

**MINUTES OF THE
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S TRUST BOARD MEETING
HELD ON 16TH DECEMBER 2009, BOARD ROOM, FRIARS COURT**

Present:

Glyn Crowther (Jobcentre Plus), Alan Goodrum (CDC), Sue Imbriano (BCC) – Chairman, Cllr. Lin Hazell (BCC), David Lunn (NHS Buckinghamshire), Carol Mason (Voluntary Sector), Cllr. Jeanette Mann (WDC), Chris Munday (BCC), Pauline Odulinski (Aylesbury College), Vivien Salisbury (Voluntary Sector), Fáinne Smith (BCC) – Notes, Jane Taptiklis (NHS Buckinghamshire), Paul Tinnion (TVP), Andy Toynton (LSC), Ed Mallam (BCC).

Apologies:

Cllr. Marion Clayton (BCC), Bob Harrison (Connexions), Cllr. Hilary Evans (SBDC), Katharine Horler (Connexions), Ed MacAlistair-Smith (NHS Buckinghamshire), Cllr. Penni Thorne (AVDC), Chris Williams (BCC).

Guests: Louise Goll (BCC), Mary Lewis (BCC), Gordon Vincent (BCC).

1. Welcome and Apologies

SI welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted.

2. Minutes and Matters Arising

The minutes were agreed as a true record.

Matters Arising:

Page 4, item 6 – Trust Constitution, SI and AG attended the recent CADEX meeting and it was agreed that the paper would be circulated to the Chief Executives for their comment.

Action: SI

3. Declarations of Interest

None recorded.

4. Positive Activities for Young People

ML presented and discussed the paper "Positive Activities Data Collection 2010" to the Board.

The Government has asked that Local Authorities carry out a mapping exercise which would take place in the first week of February 2010. The Trust Board is being asked to approve the methodology laid out in the paper.

The following points were raised:

Although VS welcomed the mapping exercise and the way in which it is being communicated, she had concerns about the huge amount of work this entails and how it would be carried out for the Third Sector. ML confirmed that no additional resource would be made available and that she would raise this concern with central Government.

SI stated that this exercise will provide us with a true picture across the county of exactly what services we provide for our youngsters.

CM stated that much of this information was held on the Family Services Directory and was concerned about duplication.

AG stated that Lee Mason is leading a Sports mapping exercise which was also being held across county. ML to discuss the information collection with LM

Action: ML

The Board supported the mapping exercise and agreed the following:

All potential duplication would be chased up.

The mapping exercise would be carried out with minimum effort at this stage in order to provide a snapshot of the services provided across the county and would come back to Trust Board to ensure that the data was sufficient.

In future, all information would be collected via the Family Information Service and the Family Services Directory.

Actions: ML

ML left the meeting.

5. Children's Trust Guidance Consultation

The Board was asked for a response to this consultation which is due on 29th January 2010.

General issues and concerns were discussed, and the following was raised:

JT stated that the PCT are aware of the need to engage GPs in the Trust. JT will follow this up.

Action: JT

JT stated that all organisations are becoming slimmer and maybe there would be an opportunity for several Boards to work together i.e. slim line.

SI asked for the Board to submit comments to EM for compiling a draft response, which would be circulated for sign off in January.

Action: All

6. Feedback from the Joint Commissioning Group

CM presented and discussed the paper "Joint Commissioning Strategy Action Plan Tracking Sheet" with the following noted:

- Page 8 - Children Centre's Capital Programme – issues about car parking in rural areas had been raised with Development Control, however, the actual delivery of Children's Centres is good.
- Page 9 – Healthy Schools – all 29 schools that were recently put forward for accreditation were successful meaning that the 75% target has been achieved. The next stage is Enhanced Healthy Schools.

The floor was opened for comments.

- Page 2 – Young People’s Freedom Programme – CM would raise the concern with the Joint Commissioning Group to try to understand the low numbers and would link with Julie Montigue and the early intervention work.
- Page 3 – Increased affordable leisure opportunities - CM confirmed that cards for children in care has now been resolved. A Leisure Opportunities Group had been created to explore further opportunities.
- Page 7 – Parenting Strategy – CM confirmed that some issues had been resolved and progress continued to be made.

7. Organisational Updates

GC noted that Jobcentre Plus had rolled out a new training module for job seekers which focussed more the provision than the job.

JT stated that there is pressure due to Management restructuring across PCT services.

CM reported the following:

- Speech and Language Therapy (SALT) – Over 80 SALTs had now been identified. An innovative model had been introduced to tackle the issue.
- Nine Residential Respite tenders had been received to date.

EM reported that schools had been engaged in the Working Group to see how best to roll out ContactPoint in schools and the first training for staff would soon be delivered.

DL reported the following:

- Connexions had achieved charitable status.
- Mrs Cheryl Gillan MP brought about a debate in the House of Commons which highlighted the Buckinghamshire PCT.
- A report into Wexham Park Hospital would be due in February that could raise issues for the three PCTs.

AT reported the following:

- January Guarantee – lots of engagement from young people had been reported and significant money had been invested to pick up disengaged young people.
- September Guarantee – LSC and BCC worked hard on the transition of Machinery of Government and LG was thanked for chairing the Provider Meeting.

PT reported that the downturn in the economic climate was now apparent in the increase of property crime and referrals into child investigation cases.

SI confirmed that the Safeguarding Board had identified the need to speak with TVP about the increased concern about capacity in BCC/PCT/TVP in these areas and a meeting would be called in January to discuss further.

Action: SI

AG reported that there had been an increase in numbers in the Benefits System and personal debt.

SI stated that child poverty would need to be discussed at a future meeting. There was also concern about 17/18 year olds not being able to gain employment and whether sufficient social and psychological services were in place to support young people to stop them entering a downward cycle.

LH reported that she had attended training at Wexham Park's Accident and Emergency team on child abuse cases.

SI updated the Trust on the BCC Transformation programme – Children and Young People Service would be consulting shortly in reorganising business support.

8. One Workforce

GV presented and discussed the paper "One Workforce" and gave updates on the following areas:

- Multi-agency Induction
- Leadership in Multi-agency Settings
- National Professional Qualifications in Integrated Centre Leadership (NPQICL)
- Foundation Degree in Working with Children and Young People
- Newly Qualified Social Worker Scheme (NQSWS)
- Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA)

GV stated that there was concern about gaining commitment from the Police and Health Services and to bring about a more sustained and longer term strategy. Following discussion, it was agreed that GV would meet PT and JT separately to take forward.

**Action: GV/PL
GV/JT**

VS thanked GV for the work and the embracing of the Third Sector, and for bringing men into the teaching profession.

There was discussion about engaging different sectors to showcase and take forward this work. PO offered to host the collaboration, subject to SI obtaining sponsorship agreement from BELP.

Action: SI

9. AOB

EM reminded the Trust Board about the launch of the Family Information Service on 23rd January and encouraged all to promote the launch.

CM reported the following:

- BCC was unsuccessful in its Building Schools for the Future (BSF) bid and that another bid would be submitted in February.
- The Continuous Improvement Group has been looking at all outcomes and would like to bring the item to the February meeting for further discussion.

SI closed the meeting by thanking all for attending and wishing everyone a Happy Christmas.

10. Date and Time of next meeting

Thursday 25th February 2010, 9.30am - 12.00pm, Mezz Room 3, County Hall, Aylesbury.