

**Stockton-on-Tees Children's Trust Board**  
**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2010**  
**Stockton Central Library**

**1. Present**

Cllr Alex Cunningham (Chair)	AC	- Cabinet Member For Children and Young People Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Cllr Jim Beall	JB	- Councillor, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Lesley Cannon	LC	- Jobcentre Plus
Sandra Egleton	SE	- Children Services, Barnardos
Jackie Ennis	JE	- Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS Trust
Becki Fox	BF	- Youth Assembly Representative, Stockton on Tees
Ruth Hill	RH	- NHS Stockton-on-Tees
Jane Humphreys	JH	- Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Carol Langrick	CL	- North Tees & Hartlepool NHS Trust
Shaun McLurg	SMc	- Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Julia Morrison	JM	- Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Graham Prest	GP	- NHS Stockton-on-Tees
Lucia Saiger	LS	- Teesside Probation Service
Peter Seller	PS	- Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Marilyn Surtees	MS	- Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council representing the Central Area Partnership
Dr Roger Thornham	RT	- NHS Stockton-on-Tees
Fran Toller	FT	- South Tees Acute NHS Trust
Simon Willson	SW	- Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council

In Attendance: Paul Burns (Teesside Music Alliance), Sergeant Sharon Cooney (Cleveland Police), Jan Doherty (Arts Development, SBC) Eric Jewitt (Workforce Development, SBC) Joe Lee (Stockton Youth Assembly), Julie Nixon (Development and Neighbourhood Services, SBC), John Tierney and representatives from the Stockton Youth Assembly.

**Apologies**

Paul Dobson, Mike Batty – Julie Nixon attending instead for DNS, Dr Kailish Agrawal, Val Goodrum, Dave Brunskill, Sheila Bamber, Cllr Alan Lewis, Linda Watson, Cllr Ann McCoy, Nora Rosser, Tony Beckwith, Elizabeth Horne, Martin Graham, Pam Andrews- Mawer, Chris Willis

**2. Minutes from Previous Meeting**

- Minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the last meeting.

**3. Matters Arising**

Inspection - JH informed the group that 3 Local Authorities (LAs) have had their children services inspected this year, the rest of the region LAs will be inspected in the new year.

CAF report – JH updated the group on developments relating to the report including the delay in appointing a CAF Coordinator. This is due to being unable to obtain additional funding from partner organisations. AC enquired whether the board could provide any help. JH commented she was still awaiting word from the PCT and other health partners, she hi-lighted the importance of the post and will look at how to fund the post in the short term.

Joint Strategy Needs Assessment –This has now been completed.

Building Schools for the Future (BSF) – JM updated the board on the progress of the project, the outline business plan has been submitted and 4 organisations have been in contact expressing an interest to bid for the work.

#### **4. Issues from Members**

Joe Lee – a representative from the Youth Assembly, Stockton delivered a verbal presentation to the board stating the case for a shadow youth board to feed into the Children's Trust Board with the issues and concerns of young people. He also suggested that the communication and links with both the Children's Trust Board and shadow youth board would feed into each other both ways.

JL gave the board examples of Local Authorities where a shadow youth board was already in place (Hertfordshire, Derby and Staffordshire). The chair AC asked if the proposal was that the shadow youth board would replace the Youth Assembly; JL explained the shadow youth board would work alongside the youth assembly. Several board members asked questions regarding reaching hard to reach groups, how members would be recruited and what benefits would a shadow youth board bring to the board. JL and members of the youth assembly responded to the enquiries, recruitment would come from school councils through to youth clubs; the benefits to the board would be able to respond to the policies of the board such as youth proofing documents to make them easier to read.

Board members were supportive of the proposal. JH suggested going to one of the local authorities mentioned and speak to the young people who have already set up a shadow youth board.

#### **Action / Decision**

JL and Youth Assembly to explore further, with possible information from other authorities, and develop a firm proposal.

The board agreed to progressing these matters further.

#### **15. CTMT (Children's Trust Management Team) Decisions**

Due to JH's attendance required elsewhere – Agenda items 15 and 16 were brought forward

JH provided the board with decisions made by the Children's Trust Management Team (CTMT). Key notes included the Youth Offending Service inspection results. Stockton received one of the best results in the region and will be confirmed in writing in the new year.

Budget – the Children's budget is still holding its own.

Children Integrated Service Areas (ISAs) – there will be a significant change in the line management structure of the ISAs particularly around safeguarding and health. Proposals to be developed in the new year.

#### **Action / Decision**

The board accepted the report

#### **16. Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) Information Exchange**

JH updated members on developments within the LSCB. There is a proposal regarding strengthening the structure of the LSCB to include additional members from health (nurse, doctor) and lay persons.

#### **11. Prevent Agenda**

Sergeant Sharon Cooney from Cleveland Police delivered a presentation to the board regarding the prevention of people becoming involved in violence extremism. She explained that this was not being aimed at the Muslim community but all communities where vulnerable young people could be targeted. SC explained the work of her unit and gave some examples of extremism. She gave an example of an exercise which she has done with schools and local community groups which she can deliver to organisations and groups. The PREVENT group is linked to the Safer Stockton Partnership; LS requested a copy of the presentation for her team meeting. AC suggested working with members of the Youth Assembly and John Tierney. There will be a PREVENT conference for young people across Teesside on 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2010. Flyers are being sent out now. It will be at the Oakwood Centre.

#### **Action / Decision**

Board members to share information within their organisations and to ensure appropriate level of awareness training is delivered.

## **5. Children Trust Board Governance**

Board members carried out the second part of the self assessment around the Children's Trust Board and commissioning. A report will be provided for the next meeting on the outcome of the process.

### **Action / Decision**

Report on self assessment for next meeting.

## **7. Consultation on New Statutory Children's Trust Guidance and New Children and Young People's Plan Regulations**

PS presented the report from recent government information relating to development of the Children's Trust Board. The board will become a statutory board from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010. There will also be changes to the development of the Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP), which will become a joint strategy document for all partner agencies. The changes to the CYPP will not take effect until April 2011. The current plan will run until then. The board will be expanded to include agencies such as Jobcentre Plus as well as school and college representatives.

PS hi-lighted that there is a response form to accompany the consultation; member's agreed to complete the forms and send to PS who will produce a response on behalf of the board.

JB enquired whether there would be greater clarity between the Children's Trust board (CTB) and LSCB, PS responded that both the CTB and the LSCB would still remain separate groups which will continue to share information and feed each other. Both will be statutory.

### **Action / Decision**

The Board accepted the report and agreed members to send their responses to PS before 15<sup>th</sup> January. A copy of the completed response form will be circulated to members.

## **8. Priorities of the Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP)**

SW provided members with a report hi-lighting the key priorities for the CYPP. The current plan runs until April 2011. He asked if members had any views on whether key priorities needed to be removed or added to.

Members discussed the priorities listed. The issue of looked after children's academic achievements was raised; JM commented that looked after children were performing well academically.

RH raised the issue of breastfeeding levels, teenage pregnancy, mental health and obesity issues which were all not performing well and need to remain as high priorities. JB enquired whether the current plan would change significantly and other priorities drop out. SW responded that the current plan would basically remain the same.

The board discussed health priorities and the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and engaging with the PCT to ensure the alignment of the various documents.

### **Action / Decision**

Member accepted the report. No significant changes proposed re priorities.

## **9. Partnership Group: Be Healthy subgroup report**

PS shared with members the Be Healthy subgroup report and high-lighted the key priorities from the group. PS commented that the teenage pregnancy rates were still high but Government Office North East is still indicating that Stockton is taking all the appropriate actions. Breast feeding levels were also a major issue although the initial take up is good; levels drop off at the six – eight week stage. A range of actions are in place to address this issue.

PS also a mentioned development with regards to targeted mental health services in schools. A contract has been awarded to Alliance Psychological Services to deliver early intervention in the pilot in Billingham. The pilot is also working closely with the University of Durham regarding evaluation.

#### **Action / Decision**

The board accepted the report

### **10. Joint Strategic Needs Analysis**

RH presented the group with a brief outline of Joint Strategic Needs Assessment document. She explained that a copy of the summary document is available upon request. The full document is available on the PCT Tees wide web site

<http://www.teespublichealth.nhs.uk/page.aspx?id=2025&siteID=1012>

#### **Action / Decision**

The board accepted the report

### **12. Corporate Parenting Pledge**

SW provided members with a report on the Corporate parenting pledge. The pledge is up to date in relation to the Care Matters guidance. The Children in Care council (Lets Take Action group) has worked closely with the MALAP in developing the corporate pledge. SW asked members if they had any feed back and the board discussed partners signing up to the pledge.

#### **Action / Decision**

Board members to feed back any comments to SW. The pledge to be approved first by the Local Authority before taking it to partners. Possible partners identified as the PCT and Tees Esk and Wear Valley NHS Trust.

### **13. Culture Partnership**

Jan Doherty from Arts Development and Paul Burns from Teesside Music Alliance provided the board with information on the Culture Partnership Group which has been in existence for 5 years. The Group has members from the Arc, Teesside Music Alliance, Riverside College and the Local Authority (Arts Development, Museum Service and Tees Active). JD and PB hi-lighted the importance of culture within society and themes from the Culture Partnership group which are cross – cutting across most thematic and partnership groups. They requested a representative from the group attend the Children's Trust Board meetings and feed into the Children's and Young People's Plan, but also to pass on information into the board's relevant subgroups. They also invited representatives from the board to attend the Culture Partnership meetings.

The board discussed proposal on how the Culture Partnership could fit in to the Children and Young People's Plan.

#### **Action / Decision**

The board agreed that a representative from the Culture Partnership could attend meetings as an invited observer and suggested that the young people from the board could be representatives on the Culture Partnership. JD and PB to link with John Tierney. The Culture Partnership would also receive information from the Children's Trust Board e.g. agendas, minutes, etc. Information would be forwarded to JD.

### **14. Children's and Young People's Workforce Development Strategy**

Eric Jewitt provided the board with an update on the report submitted in July regarding developments in the workforce development strategy. He detailed the information in each of the appendices. He asked that the One Children's Workforce Framework assessment be forwarded to appropriate

managers. An electronic copy is available from EJ. Responses need to be in by the end of December. EJ asked the board to note the report, approve the reformation of the project group and asked the board to forward any further nominations to the group to him.

### **Action / Decision**

The board agreed with the proposals

### **17. Exception Reporting from Partnership Groups**

None

### **18. Any Other Business**

MS representing Central Area Partnership Group raised the issue brought up by the group regarding children being brought up by extended family e.g. grandparents and in particular, the differences in the support available to them. Work is being done through the Children and Young People Select Committee regarding placement in the family (kinship care) and developing what the local authority's role is. Recommendations from this work will be developed into draft policy. SM will bring back the document to the board, on completion. It was also recognised that this work also links to ongoing work within the Hidden Harm Partnership.

AC suggested that at the next meeting there is a need to discuss the election of the Vice chair now that the post is vacant.

### **19. Open to the Public**

No public questions/comments were made.

### **20. Close**

AC thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

### **21. Dates for future meetings:**

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2010 4.30pm – 6.30pm The Education Centre, Norton