



CHORLEY, SOUTH RIBBLE & WEST LANCASHIRE CHILDREN'S PARTNERSHIP BOARD
NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 10 DECEMBER 2015 AT TOWN HALL, MARKET STREET, CHORLEY, PR7 1DP

Present:

Sarah Ashcroft	Co-ordinator	Chorley Council
Mike Cooney	Course Co-ordinator, Public Services	West Lancashire College
Donna Crank	Assistant Headteacher	Penwortham Priory Academy
Helen Dixon	Early Action Sergeant	Lancashire Constabulary
Jane Hines	Head of Marketing & Student Services	West Lancashire College
Rebecca Huddleston(Chair)	Head of Policy & Communications	Chorley Council
Donna Hussain	Community Development Officer	Chorley VCFS Network
Councillor Mark Jarnell	Councillor	Chorley Council
Jackie Livesey	Named Nurse, Safeguarding	LCFT
John Nelson	Head of Leisure & Cultural Services	West Lancs Borough Council
Councillor Mark Perks	County Councillor	Lancashire County Council
Matt Stanton	Public Health Co-ordinator	Lancashire County Council
Karl Turner	Children's Trust Dev Officer	Lancashire County Council
Carl Worsley		Dept for Work and Pensions

Apologies:

Stephanie Critchley	Locality Manager	WPEH Lancs County Council
Mark Gaffney	Head of Neighbourhood Services	South Ribble Borough Council
Councillor Yvonne Gagen	Councillor	West Lancs Borough Council
Maria Gilling	Principal	West Lancashire College
Amanda Jakeman	Employer & Partnership Manager	Dept for Work and Pensions
Debra Wilson	Clinical Lead Universal Service	LCFT

ACTION BY

1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION/APOLOGIES

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

2 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

The Board agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 17 September as a correct record.

The Chair reminded everyone about the e-safety live session being held in January and explained that it was encouraged that a representative from all organisations should attend.

Karl Turner advised that he had informed Fiona Grieveson of the date of the next CSE Sub Group meeting and that he had asked for her to be included on the distribution list.

3 INFANT MORTALITY

Matt Stanton, Public Health Coordinator, LCC attended the meeting and gave a presentation on Infant Mortality, a copy is included with the minutes for information.

Matt gave an overview of the current issues in reducing infant mortality. He explained that it is measured differently in each district and that they are able to compare the data at ward level.

Matt gave some examples of campaigns being run by Lancashire County Council including Quit for two campaign, Quit for us App, aimed at pregnant smokers.

Matt is the Public Health contact for Chorley, South Ribble and West Lancs, should anyone need to contact him his email address is matthew.stanton@lancashire.gov.uk.

Matt agreed to send further information for specific wards. MS

Karl Turner asked if there was anything as a Board that we need to address directly.

Matt explained that as the Board covers three districts this is such a large area and focus should be at a district level.

John Nelson mentioned that the Council is part of the Health and Wellbeing Board and Health Network Group.

4 PREVENT DUTY

Mike Cooney, Course Co-ordinator Public Services, West Lancashire College attended and delivered a presentation on Prevent Duty. Presentation attached for information.

Mike explained that Prevent aims to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism before any criminal activity takes place. It is a multi-agency approach across a range of services.

Mike talked about looking out for changes in individuals behaviours, and factors that make people vulnerable.

Mike explained that all organisations should develop a Risk Assessment and a single point of contact in relation to Prevent.

Donna Hussain asked if Mike had any case studies he could share, Mike advised he will have some detail he will forward MC

on in due course.

5 SAFEGUARDING

The Chair explained that the recent Ofsted Inspection findings had now been published, Tony Morrissey from LCC had hoped to attend the meeting but unfortunately was now unable to attend.

Karl Turner ran through the presentation pointing out some key issues. The presentation is attached for information.

The overall judgement was rated as inadequate, the previous rating was good.

The LSCB was rated good.

Karl explained that the full report is available on the internet.

Karl explained that there are a variety of recommendations including, leadership, management and performance management.

On a positive note there was recognition of good work being done in the service. Praise was received for work on CSE, the LSCB, Children's Trust and Partnership working arrangements.

In response to the recommendations LCC have committed £5m additional investment into Children's Social Care. LCC are recruiting an additional 27 social workers and 9 managers to reduce caseloads in Children's Social Care.

There will now be regular monitoring by the DFE (Department for Education) and a further inspection will take place in due course, expected within 18months to 2 years.

The Chair asked members around the table 'does this feel right locally'?

Donna said that yes from a front line point of view, children's services we work with, they are picking up need all the time.

Karl agreed that the thresholds are set too high and staff are firefighting.

John Nelson said that he has noticed that the support in the back office isn't there anymore, they've lost skills and knowledge and consequently there are gaps in the service.

Karl agreed with this and said that whole teams have gone and sometimes it is impossible to get information.

John agreed and said that it's not just Children's Social Care it's across departments and a range of services are having problems at County.

Karl mentioned that the WPEH service is currently being reviewed and consulted upon. The proposed changes would see a reduction from approximately 750 FTE's to 540 and a reduction in budget from £24.4m to £17.2m. This service includes the Troubled Families Unit, which has targets to work with even more families as part of phase 2 of the programme.

Helen Dixon explained that early action thresholds are set too high, there are lots of changes to staff, social workers keep changing and therefore not surprised with the outcome.

Donna asked do we know how we compare nationally?

Karl said that comparisons for various indicators will be available somewhere, he will check and circulate to everyone for information. KT

5a CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

The Chair closed the meeting and advised that this item would be added to the next agenda.

6 WELLBEING, PREVENTION AND EARLY HELP

The Chair closed the meeting and advised that this item would be added to the next agenda.

7 RAISING ASPIRATIONS PROJECT

Sarah Tinsley and Sally Hopkins from Young enterprise attended the meeting to deliver a presentation. The presentation included information about who Young Enterprise are and what they offer. The presentation is attached for information.

It was agreed that the information received would be forwarded on to school contacts.

Helen Dixon said that she thought this might be something that could be delivered to Police Cadets.

Sally agreed and explained that workshops can be tailored to specific needs as long as they understand what they are looking to achieve.

Helen would supply contact details to Sally to set something up.

8 YOUNG PEOPLE PARTICIPATION PROPOSALS

The Chair closed the meeting and advised that this item would be added to the next agenda.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No items were raised.

10 FUTURE CPB MEETING DATES

Thursday 10th March 2.00pm – 4.00pm, Wheel Room, Civic Centre, West Paddock, Leyland

Thursday 9th June 2.00pm – 4.00pm, Tan House Community Enterprise, Ennerdale, Tanhouse, Skelmersdale, WN8 6AN