

CHILDREN'S TRUST BOARD
21 October 2010
2.00 pm, Youth Offending Service, Northwich
MINUTES

Present:

Steve Robinson	Cheshire West and Chester (CWaC) Chief Executive (Chair)
John Stephens	CWaC, Director of Children & Young People's Services
Moira Chapman	Engagement Lead Member, Cheshire Police Authority
Nancy Palmer	Independent Chair, LSCB
Penny Sharland	Cheshire Youth Offending Service
Pauline Ruth	VCFS Hub
Julie Webster	Director of Public Health, NHS Western Cheshire
John Reilly	Mid-cheshire College
James Coates	Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service
Jane Middleton	CWaC, Head of Service, Integrated Strategic Commissioning
Cllr Arthur Harada	Lead Member for Children and Young People's Services
Steve Hoy	Chief Executive, Connexions Cheshire & Warrington
Lizzie Wiffen	Western Cheshire PCT
Andrea Mageean	CWaC Partnership Adviser
Jamie Matthews	CWaC Senior Transport Officer
Paula Worthington	CWaC C&YP Locality Manager
Rebecca Mead	Chester University
Isabel Noonan	CWaC, Policy Manager, Children & Young People's Directorate

1. Apologies

Paul Boyce	CWaC Head of Service, Safeguarding
Colin Billingsley	Job Centre Plus
Dr Huw Charles-Jones	Clinical Champion for Children & Young People
Sara Mogel	West Cheshire College, FE & SFC
Ann Moore	CWaC, Head of Service, Achievement and Well-being
Nick Evans	Fire Service

2. Minutes and Actions

The Minutes of 15 July 2010 were agreed as a correct record. Rebecca Mead, PhD student at Chester University was in attendance as part of the jointly sponsored project by the University and NHS Western Cheshire to explore the LSP architecture in terms of addressing health inequalities.

3. Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and Key findings in relation to children and young people

Liz Noakes, Associate Director of Public Health, NHS Western Cheshire presented an update on the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment around children and young people's health. There are many levels of influence that effect how children live, learn and grow up; child poverty and family influences are the most important. In tackling the issues a more sophisticated approach is required as there is a tendency for clustering of problems and addressing

individual determinants may not address the compounded issues that many children and young people face; interventions in early years is key to success.

ACTION:

- **Ensure that the commissioning intentions of the Children's Trust reflect the findings of the JSNA.**
- **Focus on services for the whole population (universal) whilst recognising that additional services will be required to meet the needs of the most vulnerable.**

4. The Future of the CWaC Children's Trust Board (CTB) and Children and Young People Plan

Jane Middleton, CWaC Head of Integrated Strategic Commissioning gave a presentation to the Board on the future for the Children's Trust and Children and Young People's Plan in the light of the Comprehensive Spending Review and Liberating the NHS proposals. Under the proposals there is a strong intention to repeal the guidance and law with regard to Children's Trust arrangements and schools will become exempt from the CTB membership. However, joint commissioning between PCT and the Local Authority can still continue.

Moira Chapman pointed out that the current Children Trust Board had been very effective in joining up the work of the Police and Fire Service with other services for children and young people to improve outcomes such as tackling anti-social behaviour and providing diversionary activities. However, Moira questioned whether the agenda of a Health and Well-being Board would be broad enough to include such services as Fire and Police in the future.

Julie Webster felt that the move to a Health and Well-being Board was the right direction but that a clearer understanding of provider and commissioning elements of service provision was required. Relationship with GPs on commissioning would take time to develop.

ACTION: The Board agreed in general to the following recommendations:

- **Continue with the current CTB for the remainder of 2010-11 but commence arrangements for early adoption of the Health and Well-being Board and integrate CTB into that partnership. (Police, Fire and Youth Offending Service sought reassurance that their interests could be represented appropriately within this partnership arrangement)**
- **Move quickly to sharper integrated children's commissioning between PCT and LA, possibly resulting in a formalised arrangement, but bringing GPs on board as part of that now.**
- **Complete and publish Children and Young People Plan 2011-14.**
- **Look to integrate Local authority adult and children's commissioning arrangements.**
- **Establish a Working Group of partners to work through transition arrangements, to include Nancy Palmer, Julie Webster, Moira Chapman and Pauline Ruth.**

5. Sustainable Community Strategy

Andrea Mageean, CWaC Partnership Adviser gave an up-date on the changing context of the Sustainable Community Strategy, including work that is required to fill the vacuum left by the removal of the LAA.

ACTION: Members of the Board agreed to feedback comments direct to Andrea.

6. Draft Local Transport Plan

Jamie Matthews, CWaC, Senior Transport Officer set out the Council's Transport Plan. The specific proposals for children and young people relate to school transport strategy, school travel plans/safer routes to school, road safety, improving access to jobs and training and rural transport. The consultation period is running from October to December 2010 with full Council determining final Plan on 24 February 2011 for publication in April 2011. Steve Robinson pointed out that he has established a cross Directorate Group to look at integrated transport policies chaired by the Director of Environment.

Nancy Palmer pointed out that the LSCB has a huge interest in the Transport Plan from the point of view of road traffic injuries and deaths and would welcome further involvement in the process.

ACTION: Board members to feed their comments through the consultation process.

7. Common Assessment Framework (CAF)

Paula Worthington, CWaC Children and Young People Locality Manager gave an update to the Board on the implementation and challenges of CAF. The Borough has a target of completing 60 CAF's a month; currently this is running at 54. Activity is increasing but prevalence is still not as high as it should be. A number of actions are now in place to increase CAF activity such as :

- embedding CAF in children's centres;
- encouraging other organisations to use CAF as an assessment tool;
- on-line submissions for CAFs in place;
- established performance management framework;
- using new Continuum of Need to make sure CAF is part of exit strategy to move children down the Continuum of Need.

ACTION: Look to embed CAF in quality schedule within integrated commissioning e.g. include in service specification for health visitors and annual safeguarding training.

ACTION: In terms of managing partnership working the CAF could be an indicator to check quality within the locality model.

8. Any Other Business

Julie Webster explained that the PCT is transforming community services and provider staff would in future be employed by Cheshire Health Partnership Trust with management coming from Cheshire and Wirral Partnership Trust.

Future Meetings:

6 January 2011 – 2.00 pm

17 March 2011 – 2.00 pm