

Derby City Partnership

City for Children and Young People's Executive Meeting held on 22 June 2009

Present

Les Allen	Cabinet Member for Children and Young People
Andrew Flack	(Chair) Corporate Director for Children and Young People
Andy Wakeman	(Vice Chair) NHS Derby City
Rita Silvester	Assistant Director, Children and Young People
Sharon Squires	Acting Director, Derby Community Safety Partnership
Jag Atwall	Derbyshire Constabulary
Maura Teager	Deputy Director of Nursing, Foundation Hospital Trust
Clare Morgan	Headteacher, Meadow Farm Primary School
Jo Ward	Headteacher, Bemrose School
John Amos	Fire and Rescue Service
Hugh Hastie	Chief Executive Connexions Derbyshire
Cloe Birkett	Voices in Action Youth Shadow Board
Tiffany Ruscoe	Voices in Action Youth Shadow Board
Steve Logan	Head of the Roundhouse, Derby College
Janet Holland	Chair, Children and Young People's Network
Heather Sahman	Strategic Health Authority

In Attendance

Verna Bayliss	Derby City Partnership
Keith Howkins	Head of Finance, Children and Young People
Adele Styles	Young People's Senior Consultation Officer, Corporate and Adult Services
Chris Newton	Children and Young People's – agenda item 8 only

Apologies

Bob Kendall	Jobcentre Plus
Christine Cassell	Government Office East Midlands
Kevin McCann	Assistant Director, LSC Derbyshire
David Elliott	Action for Children
Trish Thompson	Director for Commissioning, NHS Derby City
Mark Menzies	Assistant Director, Housing
Gillian Sewell	Chief Executive, YMCA Derbyshire
Chris Warren	University of Derby

Item

Action

1. Introductions

AF welcomed all members of the Executive. Bob Kendall will be representing Jobcentre Plus during Keith Burn's secondment. His apologies for this meeting were recorded.

2. Minutes of previous meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting of the CYP Exec held on 11 May were approved. There were no points of accuracy.

The minutes of the joint LSCB/CYP Executive meeting were also circulated for information – comments back to AF.

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<p>3. Matters arising</p> <p>It was agreed that VB will use the following paths to promote the safeguarding message.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of the Partnership Newsletter in October • Members of the Executive will identify communication leads from their organisations to participate in creating the Communication Plan. This plan needs to be linked with the Safeguarding Board Communications Group. 	VB
<p>4. JSCB Report</p> <p>The Executive considered the regular JSCB update report summarising the outcome of the JSCB Strategic Board meeting held on 3 June 2009, in particular the Think Family initiative.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioning Training - two workshops will be held on 15 October and 12 November, lead by IPC and Oxford Brookes. Key commissioners from the partnership have been invited to attend • The decision making process for the allocation of funds in 2010-11 for Extended Services in and around schools through Locality Services planning should be linked to the CYP Plan and the work already being carried out as a Children's Trust. <p>Appendix 1 of this item identified and offered actions under the three themes identified in the Development Plan for the JSCB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioning governance and framework • Commissioning activity • Commissioning capacity and competence. <p>The Executive noted the actions taken by the JSCB.</p> <p><u>Comments/Questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The difficult work undertaken by the group working on the development plan for the JSCB was noted • Good feedback has been received from DCSF regarding the Trust Arrangements booklet produced showing a clear statement of where the Children's Trust sits and its governance structure • RS will invite a schools rep to sit on the extended services meeting. Mick Seller is the education rep at present. Extended services now come under RS since Rachel Dickinson's departure. 	RS
<p>5. Finance Report</p> <p>This report noted agreements reached 18 months ago regarding partner contributions to the Strategic Partnership and LSCB. A financial infrastructure is needed to support this particularly in light of statutory obligations. Health, Police and Connexions have all contributed in the past and Derby City Council has contributed to the outstanding balance of costs. In 2008 LAA underspends funded the Strategic Partnership Manager and 0.5 admin posts, but this is not the case this year.</p> <p><u>Comments/Questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RS to forward the minute of this decision to both JA and MT • It will be difficult for partners to contribute in the current financial climate • In the past the PCT made contributions on behalf of Health as a whole. Once budgets became tighter, individual sections of Health were expected by the PCT to contribute separately. 	RS
<p>It was agreed that Exec members will take this paper away to discuss contributions with their organisations. AF will be following up with a letter. Decisions are to come back to AF.</p>	All

6. Voices in Action

The ViA representatives presented their paper to the Executive updating on the ViA Shadow Board meeting held on 15 July.

Focus Groups were set up to look at bullying and 'isms, jobs and money and new and emerging communities.

Outstanding pledges that were made in November 2007 were noted. ViA asked Executive members to follow up on these pledges, even if they are now in a new role.

Parents 'job descriptions' compiled by ViA members were also circulated. These are very interesting and insightful and members of the Executive felt that they could be used in many other meetings/situations. The main qualities that young people are looking for in parents are stability, protection, responsibility, discipline and boundaries. Discipline and boundaries give young people a sense of being protected.

Comments/Questions

- The Executive noted the ViA presentation evening to be held on 23 November – all were asked to prioritise in their diaries **All**
- The next ViA meeting will be held on 13 July at 5pm in the Joseph Wright Centre. It was agreed that as this meeting will have a health focus - to tie in with the Health Strategy to come to the July Executive meeting, MT and AW will attend **MT/AW**
- JA asked to attend a future ViA meeting where the Youth Offer will be discussed **AS**
- Foster carers need to have the same qualities as birth parents
- When asked what support parents need to reach the ideal of the job descriptions, the ViA reps felt that family counsellors, easier access to social workers and schools acting in a mediation role between parents and young people would help
- If any members of the Executive use the job descriptions in any of their meetings, please attribute them to ViA. AF to put something in the next e-bulletin. **AF**

7. Strategic Discussion – Parenting

RS gave a presentation to the Executive on Parenting outlining the parenting vision, universal parenting work, parenting programmes and the Think Family initiative.

DCSF have stated that they want the Think Family initiative to run along the same lines as Every Child Matters, with a holistic approach to deliver to families rather than working with a range of individual agencies. Funding has been guaranteed for two years. The majority of funding for this initiative is old money being refocused and redirected. New money is only available for the Youth Crime Intervention Project (£215k) and Think Family Reforms (£100k).

The Executive considered an overview report from RS on work undertaken in the last twelve months by the Parenting Commission. Parenting is one of the four key priorities in the CYP Plan. The website address for the Parenting Webpage is www.derby.gov.uk/parenting. RS to circulate this to schools to better inform young people and families. **RS**

Comments/Questions

- The Parenting Strategy 2009-2011 was tabled for information. Point of accuracy - it should read 'no decrease in the number of teenage parents receiving support' as the last outcome on page 18
- Home support and family support could be used to help in 'handling teenage behavior'. RS to feedback to AS what is currently being done. AS to report this to (the ViA rep) **RS
AS**
- Parenting is very difficult even at the best of times, when you factor in other things like drugs and alcohol it becomes very difficult.
- A lack of an adult male role model was felt to be a contributing factor in disruptive behaviour. The VCS runs a 'Dads Programme' with particular focus on young

male parents. The FNP also has a programme focusing on both young mums and dads.

- 2% of families in Derby City are said to be disruptive to themselves and the wider community. This 2% is not always evenly spread geographically. This will be looked at when a needs analysis is done of the city and support will be offered to those schools that need it
- The philosophy of some partners' approach to 2% of families may differ. The CSP works alongside the Police and uses coercion as well as sanctions

It was agreed that the 2% of families needs to be identified as they have needs in many outcome areas i.e. crime, education and poverty. The Executive will continue to support the development framework. RS to bring an update back to a later Executive.

The Executive supported the outcomes and achievements of the Parenting Commissioning Group and the recently published Parenting Strategy and recognised that priority actions were likely to be around those with multiple needs.

8. Contactpoint Report Progress

CN provided a report to the CYP Executive as the Project Board for Contactpoint, highlighting key areas of development. 'Shielding', an extra layer of security, has been implemented on 50 records for Derby City.

The funding for training was halved in May and the Executive discussed what training resources i.e. funding and training facilities are available. CN has devised a strategy but the options may have varying financial impacts for partners.

Comments/Questions

- SL offered the training facilities at the Roundhouse. Tim Harrison to contact SL to discuss
- Contactpoint will enable various agencies to work together as a team and will ensure that nothing is overlooked or duplicated
- Contactpoint information has been made available through Your Derby, Contactpoint leaflets, Derby Evening Telegraph and the Council website. CB suggested that Contactpoint could also be promoted through social networking sites and through schools. Briefings have been given to headteachers and governors
- Parental objections have so far been based on objections to a national database and not local issues. As this is a statutory obligation there is little that can be done.

TH

The Executive noted the content of this report and questions about training implications, including the possibility of paying for training places. Background information is needed on costs, numbers and options. CN to update the Commissioning Board and bring back to the Executive if time permits.

CN

9. Ofsted Inspections Update

The Executive were alerted that Ofsted will be conducting unannounced inspections in the children's social care reception and assessment service. No notice will be given and the first that will be known is a phone call to say they have arrived. Although the inspections will be focused on social care teams, the inspectors will be looking at the quality of interaction with other agencies. Those agencies that have interaction with social care were asked to be aware.

Comments/Questions

- The information on this report is to be circulated to the LSCB.

AF

10. CAA Feedback

Stephanie Cole from the Audit Commission, who attended the last joint LSCB/CYP Executive meeting, gave positive feedback on partnership work. The preliminary feedback on areas that the CAA will look at include:

- Childhood obesity
- Teenage pregnancy
- Road safety
- Narrowing the Gap in terms of attainment and raising aspirations
- Youth crime.

Feedback will be given to the DCP Management Group on 9 July and themed discussion on broader partnership issues will take place on 13 July.

11. Children and Young People's Plan – Action Plan Refresh

A copy of this plan was made available at the meeting. It is a detailed assessment of the last twelve months and sets out the priorities for the next year. This plan constitutes a self evaluation.

10. AOB

- It was agreed that the Executive will look at the Health Strategy in the July meeting and the Youth Offer in the September meeting
- It was agreed that the September Executive meeting will be moved to 14 September due to a clash with the DCP Board meeting on 7 September. The Executive meeting in December will be moved from 7 December to 14 December due to the same meeting clash
- The YOS was recently assessed as outstanding and this was warmly received and acknowledged by the Executive.
- A report is available on the work of the CYP Network from JH (copies were made available at the meeting)
- The new YMCA building and the Roundhouse were offered as venues for future Exec meetings

Agenda items for next meeting

- Possibly an update report from CN on Contactpoint training costs
- The strategic discussion for the next meeting will be the Health Strategy.

Date of Next Meeting

- 11.** Monday 27 July 2009 at DCP Offices from 2.30 – 4.30pm.