



# Children's Trust Board

(A themed group of Darlington Partnership)

## Minutes of the meeting of the Children's Trust Board held on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2009, 9.30am, Darlington Town Hall

Cllr Jenny Chapman	Lead Member, Children's Services
Murray Rose,	Director, Children's Services, DBC
Debbie Bunford	Divisional Manager, Co-Durham & Darlington Foundation Trust
Cllr Cyndi Hughes	Chair, Children & Young People's Scrutiny Committee
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
Julian Kenshole	Darlington Borough Council
Ann Whitton	Durham Police Authority
Dela Smith	Darlington Education Village
CI Alison Jackson	Durham Constabulary Partnerships Unit
Seth Pearson	Local Strategic Partnership
Mervyn Bell	Youth Support Partnership Manager, DBC
Jenni Cooke	Darlington Borough Council
Gill Walker	Darlington Borough Council
Andrew Dunn	Darlington Borough Council
Miriam Davidson	Director of Public Health, Darlington PCT
Tim Fisher	Principal, QE 6 <sup>th</sup> Form College
Lucy Wheatley	Joint Commissioner Child Health, Darlington PCT
Gary Huntington	Durham Police Authority
David Heaton	Chair 14-19 Partnership
Sue Hoare-Leather	Commissioning Manager, Childhood Obesity, Darlington PCT
Wade Tovey	Teesside University
Lynne Henderson	Early Years Partnership Manager, DBC
Pat Armstrong	Head Teacher, Branksome Science College
Ruth Bennett	Health Improvement Lead, Obesity and Physical Activity
Kath Vasey	Assistant Director Children's Services, Darlington PCT
Joanne Evans	PBC Manager
Debbie Leigh	Interim Principal, Darlington College
Charlotte Linton (Minutes)	CYP Officer, eVOLution
Julian Kenshole	Darlington Borough Council

In attendance: Jade Hall, Josh Newton and Helen Robb (students Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College)

### **1 Welcome and Apologies**

Jenny Chapman welcomed members to the meeting. Apologies were received from:

Ada Burns, Darlington Borough Council  
Anthony Prudhoe, CAMHS, Maternity & Children & Young People  
Michael Barton, Deputy Chief Constable Durham Constabulary  
Chris Davis, Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Trust

Carina Carey, National Probation Service  
Kathryn Larkin-Bramley, Durham Police Authority  
Sam Cramond, Strategic Health Authority  
Karen Grundy, Evolution  
Dave Smith, Children's Services Adviser  
Pauline Mitchell, Darlington Borough Council  
Bob Mellard, Dodmire School  
Chris Sivers, Darlington Borough Council  
Anna Lynch

## **2 Minutes of the Children's Trust Board meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2009**

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

## **3 Matters Arising**

Thanks were given to Mel and everyone involved in the children's trust conference which had taken place on 25th November and had been themed on the Integration of Children's Services.

## **4 Urgent Business to be considered under Item 21**

No urgent matters were raised.

## **5 School standards in Darlington**

Andrew Dunn presented the paper that had previously been circulated to the Board.

Table 6 showed a large improvement at key stage 2. Results show that Darlington is ranking in the top three for most improvement.

Cllr Chapman asked about what is being done to narrow the gap for children and young people in Darlington. Andrew explained that each school has a school improvement partner (SIP) which are helping to challenge and evaluate each schools performance.

## **6 Updated play and free time strategy**

Lynne presented and went through the Darlington Play and Free Time strategy update 2009. The children and young people version of the strategy is currently being produced. Lynne updated the Board that Groundwork had recently been awarded the play commission tender.

Melanie explained that in a recent event the regional lead for play had highlighted Darlington as good practice for their work on the Play commission.

Miriam welcomed the strategy and felt it complemented the Preventing Obesity and Promoting Physical Activity strategy.

## **7 Preventing Obesity and Promoting Physical Activity Strategy**

Sue presented to the group the Preventing Obesity, Promoting Physical Activity strategy which had been previously circulated to the board. Sue explained that it was a 5 year plan and that Darlington is still a high risk area and Obesity in Darlington remains higher than the national average.

Sue explained to the group that a stake holder event held last year helped identify areas of good practice and gaps in practice and the strategy addresses the priorities for action identified by the stake holders.

Murray asked if the strategy is currently funded or if it would need funding. Sue explained that many of the actions within the strategy are already funded however there are a few that will need funding.

## **8 14-19 Plan**

David took the board through the strategy and plan and explained that the strategy articulates the vision that by 2013 Darlington will be recognised for being outstanding with respect to the quality of its 14-19 provision.

David explained that providing policies stay the same after the elections then by 2013 all new diplomas will have to be made available to all children in Darlington and that this requires all schools to work together.

Cllr Chapman asked what is being doing to narrow the gap for children and young people in Darlington. David explained that the quality assurance system would help with this, to ensure children are picked up earlier and appropriate support can be provided.

Dela also stated that the variety in foundation learning is also helping narrow the gap. It was agreed by the Board that apprenticeships options are limited and that there needs to be an increase in apprenticeships available.

## **9 Integration – Children’s Services Update**

Gill took the group through a presentation on integrated working, which explained why it was needed, and the structure of the team. Murray commented on the branding and asked for thoughts to be circulated to Gill Walker.

Mel stated that the consultation CYPP guidance outlines that the CYPP for April 2011 needs to publish what progress the Children’s Trust has made to Integrate Children’s Services.

## **10 DSCB Business Plan**

Jenni took the Board through the draft report and explained that more detail will be added to the data and finance section as the move to independent chairs and authors for serious case reviews progresses.

It was explained to the Board that Darlington Safeguarding Children Board works with Durham and Tees Valley and works on common processes. Jenni also explained to the Board that the training budget is only £5,000 and that capacity is a key issue.

Murray asked if there was a problem with attendance for the sub groups. Jenni explained that people not turning up for meetings is not a regular issue, however to help with the burden on finance the DSCB are looking to increase contributions from partners. The police service have already agreed to increase finance to support DSCB.

## **11 Performance Monitoring Report**

Julian took the group through the children and young people’s plan scorecards and identified the areas that did not achieve their targets.

NI 69- Children who have experienced bullying. The Board was informed that there was going to be a part time anti bullying coordinator appointed.

Miriam stated that under 18 conception rates are not just an NHS issue as it's proved that girls who go onto higher and further education are less likely to fall pregnant under 18.

Mel informed the Board that that all schools are engaged with the healthy schools programme and Darlington are on target to meet the national target of 75% of schools achieving NHSS for December. Mel also informed the Board a pilot was taking place on tackling teen pregnancy and Obesity with the Children's Learning Strategic Advisor pilot.

## **12 Communications Plan**

Gill explained to the Board that the Children's Trust isn't fully understood by the workforce and that the communications plan is to raise awareness of the trusts role and asked for the plan to be looked at by all partners and circulated within partner organisations.

Mel updated the Board that she had received positive feedback about the partner newsletter and to keep costs down this will be mainly issued electronically.

Mel also informed everyone that the Children's Trust have bought some display stands which have already been put up in various public buildings and are going to be displayed over the next few months to raise awareness of the Trust. Anyone wanting access to these stands please contact Mel direct.

- a) The Children's Trust Board agreed to adopt the Communication's Plan. All of the recommendations were agreed as outlined in the report. It was agreed that existing communication officers from across the Children's Trust support the delivery of the communications plan and develop a Children's Trust communications group.

**Action: All**

## **13 Locality Profiles**

Gill presented the board with the refreshed locality profiles and asked if it could be put on the children's trust webpage. It was agreed by the board that because of confidentiality and sensitive information the maps will not be included on the website.

It was agreed by the Board that this was an excellent resource.

**Action: Gill**

## **14 NICE – Social and Emotional Well-Being in Secondary Education**

The Board noted the contents of the paper.

## **15 Feedback from Provider Forum**

The Board noted the contents of the minutes.

## **16 Feedback from Executive Group**

The Board noted the contents of the minutes.

## **17 Feedback from Joint Commissioning Unit**

The Board noted the contents of the minutes.

**18**     **14-19 Partnership Update**

The Board noted the contents of the paper.

**19**     **Revised Governance Arrangements**

The Board noted the changes to the governance arrangements.

**20**     **Aspiring Darlington Q2 Performance Report**

The Board noted the contents of the paper.

**21**     **Urgent Business Raised Under Item 4**

None.

**22**     **Dates of Future Meetings**

Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2010, 9.30am, Committee Room 1, Darlington Town Hall

Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2010, 9.30am, Committee Room 1, Darlington Town Hall

Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> May 2010, 9.30am, Committee Room 1, Darlington Town Hall

Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> July 2010, 9.30am, Committee Room 1, Darlington Town Hall

Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> September 2010, 9.30am, Committee Room 1, Darlington Town Hall

Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> November 2010, 9.30am, Committee Room 1, Darlington Town Hall