

Children's Trust Board
(A themed group of Darlington Partnership)

**Minutes of the meeting of the Children's Trust Board held on 25th September 2009,
9.30am,
Darlington Town Hall**

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| Cllr Jenny Chapman | Lead Member, Children's Services |
| Murray Rose, | Director, Children's Services, DBC |
| Debbie Bunford | Divisional Manager, Co Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust |
| Cllr Cyndi Hughes | Chair, Children & Young People's Scrutiny Committee |
| Karen Grundy | Evolution |
| Paul Richardson | Partnership Manager, LSC |
| Mike Fryer | Chair, DAG |
| Dave Smith | Children's Services Adviser |
| Melanie Brown | Children's Trust Partnership Manager |
| Trevor Mortlock | Job Centre Plus |
| Mark Cain | Children's Services Locality Lead, Darlington PCT |
| Julian Kenshole | Darlington Borough Council |
| Justine Stewart | Darlington Borough Council |
| Julie Bell | Darlington Borough Council |
| Ann Whitton | Durham Police Authority |
| Lynne Athey | Darlington Education Village |
| George Osborne | Durham Constabulary Partnerships Unit |
| Seth Pearson | Local Strategic Partnership |
| Mervyn Bell | Youth Support Partnership Manager, DBC |
| Julie Clarke (Minutes) | Directorate Support Officer, Children's Services |

1 Welcome and Apologies

Jenny Chapman welcomed members to the meeting and Seth Pearson to his first Board meeting. Apologies were received from:

Ada Burns, Darlington Borough Council
Jenni Cooke, Darlington Borough Council
Gill Walker, Darlington Borough Council
Miriam Davidson, Director of Public Health, Darlington PCT
Tim Fisher, Principal, QE 6th Form College
Joanne Evans, PBC Cluster Manager, Darlington
Anthony Prudhoe, CAMHS, Maternity & Children & Young People
Michael Barton, Deputy Chief Constable Durham Constabulary
Sarah Robinson, Principal, Darlington College
Rob Jones, Darlington Borough Council
Chris Davis, Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Trust
Carina Carey, National Probation Service
Kathryn Larkin-Bramley, Durham Police Authority
Gary Huntington, Durham Police Authority
Sam Cramond, Strategic Health Authority
Lucy Wheatley, Joint Commissioner Child Health, Darlington PCT
Dela Smith, Education Director, Education Village

2 Minutes of the Children's Trust Board meeting held on 10 July 2009

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

3 Matters Arising

No matters arising from the minutes.

4 Urgent Business to be considered under Item 15

No urgent matters were raised.

5 Parenting Strategy Update

Julie Bell presented the paper that had previously been circulated to the Board.

Dave Smith added that the Green Paper due in the autumn will reinforce everything around the Think Family Strategy.

The Board agreed to receive and act upon the key messages within the report.

6 One Children's Workforce Tool

Justine Stewart presented this paper to the Board which included a summary of key findings from the One Children's Workforce framework self-assessment process. Draft priority actions have been identified about how we further embed the values and principles contained within the plan. We have much to celebrate, however there is further work to be done. A Children's Trust communications group has been established. Appendix 1 to the report contains a common induction framework. This specifies the values, principles and behaviours required of our workforce and sets out an expectation and entitlement for the whole workforce which will underpin a core offer of learning and development opportunities aligned to the common core and to our CYPP priorities.

Mel Brown thanked Justine and her team for this huge piece of work and Jenny Chapman asked that an update to be sent to the aspiring network.

Action: Karen Grundy

The Board agreed to note the contents of the report and to adopt the proposed action plan and induction framework.

7 Review of Children's Trust Group Structure

In July the Board agreed to review the current governance arrangements and a consultation period began. The revised changes impacted on CT Development and Commissioning Group, (*now to be known as Children's Trust Executive Group*), having a revised group membership as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report and CT Planning and Implementation Group (*now to be known as Children's Trust Provider Forum*) but no changes have been made to the CT Board.

The Board was asked to note the contents of the report; ensure that there is representation from all partners and approve the membership of the newly formed Children's Trust Joint Commissioning Unit and the Children's Trust Executive Group.

The board duly agreed.

8 Strategic Engagement Meeting

Julian presented the tabled report to update Members about the changes to strategic engagement meeting.

The Trust agreed and noted the contents of the report as well as participating in the Turn the Curve activities as outlined therein.

9 Children's Trust Membership

Mel outlined the recent changes in Board membership. Mel welcomed any suggestions of who we might invite on to the Board to replace Barnados. Development and Commissioning Group had proposed some suggestions. These were discussed and it was agreed to postpone this decision until the next Board meeting in November.

Action: All

10 Children's Trust Communication Strategy

It was agreed by the Board in May to develop a communications strategy and ensure all future events are branded as Children's Trust activities. A task and finish group was developed to help raise awareness of Darlington's Children's Trust and the strategy produced. Mel Brown reminded the group that it is everyone on the Board's responsibility to ensure the community strategy is implemented.

The Board agreed to adopt the strategy, develop a communications Plan and ensure all future publicity materials are branded with the Children's Trust logo.

11 Children's Trust Resources 2009-2010 Update

Mel updated the Board about the revised resource information that was outlined in Appendix 1. Mel thanked LSC, JobCentre Plus and Police Service for their contribution to this. Karen Grundy agreed to feed back to Mel, the Third Sector resource information once analysis had been undertaken of a recent audit.

Action: Karen Grundy

The Board agreed to allow the updating of the CYPP electronically so the most update resource information is available.

12 Children's Trust Conference

The Board noted the paper.

13 Feedback from Planning and Implementation Group

The Board noted the paper.

14 Feedback from Development and Commissioning Group

The Board noted the paper.

15 Urgent Business Raised Under Item 4

None.

15 Dates of Future Meetings

Friday, 27th November 2009, 9.30am, Committee Room 1, Darlington Town Hall
Friday, 15th January 2010, 9.30am, Committee Room 1, Darlington Town Hall
Friday, 19th March 2010, 9.30am, Committee Room 1, Darlington Town Hall
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