

Children's Trust Partnership Board
Minutes of the meeting held 5 November 2008

Present	John Richards	Director of Children's Services, PCC (Chair)
	Councillor Goldspink	Cabinet Member for Education and Children's Services
	Angela Bailey	NHS Peterborough
	Denise Bangay	Learning and Skills Council
	Roy Duncan	Secondary Schools Representative
	Lynn Hogarth	Young Lives
	Bridgett Holland	Governor Reference Group
	Elizabeth Ingram	Voluntary Sector Forum
	M J Ladha	Peterborough Racial Equality Council
	Phil Pike	Special Schools Representative
Advisors	Mandy Renton	Peterborough and Stamford Hospitals Foundation Trust Representative
	Councillor Irene Walsh	Chairman of Children & Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel
	Brian White	Primary Schools' Representative
	Susan Baxter	Senior Business Development Officer, PCC
	Elaine Fulton	Assistant Director, Commissioning and Performance, PCC
	Marcus Richardson	Head of Performance Management and Information, PCC
	Stephen Sutherland	Head of Strategy and Planning, PCC
Alex Daynes	Cabinet Officer, PCC	

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Gilmour McLaren, Eric Winstone, Barbara Trevanion, Tim Bryson, Margaret Lowe and Andy Hebb.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting of the Children's Trust Board held on 17 September 2008 were approved as a true and accurate record with the following matters arising:

- Item 2 - John Richards updated the Board on the Annual Performance Assessment: about 35-40 staff were involved and the scores would be announced at a later date. John Richards passed on his thanks to the Officers involved in the planning and preparation for the assessment.
- Item 5 – Angela Bailey advised the Board that a report would be submitted to it concerning the Strategic Plan at a future meeting.
- Item 6 – this project was launched in October and is progressing. John Richards requested an update report at the January 2009 meeting of the Board.
- Item 7 – the Board was advised that information on the Youth Crime Action Plan had been presented to the Safer Peterborough Board. A request was made that greater communication between Boards be established to avoid duplication of items.
- Item 7 – Elaine Fulton would work on the structures supporting the Board and also investigate funding streams available.

3. Children's Trust Partnership Review

John Richards reminded the Board that delivery of the five Every Child Matters outcomes was essential and a proper working structure was needed to ensure this. Stephen Sutherland introduced a report and presented information on the Partnership Review and a recommendation of the structure that would support the Children's Trust Partnership Board.

John Richards requested that a decision from the Board was made to move this work forward with the proposed structure. Members discussed the proposed structure and review document including the Chair of the Children's Trust Executive Group (to be further discussed at the planned away day on 27

November), the resources needed for support from each partner, risks involved, the role of each partner and the accountability of each partner.

A request was made that the relationship between the Executive Group and the Trust Board was made clear so that members of all groups were certain of their roles and tasks. The Board was advised that there was interest from the Department of Children, Schools and Families in the draft contract and developments in Peterborough.

The Board agreed to adopt the proposed structure (to be reviewed in April 2010).

4. Overview of Current Performance

Performance Dashboard - The Board received a presentation on the development of the Performance Dashboard for all children's services. Members received information on what data would be contained on the Dashboard along with the layout and functions including the successes and failures of projects within the partnership's remit. Members were advised that each partnership would establish a similar dashboard and each would be shaped for the needs of individual Boards.

Members discussed the functions of and uses for the Dashboard and the ways in which data is gathered from each partner within the Partnership. Members suggested that the Dashboards for the Partnerships were coordinated to avoid duplication of work and to ensure the correct work went to the correct Partnership.

Critical Issues – Members discussed the critical issues outlined on the Dashboard.

5. Development of the Children's Trust

John Richards introduced the concept of "The Journey to Excellence" within the Children's Trust; following the efforts made to achieve a 'good' rating (3-star status) by 2010, the work would continue to try to achieve an 'excellent' status (4-star). Members were advised of the six building blocks to achieve excellence; Efficient Core Business Delivery, Continuous Improvement Culture, Best Practice Change Management, Strategic Priorities, Affordability and Performance Priorities.

Members were advised that if any of the above building blocks were not in place a good rating would not be achievable. John Richards advised that the work at the forthcoming Away Day on 27 November would address the Board's role in leading the required transformation. Members discussed the 3-star rating and the need to communicate that a good rating encompasses all partners, not just the Council. Stephen Sutherland advised that it would be the whole area that would receive the rating, not just the City Council.

6. Any Other Business

M J Ladha raised the issue of the number of young people with mental health problems being sent to prison. He requested that more statutory agencies became involved with this issue to assist those from the voluntary sector more effectively.

Angela Bailey advised members of the theft of a laptop from a children's centre. This incident proved to be a multi-agency issue as the laptop was from the NHS but the facility was a council site. The issue had been resolved but the responsibility and reporting for such instances remained unclear. Elaine Fulton advised that there was a group looking at data security issues through the Service Management Group.

7. Dates of Future Meetings

A list of dates for meetings in the 2009/10 municipal year was received for members to note in their diaries.

Meeting closed at 11.55am