

HARTLEPOOL CHILDREN'S TRUST

Minutes of Meeting held on 14th January 2010 Sir William Gray Suite, Historic Quay

PRESENT

Cllr Cath Hill (CH) (Chair)	Portfolio Holder for Children's Services
Louise Wallace (LW)	Hartlepool PCT
John Hardy (JH)	Primary Headteachers representative
Peter Clark (PC)	Job Centre Plus
Carole Langrick (CLa)	NTH NHS Foundation Trust
Dave Wise (DW)	Community Network representative
Khalid Azam (KA)	Chair of 0 – 11 Partnership
Alan White (AW) (V Chair)	Secondary Headteachers representative
Alison Mawson (AM)	Safer Hartlepool Partnership
Andy Summerbell (AS)	Hartlepool District, Cleveland Police
Cllr V Tumilty (VT)	Police Authority representative
Nicola Bailey (NB)	Child and Adult Services
Sue Johnson (SJ)	Chair of Infrastructure Group
Owen Twidale (OT)	Co - Chair of Stakeholder Group
David Clark (DC)	Co - Chair of Stakeholder Group
Cllr Chris Simmons	Representing the Chair of Children's Services Scrutiny Forum
Beth Hawkrigde (BH)	Barnardos
Jane Steel (JSt)	Deputy College representative
John Robinson	Parent Commissioner

APOLOGIES

Sam Cramond (SC)	North East Strategic Health Authority
Lucia Saiger (LS)	Teesside Probation Service
Ali Wilson (AWi)	Hartlepool PCT
Lesley Monaghan (LM)	Learning and Skills Council
Caroline O'Neill (CO)	Chair of 11 – 19 Partnership
Karl Telfer (KT)	Special School representative
Chris Livingstone (CL)	Job Centre Plus
Cllr Jane Shaw (JS)	Chair of Children's Services Scrutiny Forum

IN ATTENDANCE

Ian Merritt (IM)	Child and Adult Services
Kelly Moss (KM)	Child and Adult Services
Kay Webster (KW)	Child and Adult Services
Sam Minton	Participation Officer
Leigh Bradley (LB)	Barnardos

1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

CH welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

Apologies were noted.

2 NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record.

There were no matters arising.

3 HEALTH SERVICE BRIEFING

3a NHS Hartlepool – Khalid Azam

KA gave a presentation on the structure and role of NHS Hartlepool (Hartlepool Primary Care Trust) and; how it works with North Tees & Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust to provide community health care services to the people of Hartlepool. He highlighted the priorities that have been identified and some of the work being undertaken to address them. (Presentation attached).

Members debated the following issues:

- Teenage pregnancy
- Risk taking behaviours

John Robinson, Khalid Azam and Andy Summerbell agreed to meet to discuss how their agencies/ teams can work together to improve preventative services for vulnerable young people.

JR/KA/
AS

NB stressed the importance of listening to young people's views on the issues they face. She reported that young people from Manor College had recently attended the Teenage Pregnancy Partnership meeting and shared their experiences and ideas. NB expressed her thanks to the young people and the school for their contribution.

In relation to risk taking behaviours OT reminded members that everyone is an individual and that stereotyping young people isn't helpful. Both OT and DC highlighted the need for good quality personal and social education at all ages. AW confirmed there isn't a standard Personal Social Health Education (PSHE) curriculum.

3b Health & Wellbeing Services for Children and Young People Living in Hartlepool – Carole Langrick

CL gave a presentation on the services provided both in Hartlepool and their links to more specialist services regionally and nationally. She also provided information on the uptake of these services, and how services for children in Hartlepool and Stockton are staffed.

CL provided a range of data and highlighted those which linked in with the issues debated during the previous presentation For example: the initiation of breastfeeding; smoking and alcohol consumption during pregnancy. It was agreed that these issues are linked to life style choices. Members briefly discussed how young people can be encouraged to make positive choices.

AS asked if it is possible to map the health data by ward. CL replied it is possible to break the health data into wards.

CS asked how much information is shared by agencies. NB responded that in relation to child protection cases or children thought to be at risk, appropriate information is shared.

4 STAKEHOLDER GROUP PRESENTATION

BH gave a presentation outlining the background to the Stakeholder Group, the current profile of the group and the proposed way forward.

The presentation engendered a debate on how to develop better interaction with young people who do not as a matter of course engage with the formal clubs and groups.

The following suggestions where made:

- Engage with School Councils;
- Work with Head teachers to identify Young People who would welcome the opportunity to have their say on topics of specific interest to them;
- Link into the work undertaken by those working with the young people known to the FAST team, Night Bus and other outreach services;
- Raise awareness among young people that they can feed into the work of the Trust through a variety of ways e.g. through their school councils.

5 CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SUBSTANCE MISUSE ASSESSMENT

JR presented a report highlighting the key issues facing the Trust Board in the delivery of substance misuse services for young people. He asked members to approve the recommendations of the report.

Following a brief discussion all recommendations where approved.

6 FUEL POVERTY

LW gave a presentation on issues relating to fuel poverty and the work being undertaken in Hartlepool to further understand the issues and how problems already identified are being addressed. (Presentation attached).

A question and answer session followed. Members agreed to encourage their agencies to support the work being undertaken.

7 RESPONSE TO CHILDREN’S TRUST GUIDANCE CONSULTATION

IM presented the Draft response to the DCSF consultation on New Statutory Children’s Trust Guidance and New Children and Young People’s Plan Regulations.

Members approved the response for submission to the DCSF. IM to forward on behalf of the Children’s Trust.

IM

8 LEARNING DIFFICULTIES & DISABILITIES PLAN

SJ explained the background to the Learning Difficulties and Disabilities Plan.

It was agreed to endorse the Strategy and Action Plan.

9 OUTCOME OF YOUTH SERVICE Ofsted INSPECTION

SJ asked members to note the outcome of the Ofsted inspection of integrated youth support in Hartlepool.

She explained the rating system, and reported that although the overall rating for Hartlepool is good, Ofsted had rated young people’s active involvement in decision making at a local level in Hartlepool is outstanding.

CH congratulated everyone on the result of the inspection and thanked them for their commitment and hard work.

10 OUTCOME OF COMPREHENSIVE AREA ASSESSMENT

SJ presented the Comprehensive Area Assessment results for Hartlepool.

She asked members to note the content of the Ofsted of report (previously circulated).

11 UPDATE ON CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE’S PLAN REVIEW

KM reported that the review is going well. She informed members that the deadline for Outcome Leads to submit their changes/ updates is the 15th January 2010 and asked that any one wishing to contribute to the review to forward their information to her as soon as possible.

All

12 UPDATE ON JOINT DEVELOPMENT DAY

IM confirmed that the Children’s Trust Development Day had been postponed to 10th March 2010. He reported that it is not been possible to facilitate the day from neighbouring local authorities and alternatives were being investigated.

Actions

IM agreed to distribute further information about the day in due course.

IM

IM also reported that a date is also being sought (early June) to hold a Joint Development Day for members of the Children's Trust, Hartlepool Safeguarding Children Board, and the Safer Hartlepool Partnership.

13 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Louise Wallace reported that Hartlepool is to receive a visit by the national Childhood Obesity Support Team in March. Hartlepool has had previous experience of such visits including one on teenage pregnancy which was helpful.

This is a valuable opportunity and Louise Wallace urged partners to participate positively with this

- b) NB presented the 14 – 19 partnership's request that a member of the Trust Board attend their meetings. It was agreed that Ian Merritt would attend on behalf of the Trust.

14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

25th February 2010, 3.30 – 5.30 p.m, Sir William Gray Suite, Historic Quay