



Halton Children's Trust: Minutes 28.4.16 – Boardroom, Municipal Building, Widnes

Present:

Cllr Ged Philbin	Lead Member for Children's Services HBC (Chair, Part A)
Simon Banks	Chief Executive Halton CCG
Tracey Coffey	Operational Manager, Children & Families, HBC
Tracy Ryan	Assistant Policy Officer, People & Economy, HBC (Minutes)
Kelly Collier	Policy Officer, People & Economy, HBC
Richard Strachan	Chair, Halton Safeguarding Children Board
Paula Walker	Young Addaction
Vicky Jolly	5 Boroughs Partnership
Ann McIntyre	Operational Director, Children's Organisation and Provision, HBC
Anne Simmons	Saints Peter & Paul Catholic College
Chloe Buglass	Halton Family Voice
Teresa Tierney	Executive Director of Customer Services, Halton Housing Trust
Mary Murphy	Principal, Riverside College
Nigel Wenham	Cheshire Police
Gareth Jones	YOS
Pam McGuffie	Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Catholic Primary
Louise Coren	Children in Care Council (CiCC)/Riverside College
Julia Rosser	Public Health Consultant, HBC
Olukemi Adeyemi	Public Health Registrar, HBC
Benjamin Hardy	CRMZ/Cronton College
Sarah Jones	Participation and Inclusion Officer, HBC
Lewis Thomas	CiCC
John Hunt	Halton SpeakOut (HSO)
Charlotte Avis	HSO
Lily Sherburn	HSO
Thomas Norris	HSO/Speak Up not Down/Youth Parliament - MYP
Tasha Clieve	Halton Youth Cabinet
Liam Prescott	Halton Carer's Centre/Spoken & Heard Group
Rebecca King	Spoken & Heard Group
Rebecca Farrell	Spoken & Heard Group
Chloe Buglass	Halton Family Voice

Apologies:

David Parr	Chief Executive HBC
Gerald Meehan	Strategic Director of Children's Services, HBC
Cllr Dave Cargill	Community Safety Police and Crime Panel
Eileen O'Meara	Director of Public Health for Halton
Caroline Williams	Associate Director of Operations, Bridgewater

Item		Action	Deadline
	PART A		
A1.0	Children's Trust – Way Forward		
	Ann explained the new ways of working for the Children's Trust, around the way the meetings are structured, membership and ideas to improve how young people could take more control and		

	<p>ownership of the topics discussed.</p> <p>Young people from both Riverside and Cronton College, Children in Care Council, Halton SpeakOut (HSO) and Young Carers Spoken & Heard Group joined in with the healthy discussion about how the Trust meetings could be done differently in the future. Support Workers for the young people (John, Liam, Paula and Sarah) agreed that in its current format young people wouldn't engage in the formal approach of the meeting. They said that the agenda, reports and other papers were difficult for young people to understand as they were not very user-friendly, wordy and included jargon. Membership to include Foster Carer reps - Tracy R could discuss with reps from the SEND Local Offer Group and invite them onto the Trust. New members/guests to be invited as and when appropriate for specific agenda items. Existing members welcomed this feedback and sought their ideas on how to make changes that would allow young people to not only feel more comfortable and confident to engage in the meetings but also help lead the meeting discussions.</p> <p>Everyone agreed it was important to change the format of the Trust meetings and the existing formal approach. Learning more about the values and behaviour that young people want from professionals and professionals from young people was felt would help in moving forward. It was understood that the changes to the Trust would take time to bed in and may still require tweaking over the next few meetings.</p> <p>The following new approach was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A later start time of 4.30pm would allow young people more time to get to the meeting from school/college • Meetings to be held in a venue that young people felt more familiar with - CRMZ. • A more informal 'casual' meeting style would be introduced to allow members to sit at small tables for discussions with someone at each table making flipchart notes. • The Agenda would be planned and agreed with young people/parents and have fewer items. • Part 1 topic items would allow discussion in half-hour slots • Part 2 business items with reports/papers being submitted in a shorter and more understandable format. <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite Foster Carer reps • Change meeting time and venue • Meet with young people to plan and agree agenda's • Develop a new shorter/simpler Report template 	<p>TR TR AMc/TR AMc/TR</p>	<p>14.7.16 ASAP June '16 14.7.16</p>
	<p>PART B</p>		
<p>B1.0</p>	<p>MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM MEETING 17.12.15 Minutes were accepted as accurate.</p>		

	<p><u>1.1 INVOLVE/Halton Youth Cabinet project</u></p> <p>Tasha informed members that Halton Youth Cabinet have been working with several schools to help engage more children and young people. Lewis and Louise from CiCC suggested they might want to try and include pupils that don't attend mainstream education.</p>		
B2.0	INFORMATION ITEMS		
B2.1	<p>One Halton – Children & Families (Women's) Priority</p> <p>Ann explained how One Halton is a new way of working that will involve joining up all the services that deliver care and wellbeing to people in Halton ensuring that they have the right support, at the right time, in the right way to provide the best possible outcomes. The programme has a number of different areas of focus which all aim to ensure families have the right support, at the right time, in the right way to provide the best possible outcomes. Ann is taking the lead on the Children & Families Area of Focus and will keep us updated on this.</p>		
B2.2	<p>Ofsted Inspections Report</p> <p>Ann informed members of the Special Educational Needs and/or Disability (SEND) Local Area Inspection which can take place from May '16 onwards. The inspection will assess the effectiveness of the local area in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identifying children and young people who have special educational needs and/or disabilities • assessing and meeting the needs of children and young people who have special educational needs and/or disabilities • improving outcomes for children and young people who have special educational needs and/or disabilities. <p>Ann noted that this is a new inspection approach as local authorities and partners organisations have not previously been inspected on SEND.</p> <p>Ann also mentioned that we may be inspected by Ofsted using the Joint Targeted Area Inspection of services for vulnerable children and young people. This type of inspection uses a themed approach with the current theme being Child Sexual Exploitation and Missing From Home, Care or Education. From September '16 Ofsted will select a new theme to inspect local areas.</p>		
B2.3	<p>Adult Health and Social Care: Accountable Commissioning System Report</p> <p>Ann explained how this project is being introduced to develop closer working between health and adults and children's services to improve the quality of services provided. It should also reduce the costs for the Council in delivering these services.</p>		

<p>B2.4</p>	<p>Cheshire and Merseyside Women’s and Children’s Services Partnership</p> <p>Simon advised that the Partnership was established to introduce a new way of care for women’s and children’s services across Cheshire and Merseyside. Work has started to identify changes to allow in services to be delivered and provided in a different way.</p>		
<p>B2.5</p>	<p>Review of Children and Young People Plan (CYPP)</p> <p>Kelly explained that the review is a supplement to the main Plan (CYPP 2014-17) which provides an update on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress over the last year towards achieving Halton Children’s Trust’s strategic priorities; • The 9 Children & Young People’s Plan promises, that together form the Trust’s action plan; • Key national and local policy developments; • Success stories of Halton Children’s Trust over the last 12 months. <p>Kelly advised members that this review is the final one for the current Plan. The Trust will be due to produce a new Children and Young People Plan covering 2017-2020 and the format of the this could be using a very different approach e.g. infographic.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments to be sent to Kelly about the review • INVOLVE and Halton Family Voice to review draft to help identify any possible changes 	<p>ALL KC</p>	<p>14.7.16 June ‘16</p>
<p>B2.6</p>	<p>Early Intervention Report</p> <p>Tracey C advised members that i-CART which provides one-front door for complex children and families is now LIVE. This allows cases to be dealt with by different partners working together in the same team together (called a multi-agency approach).</p>		
<p>B3.0</p>	<p>AOB</p> <p>Halton Youth Cabinet relaunching Halton Against Hate in August ’16 to celebrate the diversity in Halton. For more information, contact Tasha Clieve and Thomas Norris.</p> <p>Cllr Ged Philbin took the opportunity to offer his best wishes to the Trust is moving forward working closer with young people and that he would no longer be ‘Chair’ due to his commitments in taking up duties as the next Halton Mayor. Tracey C on behalf of the Trust thanked him for all his work and support in leading the Board. All members acknowledged this and wished him every success in his future role.</p> <p><u>Future Meeting Dates – new venue CRMZ and time 4.30-6.30pm</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 July • 8 September • 24 November 		