

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S TRUST BOARD
9th March, 2011

Present:- Councillor Lakin (in the Chair); Gill Alton, Jackie Bird, Alan Hazell, Martin Kimber, David Polkinghorn, John Radford, S. Skalycz, Joyce Thacker, Richard Tweed, Janet Wheatley and Sarah Whittle.

In attendance: Clare Burton, John Lambert, Dorothy Smith, Julie Westwood and Howard Woolfenden.

Apologies for absence were received from Christine Boswell, Andy Buck, Tom Cray, Brian James and Shona Mcfarlane.

D63. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 19TH JANUARY, 2011

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th January, 2011 were approved as a correct record.

D64. ISSUES AND CONCERNS:-

NHS

Sarah Whittle reported that Andy Buck had been appointed the Cluster Chief Executive.

SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

Richard Tweed reported the outcome of Operation Chard.

PARENT AND CARER FORUM

Joyce Thacker reported on expanding links with the Parent and Carer Forum.

CONSULTATION

Councillor Lakin indicated that this Board would feed into the consultation on Children's Cardiology Services.

D65. TRANSFORMING ROTHERHAM LEARNING

Dorothy Smith, Senior Director, Schools and Lifelong Learning, gave a brief introduction and background to Transform Rotherham Learning and John Lambert, Consultant Headteacher, gave a presentation on Transforming Rotherham Learning which drew attention to:-

- Children and Young People's Plan 2010-2013.
- Our defining principles.
- Transforming Rotherham Learning.
- The Think Family Framework.
- Better Together Leadership Programme.
- What a typical Learning Community looks like.
- What a Learning Community Response looks like.
- Examples of Collaborative Structures

- Our Current Reality.
- Critical Leadership Features: Effective leadership of multi-agency practice within Learning communities

Discussion and a question and answer session ensued and the following issues were covered:-

- implementation, management and organisation
- need to develop, but not risk losing what we are good at
- system fragmentation concerns and need to ensure the result was not fourteen 'silos'
- measuring outcomes and need to be mindful of the global community around the learning community
- essential not to concentrate on the breadth of activity at the expense of the main purpose of driving up attainment

Agreed:- That John Lambert be thanked for his informative presentation.

D66. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S POLICY AND COMMISSIONING ISSUES

Consideration was given to a report presented by Joyce Thacker, Strategic Director, Children and Young People's Services, which had been previously discussed at the Executive Group to identify current work around a whole range of strategic issues impacting on children and young people in Rotherham. The report set out specific information relating to:-

- Child Poverty.
- Prevention and Early Intervention.
- Looked After Children.
- 100 Families Approach.

It was felt that the Prevention and Early Intervention Strategy, launched last April, was key to ensuring that many of the issues were addressed. Recent discussions within the LSP to merge this strategy with the Child Poverty Strategy and refresh the whole approach, together with implementing a 100 Families approach focusing initially on a Family Recovery model, were seen as key developments.

It was pointed out that this was not to be an additional resource but would be a better targeting of families already consuming resources, achieving better outcomes for them and reducing resource consumption, thereby freeing up more resources universally.

The Executive Group had been supportive of the 100 Families approach and the merging of the Prevention and Early Intervention Strategy with the Child Poverty Strategy.

Agreed:- (1) That the information, particularly regarding the local work being undertaken, be noted.

(2) That the proposals to merge the Prevention and Early Intervention Strategy with the Child Poverty Strategy be supported and progressed accordingly.

(3) That the proposal to undertake the 100 Families approach be supported and progressed accordingly.

D67. ROTHERHAM CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S TRUST BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2009/2010

Consideration was given to the annual report presented by Julie Westwood, Director of Resources, Planning and Performance, which detailed how the Rotherham's Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) formed the single strategic direction for the service delivery of the Every Child Matters Outcomes, across the partnership. This had been endorsed by the Children and Young People's Trust Board in the past and quarterly progress had been reported.

Following extensive consultation during 2009/10 a new Children and Young People's Plan was produced covering priorities and planned activity for 2010 to 2013.

The Trust Board monitored progress through either individual or themed reports that were made against Priorities and Areas of Focus.

The submitted report summarised the work of the Children and Young People's Trust Board during 2010 and had been reproduced in the format of a draft Annual Report. Options for publication of the Annual Report were:-

- In house in PDF format with a "glossy" front cover, and published on the website, with no cost implication (Option A)
- In a more professional looking document with photographs inside and produced by the Design Studio. This option would cost between £200 and £300 (Option B).

Discussion and a question and answer session ensued and the following issues were covered:-

- report structure, style, format and content
- audience for the report
- deadline for feedback
- need for an executive summary and clear recommendation

Agreed:- (1) That the draft Annual Report be considered further at the joint meeting of this Board and the Safeguarding Board schedule for 21st March, 2011.

(2) That any comments be forwarded to Clare Burton by noon on Wednesday, 16th March, 2011.

(3) That this Board considers that the publication of the final Annual Report should be web based.

D68. COMMISSIONING PLAN FOR KEEPING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SAFE

Consideration was given to a report presented by Clare Burton, Operational Commissioner, which set out details of how a commissioning plan was required for each of the four 'Big Things' in the Children and Young People's Plan.

This Commissioning Plan highlighted the outcomes that the Children and Young People's Trust Board were proposing as key outcomes that should be delivered through partnership working and would be monitored through the Children and Young People's Trust Board.

These outcomes were identified following a 'Commissioning for Outcomes' Workshop with the Children and Young People's Trust Board on the 19th January, 2011.

Discussion and a question and answer session ensued and the following issues were covered:-

- need to consider e-safety, children missing education, alcohol harm, drugs harm
- need to look at the work of the Local Safeguarding Children Board to avoid duplication of effort
- need to liaise with other groups e.g. the Safer Rotherham Partnership regarding work and statistics
- importance of the outcomes in that was what would be commissioned against
- outcomes seen as operational and potential need to identify a strategic outcome(s) and use commissioning to drive step change. Seen as a good opportunity to work differently

Agreed:- That this matter be considered further after the joint meeting with the Safeguarding Board on 21st March, 2011 with a view to identifying one strategic outcome and commissioning practices to drive step change.

D69. LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2010/2011

Consideration was given to the annual report presented by Alan Hazell, Independent Chair of the Rotherham Local Safeguarding Children Board, which provided details of how, in the past year, Rotherham's Local Safeguarding Children Board had strengthened its partnership and governance arrangements, building capacity to improve future outcomes for children and young people of Rotherham.

It had a new relationship arrangement with Rotherham's Children and Young People's Trust Board, providing improved mutual feedback and accountability on the effectiveness of services to children, young people and their families. This was in the context of Rotherham Children's Services now being judged to be performing "adequately" for safeguarding children and a demonstrable improvement such that the formal intervention of the Department for Education had now been lifted. The Ofsted inspection of Safeguarding and Looked after Children in 2010 appraised the Board as providing effective governance and leadership for its work, providing a good balance of support and challenge to partner agencies.

The Board continued to collaborate productively with the voluntary and community sector, schools and some faith groups, but had further work to do consulting with children, young people and their communities. The Board welcomed the inclusion to its membership of three Lay Members and it was anticipated that they would add real value to this and other areas of work of the Board.

The deadline for publication was 31st March, 2011.

Agreed:- That the contents of the Local Safeguarding Children Board Draft Annual report 2010/11 be approved and published accordingly.

D70. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES PERFORMANCE INDICATOR REPORT 2010/2011 - QUARTER 3

Consideration was given to the submitted report which outlined performance at the end of 2010/11 Quarter three against targets, with direction of travel against previous year's performance and comparisons with statistical neighbour and national data.

Attention was drawn to the 'Performance Assessment by Every Child Matters Outcome' which provided details of performance by each Every Child Matters theme including:-

- Performance against targets (Comparing performance against set targets).
- Direction of travel analysis (Comparing 2010/11 quarter 3 performance to 2010/11 quarter 2 performance).
- Year to Date Performance (Judged by corporate monitoring system Performance Plus).
- Performance against Statistical Neighbours average.
- Performance against National average.
- Areas of Success.
- Areas of Under-performance.

Full details of the performance and commentary at indicator level were provided as part of the report, which was referenced throughout the Performance Assessment.

Agreed:- That the Performance Report be received and the performance noted.

D71. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROTHERHAM LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN'S BOARD (ROTHERHAM LSCB)

Agreed:- That the minutes of the Rotherham Local Safeguarding Children's Board held on 20th December, 2010 be noted.

D72. CHILD DEATH REVIEWS

Consideration was given to a report presented by Dr. John Radford, Director of Public Health, which detailed the second year of work for the Child Death Overview Panel. Inevitably, all deaths during the year had not yet been reviewed as the Panel awaited the results of the Coroner's Inquest. In other cases the Panel had sought additional information from agencies involved to help it to reach a decision. The underlying message was that Rotherham was a safe place to have a baby.

Agreed:- (1) That the progress towards reducing avoidable infant mortality in Rotherham be noted.

(2) That NHS Rotherham approach Sheffield Children's Hospital to make outreach cardiac echo available in Rotherham.

(3) That the Rotherham Safe Sleeping Policy form the basis for multi-agency training.

(4) That the risk assessment tool, as now submitted, be utilised in identifying risks due to a complex mix of environmental and parental factors.

(5) That Vitamin D supplementation should be given, as a matter of routine, to all pregnant mothers and babies with a dark skin colour.

D73. JULIE WESTWOOD

The Chairman reported that this was Julie's last meeting of the Board pending her retirement from the Council.

The Board placed on record its thanks to Julie for her services to the Board and Children and Young People's Services and wished her all the very best for the future.

D74. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING - 18TH MAY, 2011 AT 4.00 P.M.

Agreed:- That the next meeting of this Board take place on Wednesday, 18th May, 2011 at 4.00 p.m.