

**Stockton-on-Tees Children's Trust Board**  
**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2009, 4.30pm- 6.30pm**  
**Stockton Central Library**

**1. Present**

Cllr Alex Cunningham (Chair)	AC	- Cabinet Member For Children and Young People Stockton Borough Council
Marc Mason	MM	- Stockton Borough Council
Mike Batty	MB	- Community Protection
Cllr Jim Beall	JB	- Councillor, Stockton Borough Council
Tony Beckwith	TB	- Stockton Borough Council
Dave Brunskill	DB	- Cleveland Police
Elizabeth Horne	EH	- Stockton Schools Representative
Martin Graham	MG	- Stockton Borough Council
Jane Humphreys	JH	- Stockton Borough Council
Carole Langrick	CL	- North Tees & Hartlepool NHS Trust
Peter Lowe	PL	- Voluntary/Community Representative, The Children's Society
Cllr Ann McCoy	AM	- Councillor, Stockton Borough Council
Julia Morrison	JM	- Stockton Borough Council
Graham Prest	GP	- Stockton PCT
Marilyn Surtees	MS	- Stockton Borough Council
Jackie Ennis	JE	- Tees, Esk & Wear Valley NHS Trust
Cllr Alan Lewis,	AL	- Stockton Borough Council
Fran Toller	FT	- South Tees Acute NHS Trust
Shaun McLurg	SMc	- Stockton Borough Council
Simon Willson	SW	- Stockton Borough Council

**Apologies**

Becki Fox, Sandra Egleton, Peter Seller, Pam Andrews-Mawer, Lucia Saiger, Sheila Bamber, Val Goodrum, Nora Rosser, Neil Schneider, Roger Thornham, Chris Willis

The Chair AC opened the meeting and welcomed new and returning members Marilyn Surtees, Shaun McLurg and Elizabeth Horne.

**2. Minutes from Previous Meeting**

Minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the last meeting with two amendments

- Item 6, this should read " There will be five Learning and Skills Council colleagues appointed to work in Stockton"
- Graham Prest requested information on Every Disabled Child Matters which was not noted in the minutes. JM advised that information is available for today's meeting.

**3. Matters Arising**

3.1 JH Advised that the outline business case for My Place has been submitted.

3.2 Every Disabled Child Matters – Progress against Local Authority Charter September 2009 was circulated to members.

JM presented the document and gave an overview, paying attention to particular strengths detailed in the report. JM advised that the work being undertaken is of good quality and we are doing well.

**Action/Decision:**

The board noted the report. Comments/feedback to JM

**4. Issues from Members**

No issues

## **5. CTB Governance – Martin Graham**

MG gave an overview of the Commissioning Support Programme for Children's Trust Boards and circulated part one of the self analysis tool for members to complete.

MG advised that today the task was to complete standard 1-4 only. The remaining standards will be completed at the Board meeting in December 2009.

The group discussed the outcome of the analysis if there are vast differences in scores. MG requested that members provide comments with their scores to enable a correct summary.

JB commented that a similar exercise is being done elsewhere using a different model and questioned why it is done be done at this group? MG advised that all CTB's are asked to complete by the commissioning support programme via DCSF.

MG collected completed assessments and advised that feedback from scores will be given at a future meeting.

## **6. Performance Update/Inspection - Simon Willson**

SW provided information on Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA). This is the first year of the new arrangements to assess local public services Results will be declared/published in December 2009. SW advised that he has had sight of Stockton's draft rating and at this point there is no cause for concern, however the outcome to any unannounced inspection that may take place prior to publication would have an impact on the overall score.

Information on Stockton-on-Tees statistics were given to members. A traffic light system was used to show Outstanding/Good/Satisfactory/Inadequate judgements. MG requested clarification on the shades of green with in the document. JM advised that dark green represents the area's which are outstanding.

JH discussed inspections and gave information on the idea of a peer review which will consist of a field study of systems and processes within CESC. JH advised that feedback from Ofsted inspections is due 22/23 October and an unsatisfactory unannounced inspection could trigger a two week inspection.

SMc felt that having good inspection in the past and good performance indicators would not guarantee the outcome of any new inspection.

SW continued with information on the ECM 5 outcomes and provided an overview of the statistics.

JH commented on the significant amount of funding which was spent on the Breastfeeding targets, yet failed to see any improvements in figures. More information on this was requested for the next meeting.

The group discussed other health targets and focussed on the performance gap in Chlamydia screening. JE advised that considerable efforts are being made to encourage YP to take tests and achieve the 25% target, however this is a difficult task bearing in mind it is a choice test, professionals can only promote and educate.

SW brought the groups attention to NI 71 which is a new indicator on Children missing from home, where a rigorous self assessment score of 4 has been given to Stockton-on-Tees. JH explained the difference in scoring across the Tees valley and advised she is already investigating this bearing in mind we have a shared Emergency Duty Team.

JB queried if the red and amber sections are due to an unprecedented workload? JH confirmed there is a high workload.

## **7. Partnership Group: Enjoy & Achieve – Julia Morison**

JM presented the report on prepared the Education Improvement Service to provide information on School performances in the academic year 2008/9.

JM gave an overview of the report; and highlighted areas of areas of improvement, particularly in Key Stage 4 which has done extremely well. 31 schools have been inspected by Ofsted; 96% of schools inspected were judged to be satisfactory or better overall, with 81% being good or better, including 37% being judged to be outstanding.

Member's attention was brought to sections 7 & 8 of the report which noted 2 major national changes with regard to working in partnership to improve standards and changes to the statutory process of school improvements.

AC queried the Safeguarding training in schools. JM advised that a meeting has been arranged to address this. Schools can commission specific training via the Workforce Development Unit.

### **Action/Decision:**

The board noted the report and agreed to comment as appropriate on the standards and achievement across the borough.

## **8 ContactPoint in Stockton-on-Tees, Progress Report – Derek Partington.**

DP presented the report and advised that Contact Point is now accredited within Stockton-on-Tees and can be rolled out into all schools.

The group discussed concerns around GPs, PCTs and the voluntary sector not being accredited and that more work in this area needs to be completed.

### **Action/Decision:**

The board noted the timescales for the introduction of ContactPoint in Stockton-on-Tees and agreed to actively support all the preparatory work required in respect of:

- Accreditation of Stockton Council's key partners in compliance with the criteria set nationally
- Identification of practitioners, managers and support staff who need access to ContactPoint
- Ensure that communication materials developed nationally and locally are properly distributed throughout their areas.

## **9 Common Assessment Framework (CAF) – Shaun McLurg/Marc Mason**

SMc advised that CAF was piloted in Stockton in 2006 with the aim of it being fully rolled out via ISAs. Although some very good work was completed to achieve this, it was felt by the board that some areas were patchy and the process of CAF unclear.

MM has undertaken a range of work to address concerns and has made good progress in a short period of time. SMc advised that the crucial point to be made is that the concept of CAF needs to be fully owned by this group and all organisations within this group or CAF will not work.

MM gave an overview of the report presented to members and asked for attention to be paid to the appendices which show figures of completed forms. MM also stressed that it is the process of CAF that is important, involving families and children is more important than completing forms.

Information on a proposed CAF Project Manager post was given to members. JH advised that since there is no extra funding for the introduction of CAF agreement for this post may need to be given by partner agencies as they may need to contribute to funding.

### **Action/Decision:**

The board agreed

- To endorse the overall way forward for developing the CAF in Stockton-on-Tees as detailed in the report
- To the publication and distribution of the revised documents as listed in paragraph 2
- To the policy on CAF and Lead professional as given in appendix 3
- To the training programme as detailed in paragraph 2.5 and appendix 4
- To fund a CAF Project Manager for two years and to accept in kind support from CESC for administrative support
- To the adoption of the step up-step down model for social work involvement as given in appendix 6, subject to approval by SLSCB
- To receive a progress report on the CAF in 6 months time.

## **10 Building Schools for the Future – Julia Morrison, Tony Beckwith**

JM provided a verbal update for BSF.

The following schools have been accepted into the programme:

- St Patrick's – Thornaby
- St Michael's – Billingham
- Northfield – Billingham

Approval for the outline business plan is expected in approximately 6 weeks time. JM explained financial arrangements once the plan is approved.

JM provided a brief overview for Primary schools and explained we are in the first year of a 14 year programme. A proposal will be made for a review of a 3 year programme.

## **11 Joint Strategic Needs Analysis – Shaun McLurg**

A request was made for comments to be fed back to SMC by the end of the month.

## **12 LSCB Information**

JH provided an update from the LSCB meeting held in September 2009.

There has been one Serious Case Review this year, which received an inadequate rating from Ofsted. A response to Ofsted and a new action plan will be submitted on 17 October 2009.

A sub group of the board are completing a piece of work on Domestic Violence referrals from Police to CESC and the process around this.

Membership of the LSCB will be discussed at the November meeting, following the Laming recommendations.

LSCB members agreed the Alcohol Needs Assessment in September 2009.

Information on an HMI inspection of HMYOI Castington was given, which involved one young person from Stockton-on-Tees. The final enquiry report will be shared when received.

The LSCB received a presentation from the Children's Safeguarding Standards Unit in Newcastle. Information was given on the model they use for agency audits.

## **13 CTMT Decisions**

JH gave information from CTMT

Progress is being made with the Youth Café in Ingleby Barwick.

The outline Business Plan has been submitted for My Place.

Children's Centres will continue to provide services from a reduced number of locations (13 to 11 buildings).

An increase in the number of staff in the Review and Development Unit has been agreed.

#### **14 Exception Reporting from Partnership Groups**

No issues.

#### **15 Any Other Business**

Lynn Massam – modernisation manager, Substance Misuse and Jo Heaney - Modernisation Manager (Alcohol) from Stockton Drug & Alcohol Action Team presented 'Stockton Calls Time on Alcohol Harm' Alcohol Strategy 2009/2012.

An overview of the document was given, with a request for feedback by the end of October. The strategy will be launched 25<sup>th</sup> November 09

##### **Action/Decision:**

The board endorsed the strategy.

JH presented a glossary of Terms & Abbreviations used within children's services, which was produced by Pauline Beall. It was proposed that the document be available on the CTB website and is regularly updated.

MG advised that the minutes from this meeting will in the future be presented in a different format to this layout to comply with E-Agenda.

#### **16 Open to the Public**

No public questions/comments were made.

#### **17 Close**

AC thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

#### **18 Dates for future meetings:**

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2009, 4.30 – 6.30pm Stockton Central Library