

## Derby City Partnership

### City for Children and Young People's Executive Meeting held on 8 February 2010

#### Present

Andrew Flack	(Chair) Corporate Director for Children and Young People
Cllr Les Allen	Cabinet Member for Children and Young People
Hugh Hastie	Chief Executive, Connexions Derbyshire
Rita Silvester	Assistant Director, Children and Young People's Department Derby City Council
Trish Thompson	(Vice-Chair) Director for Commissioning, NHS Derby City
Gillian Sewell	YMCA Derby
Sharon Squires	Director, Community Safety Partnership
Gary Cathcart	Derbyshire Constabulary
Janet Holland	Chair, Children and Young People's Network
Jo Ward	Headteacher, Bemrose School
Clare Morgan	Headteacher, Meadow Farm Primary School

#### In Attendance

Shani Wood	Voices in Action
Sam Douglas-Cregan	Voices in Action
Adele Styles	Young People's Senior Consultation Officer, Derby City Council
Verna Bayliss	Derby City Partnership
Tracy Coley	Children and Young People's Department, Derby City Council

#### Item

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##### 1.1 Introductions, apologies and declarations of interest.

Apologies were received from Steve Logan, Chris Wheway, John Amos, David Elliott, Duncan Bedford, Heather Sahman and Alison Parkin. There were no declarations of interest.

##### 1.2 Confirmation and matters arising from the minutes of the last meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2009 were approved as a true and accurate record.

##### Matters arising from 14 December

- Hugh Hastie reported that the January NEET figures would not be known until 19 February. The figures had gone up slightly but were still within thirty young people of achieving the stretch target. The Government had just opened up the opportunity for eighteen year-olds and above, who had been NEET for six months or more, to be fast-tracked onto the employment programme. This would present a much more attractive option for this age group. With the associated Job Centre plus opportunities, it was felt that a representative from Job Centre Plus may be more interested in being part of the CYP Exec now. RS to email Keith Burns with dates of future meetings.
- Safeguarding Inspection – AF highlighted the recent inspection of Children's Services - all should have received a copy of the report. There was one item identified as a priority action, but the fact that the department had already put an action plan into place was helpful. There were some notable strengths and satisfactory areas, as well as some areas for development. One important strength was that high risk child protection cases are dealt with promptly and efficiently.
- Hugh Hastie raised the issue of increasing apprenticeships - young people in care are guaranteed an interview in the County and support to prepare for that interview. This could helpfully be pursued in the City Council .

RS

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<b>2.1 Children's Trust Arrangements</b>	<p>Rita presented a summary report on the future statutory requirements.</p> <p><b>Financial modelling</b> – Jag Atwal and Andy Wakeman had both supplied names of suitable officers and Alison Parkin was working with them to propose a financial model for Trust support.</p> <p><b>Officer Support</b> - Rita also reported on the re-structuring taking place across the Council - once the re-structure is complete, a Head of Service will take the responsibility for steering and coordinating partnership arrangements.</p> <p><b>New Chair for CYP Exec</b> - AF announced to the meeting that Ros Vahey had been appointed as his successor and could possibly be in place by the May meeting. <b>It was agreed</b> that Trish's role as Vice Chair should be extended up until the point when formal elections for the following year could take place. It was noted that the Chair of the DSCB should not be the same person who chairs the Children's Trust and the DSCB are currently recruiting for a new independent Chair.</p> <p><b>Learning</b> – RS outlined the contents of a Power Point presentation which could be used for Trust members to inform colleagues about forthcoming changes. This puts the Children's Trust on a strengthened statutory basis and widens membership</p>
<b>2.2 National Support Team Visit – Teenage Pregnancy</b>	<p>Rita presented a report on the National Support Team's (NST) visit to undertake a review of Teenage Pregnancy during the autumn of 2009. There were some comprehensive recommendations to take forward and Andrew would be chairing a small executive group to pursue these. Sheila McFarlane is analysing conception levels against wards and individual localities.</p> <p>Rita brought to the Exec's attention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ the recommendation for a single relationship and sex education policy for the whole of the partnership</li><li>▪ the key message of Raising Aspirations - Ambition is the best form of Contraception</li><li>▪ the NST will be returning to formally feed back but an early action plan has already been put together.</li></ul> <p>Attached to the feedback were some startling statistics which showed the huge differences in life chances of young people who were pregnant or had young families, both the impact on the chances of results and also the effect when these results were not achieved.</p> <p>Sam highlighted the inconsistency and relevance of sex education to young people. Jacqui noted the approach of Sisters with Voices which has received some remarkable feedback. It was agreed that it was a difficult task to make sure the message is delivered in an acceptable way – in some schools, sex education is delivered by a team and in others it is by form tutors. The question was raised as to whether the Children's trust would be able to influence how schools deliver – this would be included on the Secondary Heads' meeting agenda.</p> <p>Shani mentioned the lack of information regarding sexual health clinics – young people know about The Space but don't know anywhere else to go, apart from the doctor. Currently only the Pupil Referral Unit provides enhanced sexual health services. The signposting of services needs to be right, in order to reach everybody – possibly an unknown person would be more accessible, less embarrassing. Young people may relate better to a school nurse, as there is the perception that, being medically trained, they know what they are talking about.</p> <p>Sharon raised the question of whether there was data on where teenage pregnancy was occurring: backgrounds, particular communities etc. This is an issue being</p>

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<p>addressed in follow up to the NST visit. Currently, by the time the data is validated it is too old.</p> <p>Discussions also covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ young men involved with the Youth Offending Service</li> <li>▪ targeting the right groups and spotting future generations is very important.</li> <li>▪ Issues around resources, structure or capacity.</li> <li>▪ sexual health advice needs to be in the community and should sit with youth workers. Anonymity is also important for young people</li> <li>▪ the links between underage drinking and teenage pregnancy</li> <li>▪ Friday and Saturday working within the Youth Service was being given a heavy push currently and it was hoped that this would have an impact on both of these areas.</li> </ul> <p><b>Agreed:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ To note and support the priority actions for the Teenage Pregnancy Executive.</li> <li>• To note in particular how individual services could contribute to the teenage pregnancy issue.</li> <li>• To constantly push the 'Aspiration' message.</li> <li>• To support the single RSE policy to promote consistency of delivery.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>2.3 JSCB Report</b></p>	
<p>Rita presented a paper from the recent Joint Strategic Commissioning Board and highlighted the following areas:</p>	
<p><b>Institute of Public Care</b></p>	
<p>At the CYP Executive Development Day in October, it was agreed to undertake a project to map support for the most vulnerable families and how to take this forward. Rita has engaged the IPC to support this piece of work which will inform the future of the Family Intervention Project.</p>	
<p><b>Agreed</b> - to endorse this approach and cooperate with information requests.</p>	
<p><b>Voices in Action</b></p>	
<p>The JSCB had not been clear who was asking VIA to do what on behalf of the partnership. At the next Commissioning Board there should be a clear indication of VIA core funding and what it is aligned against, together with what work is being asked for in the wider partnership. That would then be reflected in terms of funding contributions. The YOS used ViA for a number of tasks and had identified a contribution of £1000 for next year. The PCT would be going back to explore funding options. SS agreed to consider additional contributions to reflect inputs to the wider CSP agenda.</p>	<p>TT SS</p>
<p><b>PQQ</b></p>	
<p>There was discussion about the process for inclusion on the list of approved providers. The VCS were concerned about process. Rita clarified that, in recent months, CYP had been subject to increasingly rigorous procurement rules across the Council. No distinction is currently made between organisations receiving large amounts of money and those receiving very little. RS to take back to the Procurement Group.</p>	<p>RS</p>
<p><b>2.4 CYP Plan and Stakeholder Event</b></p>	
<p>On Friday 5 March, the annual Stakeholder Event takes place, to review the progress of the Children's Plan, ready for its final year.</p>	

## 2.5 Voices in Action

Sam and Shani reported that VIA had worked on in focus groups, relating to the issues that young people face today:

- Perceptions of Young People
- Influences on Young People and
- University Fees.

The next VIA meeting will take place on Monday 1 March at 5.00 pm. Members were asked to identify who could attend and feed back to Adele. At the next meeting of the Exec, the Strategic Discussion is Think Family and Parenting.

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At the last VIA meeting, Jacqui had given an introduction to the young people on Integration. The young people concerned felt thought that the one of the best things about these presentations was that department managers go to them and inform them, they found it really interesting. Feedback from the meeting is attached at Appendix 1.

The Media group had talked about the effects of the media and its portrayal of young people in a bad light. It was considered that young people were portrayed more as bad than good in the media. In British crime surveys, older people always cite fear of young people as being at the top of their list. Sam reported that she had been given the homework task of looking at various aspects of the media, such as magazines and size zero and television programmes such as Skins and Misfits. The group would then re-convene, inviting people to come back for specific topics.

Discussions were held regarding National Links. It was agreed that the Children's Commissioner for England and Wales should be invited to come and meet VIA. AF to give Adele the contact. David Hanson, MP, is being shadowed by one of the VIA members – Asha and locally a young person will also be shadowing Chris Williamson. It was agreed that members of the Exec could be involved in this. Possible candidates were Les Allen, Trish Thompson, Jacqui Jensen and Prem Singh. Members to let Adele know if they would be interested in this.

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## 3 Strategic Discussion - Review of the city wide co-ordination arrangements for Integrated Working and next steps

Jacqui Jensen presented a report on Integration. Points covered in discussion included:

- Any opportunity to free up any partnership money to help with accommodation to start to get staff in place
- Trish Thompson and Jacqui to meet to discuss next steps in bringing health/LA services together.
- Moving beyond coordination - shared resourcing is needed. Anything requiring real change in budgeting will take a year from now.

### Agreed action:

- JJ to restate the longstanding vision and members to take to their own workplaces and feed back.
- A focus group to be put together from Exec members. TT would like to be one of this group, and it is also important to involve neighbourhood boards, the Police and a voluntary sector rep.

**JJ**

## 4 DCP Co-ordinator's report

Verna Bayliss presented the DCP Co-ordinator's Report, focusing in particular on:

- Work beginning on a new Sustainable Community
- Performance meeting re the Local Area Agreement, involving themed discussions on Alcohol, Climate Change and Narrowing the Gap in educational attainment. Notes from these sessions had been to the City groups to consider as part of the action plans
- Inspiring Derby 2010 week - planned for 28 June to 4 July 2010 and

showcasing excellence, increasing knowledge and increasing the pride of residents, as well as consulting on priorities for the sustainable community strategy.

**5 Any Other Business**

- Andrew Flack noted that this was Sharon Squires' last meeting, before she leaves for a new post in Sheffield. Claire Morgan was also stepping down as the Primary School representative. Andrew thanked them both for their commitment.
- Andrew briefed the Exec about an inter-agency operation and case coming to trial.

**5.1 Agenda items for next meeting**

Strategic discussion – Think Family and Parenting.  
Any other agenda items to be sent to Verna or Rita

**All**

**5.2 Date and time of next meeting**

Monday 22 March 2010 from 14.30 to 16.30, Meeting room 1, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, St Peters House.