



Children's Trust Board

(A themed group of Darlington Partnership)

Minutes of the meeting of the Children's Trust Board held on 19th March 2010, 9.30am, Darlington Town Hall

Miriam Davidson (part Chair)	Director of Public Health, Darlington PCT
Gill Walker	Darlington Borough Council
Michael Barton	Deputy Chief Constable Durham Constabulary
Cllr Cyndi Hughes (part Chair)	Lead Member Children & Young People
Karen Grundy	Evolution
Paul Richardson	Partnership Manager, LSC
Melanie Brown	Children's Trust Partnership Manager
Seth Pearson	Local Strategic Partnership
Mervyn Bell	Youth Support Partnership Manager, DBC
Anthony Prudhoe	CAMHS, Maternity & Children & Young People
Kath Vasey	Community Health Services
M J Fryer	Governor- DAG
Dela Smith	Education Director, Education Village
Jenni Cooke,	Darlington Borough Council
Charmian Hobbs	Darlington Borough Council
Sheila Askew	Durham Tees Valley Probation Trust
David Gardiner	DAAT
Joshua Slack	Darlington Borough Council
Anthony Prudhoe	CAMHS, Maternity & Children & Young People
Charlotte Linton (Minutes)	CYP partnership officer

1 Welcome and Apologies

Miriam Davidson welcomed members to the meeting. Apologies were received from:

Tim Fisher, Principal, QE 6th Form College
Joanne Evans, PBC Cluster Manager, Darlington
Chris Davis, Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Trust
Lucy Wheatley, Joint Commissioner Child Health, Darlington PCT
Nick Blackburn, Heathfield Primary School
Tim Grant, Darlington College
Dave Smith, GONE
Murray Rose, Director Children's Services, Darlington Borough Council
Pat Armstrong, Branksome Science College
Debbie Bunford, Divisional Manager, CDDFT

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The minutes were approved and adopted by the Children's Trust Board.

3 Matters Arising

Gill updated the Board that the early intervention and prevention team will go live on 1st April in the three area teams.

Seth is to circulate the CAA outline to the Board via Mel.

Michael Barton updated the Board of the outcome of the Ashleigh Hall case. The defendant pleaded guilty and was given a minimum sentence of 35 years.

4 Urgent Business to be considered under Item 23

No urgent matters were raised.

5 Chairing Arrangements

It was proposed to the Children's Trust Board that Cllr Hughes, in her role as lead member for Children and Young People could be adopted as the Chair of the Children's Trust Board. The Board agreed to these new chairing arrangements.

6 Emotional Wellbeing Update

Charmian Hobbs took the board through the previously circulated report which examined progress with the framework for Emotional Wellbeing. This was launched in last September and is available on the Children's Trust webpage along with the presentation from the launch. The next step is to develop an action plan to see how organisations are working towards progressing the framework. Charmian Hobbs requested guidance from the Board about the reporting mechanism from the current strategy group up to the board. Charmian highlighted that the group initially was a task and finish group.

ACTION:

1. The Board agreed that the strategy group is to continue and the group is to continue to report progress back to the board through Joint Commissioning Unit.
2. The Board suggested that the CAMHS commissioner, Lorrae Rose works with the strategy group who will be the link between the group and JCU as this will strengthen links. Charmian updated that Lorrae had recently been invited to become a member of the strategy group.

7 DAAT - David Gardiner

David thanked the Board for the support on the needs assessment. David informed the Board that partners now have staff trained at low levels to deal with early intervention and to give brief advice on drug and alcohol issues. The Board were informed that alcohol is the main issue in Darlington and in response Challenge 21 and operation stay safe are now in place.

ACTION- David was asked to return to May Children's Trust Board with an update on actions to address alcohol misuse.

8 Worklessness

Joshua Slack delivered a presentation to the Board about research that has taken place examining worklessness in Darlington. The research was carried out over an eleven week period. The research identified the number of people claiming benefits and where and what wards had higher rates.

The Recommendations from the report were; Increase the number of apprenticeships within Darlington with particular focus upon the public sector, Greater focus on confidence building and Develop a referral procedure to support individuals who have additional barriers linked with employability (e.g. Mental Health, Disability and Lone Parents). Karen informed the Board that the work from this research will be going to the Prosperous group and they will devise an action plan and will be driving this agenda and will report

back to the Board the progress on this. Karen explained Nick Grever is leading on this area of work for the local authority.

ACTION- It was agreed that Anthony Prudhoe, Kath Vasey and Miriam Davidson will meet to discuss apprenticeships in the health sector.

9 Community Safety Review

Jenni informed the Board that there had been workshops held to consider the Community Safety Review. Jenni took the Board through the tabled report (previously circulated).

ACTION- The Board noted the contents of the report and requested regular updates and performance information regarding YOS to monitor impact of organisation change.

10 Domestic Violence Review

Jenni took the board through the Domestic Violence Review report. The Board were informed that the services for Domestic Violence are running successfully and voluntary and statutory services are working well together. The review was requested in January 2010. Workshops have been held to consider the reports recommendations. The proposed planning framework is for one group which covers domestic violence and the emerging Violence against Women and Girls Strategy. This will be considered by the Domestic Violence steering group. The group will report progress to the Children's Trust.

The Board were informed that the focus will be on prevention and early intervention and will link with anti bullying policies.

ACTION:

1. Partners of the Board were asked to raise awareness of Domestic Violence issues with their own organisation.
2. Kate Martin- Domestic Violence updates to be provided to Darlington Children's Trust Board- September 2010

11 Inclusion Framework

- 12 The Board were updated that changes have been made to the initial inclusion strategy as there were previous concerns that the strategy was too focused on schools. The strategy has now been revised and includes all Children's Trust partners and links into the SCS, One Darlington: Perfectly Placed. There is a case study in the appendix of the document which demonstrates how the framework can be used.

Karen commented that the strategy was also discussed at the Third Sector Aspiring meeting and that concerns were raised around the quality mark as many of the Third Sector groups work across the region and therefore would like some clarity on whether the quality marks will be transferable across regions.

ACTION -Jenni will feedback these concerns to the group and request the group examines what quality marks already exist and will feed this information back to the Board.

13 Bercow Update

Dela updated the Board on the progress of Bercow. The focus has been on awareness and training to aid prevention and early intervention. Anthony questioned whether this has been linked with the integrated services agenda? Jenni explained Lucy has picked this up and it will be discussed at the next joint commissioning group meeting. Cllr Hughes enquired about the time frame for the development of the action plan.

Dela informed the Board that the Bercow action plan will be embedded into the next CYPP 2011-2014 and there will be a Bercow action plan developed over the next few months.

ACTION –Dela-It was agreed that the Bercow Action Plan will come back to the July Board meeting.

14 **CYPP Review**

Mel formally asked the Board for the approval to continue the same format of the CYPP Review for 2009-2010. This year's review will expand further the section on the 'What's Changed Logs' and asked for all partners to send additional the 'What's Changed Logs' to Mervyn to ensure these are included in the review. The draft review will go to the Executive group to quality check and sign off and the final version will come to the Board in July. The Board agreed to the recommendations outlined in the report.

Items for Information:

15 Parenting Update – report submitted by Julie Bell
The Board noted the contents of the paper.

16 Young Victims of Crime Update- report submitted Anita Hamer
The Board noted the contents of the paper.

17 Feedback from Provider Forum – Gill Walker
The Board noted the contents of the minutes.

18 Feedback from Executive Group – Cllr Hughes
The Board noted the contents of the minutes.

19 Feedback from Joint Commissioning Unit – Jenni Cooke
The Board noted the contents of the minutes.

20 14-19 Partnership Report-
The Board noted the contents of the paper.

21 Area Based Grant Update- Andrew Collishaw
The Board noted the contents of the paper.

22 JCU Commissioning Recommendations 2010-2011-Lucy Wheatley
The Board noted the contents of the paper.

23 Third Sector Report- submitted Karen Grundy
The Board noted the contents of the paper.

23 **Urgent Business Raised Under Item 4**

No urgent business raised.

24 **Dates of Future Meetings**

Friday, 21st May 2010, 9.30am, Committee Room 1, Darlington Town Hall

Friday, 16th July 2010, 9.30am, Committee Room 1, Darlington Town Hall

Friday, 17th September 2010, 9.30am, Committee Room 1, Darlington Town Hall

Friday, 19th November 2010, 9.30am, Committee Room 1, Darlington Town Hall