

**Children's Trust Partnership  
Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 9 September 2009**

Present:	John Richards Tim Bryson	Executive Director, Children's Services (Chair) Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust
	Mahebab Ladha Brian White Margaret Lowe Robert Ferris Mandy Renton	Peterborough Racial Equality Council Head of Longthorpe Primary National Probation Service Peterborough Community Services Peterborough & Stamford Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
	Prity Patel	Chair of Peterborough Safeguarding Children's Board
	Gilmour McLaren Councillor John Holdich Angela Bailey Susie Hall Bob Footer Eric Winstone	Governor Reference Group Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and University NHS Peterborough Greater Peterborough Partnership Head of Youth Offending Service Head of Bushfield Community College
Advisors:	Stephen Sutherland Libby Walker	Children's Services Democratic Services

### 1. Introductions and Apologies

Apologies were received from Andy Hebb, Councillor Sheila Scott Denise Bangay, Beverley Jones and Phil Pike.

### 2. Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Arising

#### Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 24 June 2009 were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

#### Future organisational arrangements for Children's Health Services

This item was considered at the PCT board in private and the decision was ratified in public in September. Full endorsement in integration recognising different decisions could be made.

#### Core Business Review

The meeting regarding the core business review which was to include Vicky Kelsey, John Richards, Tim Bryson, Robert Ferris and Beverley Jones did not take place. This meeting was to be organised and discussions to be reported back to the members at the next meeting.

### 3. Report from Children's Trust Executive Group

Robert Ferris presented the Partnership Assurance Report to the board. RF had discussed the escalation from the Executive group to the Children's Trust Board as some of the Partnerships were struggling with the process. The board were concerned with the number of NEET young people, (young people not in education or employment). The figure reported was 10.4% but Bob Footer confirmed that

since the report had been published this figure had now risen to 11.3%. It was suggested that proxy indicators may need to be put in place to ensure that services continue to move in the right direction.

All partnerships now using the performance dashboard. The learning platform was going to hold the dashboard and all partners were to have access to the learning platform to ensure they can access it.

RF to review that all partnerships were using the same indicators for the RAG status to ensure that a clear reading was made.

#### **4. Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA)**

##### Outcome from Unannounced Inspection

An unannounced inspection on the referral units had taken place. The outcome stated that there were 11 strengths or satisfactory areas, 5 that needed extra attention and 2 which required priority action. The 2 which required priority action were 1) to ensure that permanent posts within the Children's Services Teams remained occupied and 2) more comprehensive reports to be provided which were to include the history of the family and chronologies.

3 members of staff have been seconded into the Referral and Assessments team and have been offered £1500 if they complete their secondment. It was expected that PCC would have a full inspection soon.

John Richards was to send out the letter regarding the outcome of the unannounced inspection to all members of the Children's Trust Board.

##### Updated Performance Profile and Key Performance Issues

Stephen Sutherland presented the updated performance profile on behalf of Marcus Richardson. The profile brought to light the main processes which Ofsted would inspect. Ofsted's bench mark would be to ensure that all children receive good or better services. Satisfactory Schools and services will only get an inspection every 3 years. It is reported that PCC improved by 4% on children receiving 5 GCSE's grade A-C. Figures from serious case reviews are not correct hopefully the correct figures would show in the next quarters report. A lot of the indicators showed the figures to be below average.

#### **5. 14-19 Education Plan**

Allison Sunley presented the 14-19 Education Plan to the board. The idea of the plan would be to improve outcomes of children between the ages of 14-19. There would now be 4 pathways for children GCSE's, Diplomas, Apprenticeships, and Foundation Learning. The report identified key directions and statutory responsibilities, PCC required to meet these expectations by 2013. The plan had already been through robust consultation and had been approved by the Youth Council to ensure young people had their view.

The report was approved by members of the board and it was decided that a review of the plan would be presented to the board annually.

#### **6. Report from PSCB**

Prity Patel, Chair of the Peterborough Safeguarding Children's Board attended the meeting to discuss the way forward for the PSCB. There would be a development day on 25 September. This would discuss what the PSCB want to do, how they want to do it and to compile an achievable action plan. Prity would like to formalise the relationship between the CTPB and PSCB by a memorandum of agreement. CTPB would send an annual report to the PSCB for scrutiny. Training would be provided to ensure that service continues to support the whole safeguarding system.

Stephen Sutherland suggested a leaflet be produced describing what the PSCB does and what the CTPB does and how they link together to ensure that services weren't confused.

Jo Bramwell to attend the next meeting to discuss the training that is provided by PSCB.

## **7. Safeguarding Employment Standards**

Debbie Brayshaw and Aisla Nicholls presented the Safeguarding employment standards document to the board. The document was aimed at ensuring that children, young people and vulnerable adults, when placed in the care of others, were treated with respect and free from all forms of abuse or mistreatment. EPM, voluntary sector, PCT and the Police had been involved in the creation of this document. Some members of the group felt that the document should be sent to many more of the voluntary sector agencies including the Vulnerable Adults Group. The board felt that this was a good document which would ensure that there were no gaps in the policies.

## **8. Family Information Service**

John Lewis to attend the next meeting to discuss the Family Information Service.

## **9. AOB**

### Young People and Cohesion

Jawaid Khan presented the board with information regarding anti social behaviour in and around the Central Ward. Jawaid reported that there had been a 40% increase in racist graffiti in the area and Police Officers were receiving abuse from young people in the area. It was felt that the violence was related to anti social behaviour and alcoholism. He also felt that there were lack of provisions to bring together the Pakistani young males and the European Counterparts. CCTV is in operation in the area and most of the anti social behaviour happens during the night. A change in the way services are supported and delivered needs to be discussed and implemented.

It was felt that a Task Force approach would be the way forward. Task Force and Andy Hebb were to be invited to the next meeting.

## **10. Date of Next Meeting**

11 November 2009, 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. in the Viersen Room, Town Hall.