SA

Karl Turner to chase up the data from the pupil attitude survey.

KT

The Chair advised that she will bring the paper around Young People Participation to the next meeting.

The Chair advised that a meeting with the Youth Parliament had taken place to engage them in our Action Plan. Chair/SA

### 3 ISSUES CHILDREN OF PRISONERS OFTEN FACE

Stephen Sinnott, from Providing Support to Families of Offenders attended the meeting and gave a presentation.

Stephen gave an overview of the service and support that POPs provides to families and partners. Often families don't know what support is available. Stephen explained that information and training can be found on the I-Hop website.

Stephen explained the importance of raising the importance amongst partners to ensure families and children receive support.

If anyone would like any further information Stephen advised to contact Head Office.

If we have more than one partner interested in attending some additional training it was agreed that we could look to set up a joint training session. Please contact Sarah who will coordinate this.

ALL

### 4 WELLBEING, PREVENTION AND EARLY HELP SERVICE

Nicola Murphy, Senior Manager, Wellbeing, Prevention and Early Help Service was in attendance for this item. Nicola explained that the WPEH service is on track to be implemented from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017. Following the consultation a report is due to be pulled together and published at the end of June, this will show changes being made as a result of the consultation process.

The second stage of the consultation will be staffing, structures, roles etc. This is on track to be complete late February for implementation 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017.

Nicola asked if people haven't seen the property consultation to look on the website as views are welcome.

Nicola advised that the outcome of the property consultation will show what will remain and what services will be delivered. Nicola confirmed that some offers will be split. For now it is business as usual, they are continuing to maintain services, staff are working hard and are committed.

Nicola advised that they are well into the work of the Troubled Families Unit/Programme. The criteria is broader and there is greater focus on specific criteria. **Numbers for Chorley, South Ribble and West Lancs to be distributed.**

Nicola recognised that there is going to be a culture of change for staff in the Young People's Service and Children's Services. It is how we align those services for the continuing need.

NM/SA

Nicola explained that they are learning from Phase 1 and need to look at how we engage and monitor agencies and what resources come with it.

John mentioned that he thought the Working together with Families was better than the term Troubled Families. This was noted.

Mark asked if the consultation closes at the end of July. Nicola confirmed this and advised that it would go to Cabinet in September.

## **5 PREVENTION AND EARLY HELP CORE OFFER**

Stephanie Critchley, Locality Manager, Lancashire County Council presented this item. Stephanie advised that Laura Davidson is the Prevention and Early Help Co-ordinator for Chorley, South Ribble and West Lancs. Stephanie handed rounds some information showing the numbers for request of support. The most popular reason for support was Emotional Health and Wellbeing followed by family support. Stephanie ran through the requests and numbers per district. Up to the end of March 2016, 3-4 referrals are being received each month, the co-ordinators are keeping an eye on it to see if the capacity is being used.

Stephanie explained that in the future there will be less capacity and less staff, updates and refreshers will be needed for staff.

A discussion was had around using commissions across districts, Nicola confirmed that this is being discussed with Procurement.

Allan asked if they received referrals from YOT, Stephanie confirmed no they don't. Nicola explained that is common and happens in other areas.

## **6 SAFEGUARDING**

### **a Post-Ofsted Children's Services Remodelling**

Tony Morrissey, Deputy Director of Children's Services, LCC presented this item.

Tony explained what changes would be necessary in remodelling Children's Services.

Tony advised that there was a recruitment drive to fill posts, they have already recruited additional capacity in all areas but there are still gaps to be filled.

Tony explained how the new Hubs will run with regards to the reshaping of the service.

Tony advised that a letter will be sent to all Councils in the following week to set out the changes.

Stephanie Critchley advised that she is leaving her role, a new representative will be identified for attendance at the Children's Partnership Board. If this is not in place by the next meeting Nicola Murphy will attend. The Chair thanked Stephanie for all her hard work and involvement on behalf of the Children's Partnership Board.

#### **b Children's Service Scrutiny Committee**

This item will be deferred to the next meeting in September.

SA

#### **c Lancashire Safeguarding Children's Board**

Victoria Gibson, LSCB was in attendance for this item.

Victoria explained that she has been in post since January, since joining the unit it is now a joint business unit for children and adults were previously it was just for children.

Victoria explained that they are going through a period of significant change with a massive agenda which continues to grow.

Victoria advised that a new virtual audit team has been commissioned.

Victoria advised that there have been an unprecedented number of serious case reviews, normally they would expect to see between 2 or 3 per year but this year 8 have been commissioned already. With 7 open serious case reviews at the moment. The LSCB have now adopted the new model for Serious Case Reviews which should be more timely, robust, impact focussed. They will continue to look at actions and learning.

The refresh of the continuum of need has gone through it was felt that this was rushed but was also a good piece of work. There are sessions planned for 11, 12, 13 July and twilight sessions for schools. The feedback has been good as the language has been simplified and therefore easier to understand.

Karl asked if there will be regular attendance from the LSCB to the CPB, Victoria confirmed that yes there would and that would either be herself or one of the business co-ordinators.

A discussion was had around CSE. Victoria to contact Karl to look at this as part of the CPB action plan.

John asked if Prevent was still being led by the Police, Victoria confirmed this. A short discussion was had around aligning policies and processes. Victoria explained that this is being looked into at the moment.

Rebecca thanked Victoria for the update and welcomed attendance of the LSCB to future meetings. VG/KT

## **7 CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION**

Karl explained that he has been in contact with Alison Hatton regarding arranging a future meeting but as yet nothing has been set up. Karl advised that they are receiving reports from the Police of a confidential nature in relation to CSE and he is looking for guidance as to how best to use this information.

Karl will continue to look at setting up a future meeting. KT

## **8 DRAFT ACTION PLAN**

The Chair advised that it may be best to agree the action plan virtually as there were quite a number of people not present at this meeting.

At the Trust Board meeting a list of potential priorities for 2016/17 were discussed which may need feeding into our action plan. The action plan also needs amending following the meeting with members of Youth Parliament. Chair/SA

## **9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

## **10 FUTURE CPB MEETING DATES**

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September – 10.00am  
Committee Room 1, Chorley Town Hall

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December – 2.00pm  
Wheel Room, Civic Centre, South Ribble