



Halton Children's Trust
Minutes of Executive Group Meeting held on Tuesday 27th July 2010
2.00pm, Municipal Building Widnes

Present:

Gerald Meehan	Strategic Director of Children's Services (Co-Chair)
Nigel Moorhouse	Operational Director, Specialist Services
Jane Lunt	Halton & St Helens PCT
Mark Grady	Children's Trust Principal Officer, HBC
Dympna Edwards	Deputy Director of Public Health, Halton & St Helens PCT
Steve Collett	Chief Officer, Cheshire Probation Area (Co-Chair)
Diane Sproson	Area Manager, Connexions
Paula St Aubyn	Divisional Manager, Safeguarding, Quality and Review
Gareth Jones	Youth Offending Team
Ann McIntyre	Operational Director, Business Support and Commissioning
Lee Beddows	(minutes)

Apologies

Jonathan Potter	Divisional Manager, Children's Locality Services Widnes
Michelle Bradshaw	Halton & St Helens PCT
Dave Howard	Connexions Greater Merseyside

In attendance

Alan Graham	LSP Communications Officer
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Item		Action
1.0	Matters Arising	
1.1	Item 1.3, Children's Trust Away Day – to be held Friday 26 th November	
1.2	Item 2.2, CYPP Review – now complete and published on website. Partners requiring hard copies to contact KH	ALL
1.3	Item 3.1, Proposals for PHSE and LGBT issues from the Youth Parliament to be taken to the next Heads meeting on the 23 9 10 for discussion. Also how politics can be better incorporated in the curriculum.	Lorraine Crane/ GM
1.4	Item 4.7, Sustainable Community Strategy 2011 – 2026 – multi agency working group is in place for developing the new Strategy. All colleagues invited to become involved in this group.	ALL
1.5	Item 5.3 – CAMHS Action plan – JL to present to next meeting in September. To be carried forward as agenda item	JL KH
2.0	Reform of Children's Trusts	
	The group were informed of recent announcements from central government on its intention to reform Children's Trusts from this Autumn. Proposals include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removing the duty on schools to co-operate through Children's 	

	<p>Trusts via the Education Bill.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removing requirement on local authorities to set up Children’s Trust Boards, and to produce a Children and Young People’s Plan • Revoking regulations underpinning the Children and Young People’s Plan, and withdrawal of statutory guidance on Children’s Trusts in Autumn <p>The group was in agreement that the Trust should continue in its current format, to continue to work together to improve outcomes for children and young people in Halton. It was also felt that the Children’s Trust name will remain to take advantage of the branding and awareness that has been developed and a new Children & Young People’s Plan should be produced next year to provide strategic direction.</p>	
<p>3.0</p> <p>3.1</p> <p>3.2</p> <p>3.3</p>	<p>Priorities</p> <p><u>SDP Update - Young People are Physically, Emotionally and Sexually Healthy</u> A workshop was held on the 13th July to map out activity undertaken within the remit of SDP 1, and incorporate into the business/action plan. This has now been completed, and any remaining gaps will be addressed at the next group meeting in September. A breastfeeding policy is currently under development and a draft copy has been circulated to the Board.</p> <p><u>SDP Update – All Young People are Successful when they Leave School</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment and Learning Skills Specialist Strategic Partnership – The SSP has met in May and the focus was on Future Jobs Fund activities and planning for an ELS development day in July. This will focus on how key objectives can be met with reduced government funding. • Integrated Youth Support Services – Responsibility for Youth Service has now transferred to Action for Children, and service is currently being reviewed. Recommendations from the review will reflect national policy commitments and will see services expand to reach a wider cohort of young people. • 14 – 19 Partnership – A comprehensive update was provided. Some highlights include a collaborative study programme which has developed and will be rolled out from September 2011, a workforce development audit to identify whether teaching staff are up to date with curriculum changes and the launch of an apprenticeship vacancy matching service nationally. <p><u>SDP Update – Children and Young People do Well Wherever they Live and Whatever their Needs</u> JK has now left the Borough and MB has recently taken over this group as Chair. A group meeting is planned for the 11th August, and a progress report will be presented to subsequent Board and Executive meetings.</p>	
<p>4.0</p> <p>4.1</p>	<p>Information Items</p> <p><u>Working Neighbourhoods Fund (WNF) Reductions</u> A report was presented informing members of proposed Children and Young People response to the need to make in-year cuts to the WNF. A review of remaining WNF projects will be undertaken by September to evaluate which should continue beyond March 2011 if funding is available. The proposed reductions to the current allocation were approved. WNF evaluation report to be presented to next Executive meeting</p>	<p>MG</p>

4.2	<p><u>Multi Agency Audit of Practice June 2010</u> An action plan has been produced following a recent exercise involving auditing of case files/records of partner agencies, using the overarching multi-agency auditing tool. The Board were asked to note the action plan and endorse actions for their respective agencies.</p>	ALL
4.3	<p><u>Preparation for Announced Inspection, Safeguarding and Children in Care</u> The report was to provide information on the process and preparation required for the Ofsted announced inspection of safeguarding and looked after children services. Recommendations were that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The focus and timeline of the inspection are noted • Members ensure there is commitment and resources to support the strategic planning group • Appropriate staffing and resources are released when the inspection is notified • The Children's Trust identifies those who will attend the set up meeting with inspectors. <p>The recommendations were noted by the group. Attendees for the meeting were identified as JL, MB and GM.</p> <p>Letter to be drafted for designated leads from Children's Trust Board (Cllr Swain, Supt Andy Southcott and Audrey Williamson)</p>	PStA
4.4	<p><u>Liberating the NHS (White Paper)</u> The group were updated on the Health White Paper, which represents radical restructuring of the NHS. It will transform how health care is commissioned, with around £80 billion being transferred to new GP consortia. Key proposals are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • extending patient choice over providers and treatment • establishing an independent NHS Commissioning Board • ensuring all health trusts are foundation trusts by 2013 and giving them greater freedoms • the transfer of commissioning to GPs and the abolition of PCTs and SHAs • transferring the public health budget to local authorities • giving councils the responsibility to promote integration and partnership working. <p>The report was noted by the group</p>	
4.5	<p><u>Children's Trust/HSCB Joint Event Feedback</u> A report was presented providing an overview of the joint event held in February 2010, and highlighting the main issues arising from feedback received during discussion group sessions. This feedback needs to be incorporated into future planning across both HSCB and the Children's Trust. MG to set up a task and finish group to look at ways to implement and communicate actions from the event, to provide evidence that ideas are listened to and put into place, and incorporated into business plans.</p>	MG
4.6	<p><u>Feedback from Children's Trust Online Survey</u> A report was presented providing a summary of responses received as part of the Children's Trust online consultation exercise with Board and Executive Group members. Findings from the report will be used to inform the Children's Trust Development Day planned for November 2010.</p>	

4.7	<u>'My Halton' Event and Communications Update</u> Alan Graham provided an update to the group on the My Halton event planned for October 2010, which will be a showcase event for services delivered under the umbrella of Halton Strategic Partnership. The event will be held on the 29 th October at the Stobart Stadium. Discussion was held regarding a website for the Children's Trust, and it was agreed that an extranet site to contain documents and news items would be most appropriate. In addition documents can also be placed on the LSP website. Alan Graham to take this forward	Alan Graham
4.8	<u>Summary of Children's Trust Board meeting 15.07.10</u> A summary of the minutes of the above meeting were circulated for information	
4.9	<u>HSCB Board and Executive Group minutes</u> The above minutes were circulated for information.	
5.0	AOB	Catherine Johnson
5.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children's Trust Report Card – Quarter 1 performance update was unavailable at the time of the meeting due to staffing shortages. A full update will be provided at the next Executive meeting in September 	
5.	Date and Time of Next Meeting: Tuesday 7 th September 2010, 2.00pm Marketing Suite, Municipal Building Widnes	

Outstanding Actions to date:

Item	Action Required	Who by	When by
1.3	Proposals for PHSE and LGBT issues from the Youth Parliament to be taken to the next Heads meeting on the 23 9 10 for discussion. Also how politics can be better incorporated in the curriculum	Lorraine Crane/ GM	Sept 10
1.5	CAMHS Action plan – JL to present to next meeting in September	JL	07/09/10
4.1	WNF Evaluation – Report to September meeting	MG	07/09/10
4.3	Safeguarding & CIC Inspection - Letter to be drafted for designated leads from Children's Trust Board	PStA	
4.6	Children's Trust/HSCB Joint event - MG to set up a task and finish group to look at ways to implement and communicate actions from the event	MG	