

CHILDREN'S TRUST BOARD
15 July 2010
2.00 pm, Police Headquarters

Present:

John Stephens	Director of Children & Young People's Services (Chair)
Moira Chapman	Engagement Lead Member, Cheshire Police Authority
Jon Betts	Cheshire Constabulary
Nancy Palmer	Independent Chair, LSCB
Penny Sharland	Youth Offending Team
Pauline Ruth	VCFS Hub
Julie Webster	Director of Public Health, NHS Western Cheshire
Andrew Jones	Sir John Deane's Sixth Form College
Nick Evans	Group Manager Youth Engagement, Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service
Paul Boyce	Cheshire West and Chester (CWaC) Head of Service, Safeguarding
Jane Middleton	CWaC, Head of Service, Integrated Strategic Commissioning
Faye Quinlan	Commissioning Manager Children's Services, NHS Western Cheshire
Rebecca Mead	Chester University
Isabel Noonan	CWaC, Policy Manager, Children & Young People's Directorate
Sarah Blaylock	CWaC, Policy Manager, Children & Young People's Directorate

1. Apologies

Steve Robinson	Cheshire West and Chester, Chief Executive
Cllr Arthur Harada	Lead Member for Children and Young People's Services
Steve Hoy	Chief Executive, Connexions Cheshire & Warrington
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
Val Cotterill	CWAPH

2. Minutes and Actions

The Minutes of 11 March 2010 were agreed as a correct record subject to the following amendment:

Item 5 Total Place Presentation

Replace 'Sub-regional Youth Justice Board' with Community Safety and Justice Commission at the top of page 4.

Matters Arising

Item 3 – Feedback from Outcome Leads meeting

Outstanding items still to be considered by the Board include a Trust logo, newsletters, events and Trust initiatives.

ACTION: Raise outstanding issues for consideration at the next meeting of the Trust Board.

Item 6 – Multi-Agency Continuum of Need

Paul Boyce announced that the Multi-agency Continuum of Need Framework is about to be formally launched in conjunction with the LSCB and advised that this forms part of the on-going training around the Common Assessment Framework. The Framework document was distributed to members of the Board.

3. Centre for Public Health Research – LSP support

John Stephens introduced Rebecca Mead, PhD student at Chester University. Rebecca explained that she has been sponsored jointly by the University and NHS Western Cheshire to explore the LSP architecture in terms of addressing health inequalities. The research aims to understand how the local public health system works in translating public health policy aspirations, such as improving population health and reducing health inequalities, into local delivery plans and activities. Rebecca asked members of the Trust Board for their support for the project, including access to partnership meetings and on an individual basis.

AGREED: the Trust Board agreed to the request as a Board and individual representatives would take responsibility for signing up to the Project.

Andrew Jones referred to the proposed Government Health Reforms and asked if local delivery plans would survive in the light of the proposals. Rebecca explained that the research is a sociological study and will be set in the context of local and national arrangements. Julie Webster explained that the PCT was keen to support this project to supplement the quantitative data that already exists with more qualitative information.

4. You're Welcome

John Stephens introduced Fay Quinlan, Commissioning Manager for Children's Services at NHS Western Cheshire who was attending the Board to seek approval for the Children's Trust to take the strategic lead and accountability for the Department of Health You're Welcome quality mark locally, including embedding the multi agency Verification Panel within the Trust structure. Fay explained that the Government expectation is that by 2020 all health services regularly used by young people, including all school and college based services, should carry the You're Welcome quality mark, a sign that they are young people friendly (11-19).

Ten You're Welcome quality criteria have been developed. They provide important guidance for Children's Trusts/Primary Care Trusts to support both commissioning and delivery based good practice.

Fay explained the Department for Health self assessment and verification process which includes a self assessment toolkit and scoring system, verification visits by young people and professionals, a local Verification Panel and regional Quality Assurance Panel (led by Government Office North West). The quality mark can be retained for three years with intermittent mystery

shopping activities before the cycle starts again. Currently there are two service settings that are at the Quality Assurance Panel stage – Contraception and Sexual Health Service based at St Martin's Clinic, Chester and 16-19 Community Mental Health Service based in Chester. Since writing the report, Fay added that Government Office North West have confirmed that meetings of the Regional Quality Assurance Panel have been suspended pending further direction from the Government in relation to the future direction of You're Welcome, which is unlikely to be forthcoming until after the Government Spending Review in the Autumn. However, as You're Welcome remains a local commitment for NHS Western Cheshire in 2010/11, and acting on the advice of NHS North West and the NHS Western Cheshire Programme Sponsor, agreement has been reached to proceed with our local programme of implementation. Fay outlined seven recommendations seeking approval from the Children's Trust Board.

Jon Betts felt the scheme was laudable but the process very bureaucratic. There must be a more streamlined way of achieving core standards and holding people accountable. Moira Chapman pointed out that any decision should be about what is right for young people not focussed on the achievement of an award and wondered whether any of the learning could be transferred to other areas of work. Julie Webster suggested that regardless of the national uncertainty the principles should be adopted and a local non-bureaucratic system designed. Jane Middleton endorsed this view pointing out that any You're Welcome system should form part of the commissioning process and embedded as part of the monitoring and evaluation process. Pauline Ruth pointed out that any system would be just as relevant to the private, voluntary community and faith sectors. Paul Boyce referred to capacity issues and suggested that an approved service should model practice with an approved partner.

AGREED: The Board agreed to commit to the general principle of You're Welcome.

ACTION: Fay Quinlan to re-model the seven recommendations to the Trust to put You're Welcome in a local context.

5. Draft Children and Young People's Plan

Jane Middleton presented to the Board a refresh of the process agreed by the Board at the last meeting in March for drafting a Children and Young People's Plan; to be published before or on 1 April 2011. Following three meetings of the Outcome Leads Group a Plan has been drafted which includes a number of draft priorities and deliverables.

The Trust Board considered the first draft of the Plan, circulated with the agenda. Nancy Palmer asked how the Children and Young People's Plan will take account of the LSCB Annual Report, as the two form a virtuous circle.

ACTION: Cross Reference the Plan with the LSCB Annual Report (Sarah Blaylock and Isabel Noonan to initiate)

Penny Sharland from the Youth Offending Team, a new statutory member of the Children's Trust Board, suggested that some Youth Justice elements should be included in the Plan. Moira Chapman explained that as one of the joint leads for the Making a Positive Contribution ECM Outcome area the emphasis had been on tackling anti-social behaviour to prevent young people entering the Youth Offending Service.

ACTION: Penny Sharland to send Sarah Blaylock/Isabel Noonan Youth Justice information for inclusion in the Plan

Jon Betts questioned the purpose of the Plan and whether it would take the Trust to where it was aspiring to be. Moira Chapman referred to the Making a Positive contribution Outcome area and the four priorities proposed; these include adopting a national citizenship programme and promoting young people's participation in cultural, sport and citizen activities; all of which were chosen with the specific intention of making a difference to the lives of young people.

John Stephens explained that the drafting process has produced some good working material but that this now needs distilling to produce shared priorities that are linked or referenced to other key Strategic Plans. This might include producing different, more appropriate versions of the Plan for different audiences.

Julie Webster pointed out that the challenge remains in producing a Plan that looks forward to meeting the needs of Young People whilst the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment is still being produced.

Two cross cutting themes were highlighted as being paramount to the Plan:

- Housing for young people, and
- Narrowing the Gap – raising aspirations.

ACTION: The Trust Board agreed to the establishment of an Editorial Board to produce a refined version of the draft Plan – members to include John Stephens, Jane Middleton, Moira Chapman or Jon Betts and Pauline Ruth.

The Board considered the Timeline for the production and consultation of the Plan. The early stages of the timeline would need amending in the light of the above action.

ACTION: Children and Young People's Plan 2011 Timeline be amended to reflect actions from the Board.

6. Integrated Locality Working

John Stephens explained that in the light of current uncertainties, for example around the NHS White paper, the item on Locality Working would be deferred until the next meeting. Locality Working is still a top priority for us locally and for central government and the principles remain fairly constant; it is the exact practice and implementation that could be clarified by a future input.

ACTION: Locality Working to be an agenda item for 21 October meeting of the Trust Board.

Future Meetings:

21 October 2010 – 2.00 pm

6 January 2011 – 2.00 pm

17 March 2011 – 2.00 pm