



Halton Children's Trust: Minutes 6.12.18
The Hub, Grangeway Community Centre, Runcorn

Present:

Cllr Tom McInerney	Lead Member for Children's Services HBC (Chair)
Cllr Dave Cargill	Community Safety Police and Crime Panel
Mil Vasic	Strategic Director People, HBC
Denise Roberts	NHS Halton CCG
Eileen O'Meara	Director of Public Health for Halton
Jane Tetlow	Cheshire Police
Libby Evans	Bridgewater Healthcare NHS Trust
Callum Purchase	Halton Youth Cabinet
Leah Priestley Black	Halton Youth Cabinet
Helen Whittick	North West Boroughs Halton, CAMHS
Richard Strachan	Independent Chair, HSCB
Cleo Alonso	Vol Sector rep
Tracy Ryan	Assistant Policy Officer, People, HBC (Minutes)
David Baugh	HAPH (Headteacher, Pewithall Primary)
Emlyn Wright	HASH (Headteacher, OBA)
Tracey Coffey	Operational Manager, Children & Families, HBC
Angela Woolfall	Foster Carer
Phil McClure	Halton Young Addaction
Jennifer Halpin	Halton Young Addaction

Apologies:

Louise Cherrington	Cheshire Police
Mal Hampson	Halton Speak Out
Mary Murphy	Principal, Riverside College
Sharon Canavan-Daly	Foster Carer
Jessica Burton	Cheshire Fire & Rescue Service
Shélah Semoff	Partnership Officer, Policy, People, Performance & Efficiency, HBC
Pat Hansen	Halton Housing Trust
Kelly Collier	Policy Officer, Children & Young People, HBC
Dorothy Roberts	Principal Policy Officer, People, HBC
Ann McIntyre	Operational Director, Children's Organisation and Provision, HBC
Sarah Jones	Participation and Inclusion Officer, HBC
Donna Wells	Halton Addaction

For Information:

David Parr	Chief Executive HBC
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Item		Action	Deadline
1.0	<p>PART A - TOPIC DISCUSSION ITEM</p> <p>Activities in Halton? Mapping Exercise</p> <p>Activity Slides attached with these minutes - over the Summer 2018, young people from Halton Youth Cabinet undertook an activity mapping exercise to identify and locate the different services on offer in Halton.</p> <p>Callum and Leah explained that young people are aware of lots of services and activities on offer and understand the budgetary challenges faced by partners within the Borough - 'there is no magic money tree'. Members were asked to identify activities and note them on Borough maps and discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can we better ensure that the young people of Halton know about and access the activities that already exist here? • What obstacles exist to prevent more activities for young people in the borough? • How can we better work together and use our Borough's resources more effectively to encourage more positive activities for young people? <p>The use of social media emerged during the group discussion. Members thought that young people wanted partners to make better use of social media and/or develop new social media apps. However, Callum and Leah said young people already had enough ways to interact on Social Media. That instead they would prefer the use of pop-up adverts e.g. on WhatsApp, Instagram, Twitter, Facebook. These could remind young people to check out the information or activities on existing websites. Members thought it would be helpful to know if the existing provision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is what young people want? • Delivered at the right time/day? • Available in the right location? <p>Mil suggested one approach to interact with young people and find out these things might be to develop a pro-active app that young people could access to interact with professionals. This might be simple 'yes' or 'no' buttons in response to ideas, that allowed young people to remain anonymous and control their engagement with professionals about things. Callum and Leah thought this might be something of interest to young people. Phil explained that Halton Youth Cabinet will provide an update on progress around activities 12 months' time.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a progress update at Trust meeting on 21 November 2019. 	Phil McClure & Halton Youth Cabinet	21.11.19

	PART B - BUSINESS ITEMS		
2.0	<p>Minutes/Actions 24.5.18 Minutes accepted as accurate.</p> <p>Action Carried Forward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Help Strategy - produce 2-page Summary Tracy R noted that this is being developed and will be circulated shortly. 	Tracy R	Jan '19
2.1	<p>Safeguarding Board – Future Arrangements</p> <p>Tracey C explained that the Government has asked all Local Authorities to establish new MASA's for Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements and that these be introduced from June 2019.</p> <p>Halton Safeguarding Children Board (HSCB) has undertaken some initial consultation events with professionals, which will be followed up by similar events early 2019 with young people. The HSCB will agree the proposed Reporting Pathway at the December Board meeting.</p> <p>Responsibility as the Strategic Leads will be the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Authority – HBC, Chief Executive Officer; • Health – Halton CCG, Accountable Officer; • Police - Chief Constable. <p>An Executive Group will be the main 'Board' with the following sub-groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-agency Safeguarding Practice Group (MASPG) • Contextual Safeguarding Strategic Group (CSSG) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Contextual Safeguarding Operational Group (CSOG) <p>The new arrangements will need to ensure closer links with schools through their Safeguarding Leads, more of a focus on themes/trends to improve practice from learning, robust training and possibly the use of social media to improve communication with professionals and the local community. The new structure and multi-agency arrangements will be phased in between March-May 2019 and then formally launched from June 2019.</p>		
2.2	<p>Young People's Question Time Event - 24 January 2019</p> <p>Tracy R and Phil explained that a small task group are organising the event, which we are hosting at Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy. An invitation pack (attached with these minutes) is being issued to schools to submit questions and provide a list of attendees.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trust members to attend Question Time Event at Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy on 24.1.19 	ALL	24.1.19

2.3	<p>iCART (Children’s Social Care Front-door) Ofsted Inspection Feedback</p> <p>Feedback slides circulated for information. Tom acknowledged that the inspection feedback was very positive and that Halton’s ICART has been highlighted as a model of good practice.</p>		
2.4	<p>Action Plan Snapshot Update Priority 2 – Achievement and Ambition</p> <p>Priority 2 update circulated for information. Mil noted that the data on attainment identifies that Halton has an improving performance trend, although it is acknowledged that progress is lower than the national attainment figures.</p> <p>Mil also highlighted the importance that as partner agencies we work together effectively to help reduce the number of 16-17 year olds not in education, employment or training (NEET).</p> <p>Cleo queried ‘How closely do we work with Alternative Provision?’ Mil explained that the Councils’ 14-19 Team work well with local providers which allows young people and those that support them to make informed choices on good quality provision. Jane confirmed that Cheshire Police provide the same level of service for Alternative Provision as they do for Halton schools.</p> <p>Tom acknowledged that in the current austere climate all of Halton schools are working extremely well.</p>		
PART C - INFORMATION ITEMS			
3.0	<p>Key Partner Updates</p> <p>None.</p>		
<p><u>Young People’s Question Time Event</u></p> <p>24 January 2019 Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy, Runcorn <i>2pm for Refreshments</i> <i>Event starts at 2.30pm and ends by 4pm</i></p> <p><u>2019 Meeting Dates/Time - 4.30-6.30pm</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 March '19 – venue to be confirmed • 11 July '19 - A16, Riverside College, Kingsway Campus • 21 Nov '19 - Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy, Runcorn <p><u>NOTE:</u> Updated diary invites will be issued once venues confirmed.</p>			