

## DEVON CHILDREN'S TRUST – BOARD MEETING

25 September 2008

### Present

#### Board Members

Mary Nisbett (Independent Chair)  
Nicola Bulbeck (District Councils)  
Heather Colbeck (Voluntary Sector Early Years)  
Councillor Alan Connett (District Councils)  
Nick Creasy (Vol Sector Youth Services for Kathy Beechen)  
Dr Stella Imong (Clinician nominated by Devon PCT)  
Bruce Pollit (DAG)  
Debbie Pritchard (Children's Trust Programme Director)  
Dr Chris Roberts (Learning and Skills Council)  
Councillor Marguerite Shapland (Non-Executive Director, Devon PCT)  
David Tall (Devon Association of Governors)  
Councillor Brenda Taylor (Executive Support Member - Social Care)  
Jo Tennant (Devon and Cornwall Constabulary)  
Councillor Nick Way (Executive Support Member, Schools, DCC)  
Anne Whiteley (Director of Children and Young People's Services, DCC)

### Also Present

Chris Dimmelow (CYPS Safeguarding Manager)  
Penny Mathers (GOSW)  
Gerry Rufolo (Committee Secretariat, DCC)  
Claire Wright (Lead Officer on Positive Perceptions Campaign)

### Apologies

Kathy Beechen (Voluntary Sector – Youth Services)  
Gary Ferrand (Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue)  
Jeanette Kemlo (Parent Carer)  
Phil Norrey (DCC Chief Executive)  
Virginia Pearson (Director of Public Health, Devon PCT)  
Jenny Rudge (Connexions SW)  
Kevin Snee (PCT)  
Dr Alyson Sheldrake (CoE Diocese)  
Councillor John Smith (Executive Member Devon County Council)  
Jennifer Winslade (Clinician appointed by Devon PCT)  
Alan Wooderson (LSCB)  
Eelke Zoestbergen (Devon and Cornwall Police Authority)

## 63 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10 July 2008 were signed as a correct record.

64 National Consultations

The Board received a paper by Debbie Pritchard on current national negotiations on: Children's Trust Legislative Options; Proposals for Revisions to Legislation for Schools Causing Concern; and Draft Guidance for Schools on their Role in Promoting Well Being. The deadlines for responses had been July and 26 September 2008.

Many aspects of the consultation proposals for the Children's Trust were already in practice or on track in Devon. The paper also included the responses on consultation on legislation made by Connexions and the County Council and the Council's draft feedback with regard to schools causing concern and on promoting pupil well being.

The Board discussed options for responding to future consultations and agreed that if time permitted small sub groups should be convened to draft a response on behalf of the Trust for approval by the Board.

65 Devon Local Safeguarding Children's Board (DLSCB) Relationship Protocol with the Devon Children's Trust

The Board considered a paper by Chris Dimmelow (CYPS Safeguarding Manager) on the role and responsibilities of the DLSCB and its relationship with the Children's Trust. The DLSCB's wider goal was to help ensure the effectiveness of arrangements of the individual agencies and the wider Children's Trust partnership to improve the wellbeing of all children in Devon.

The Board discussed the various responsibilities and roles as detailed in the paper and emphasised the need for clarity about each other's role, avoidance of duplication, and effective joint working within consistent policies and protocols. Whilst noting there was inevitable cross representation an independent Chairman had been appointed - Alan Wooderson - who as a member of this CT Board would be able to make regular updates of DLSCB activities and progress. However, overall responsibility for promoting children's well being lies with the County Council's CYPS Executive Director and Executive Member.

Arising on a suggestion from Nicola Bulbeck the Board requested that a structure chart be drafted to show the relationships between the various agencies/boards involved, with glossaries and reference to key documents.

(Note: the Devon Education Forum Organisational Chart could be used as a template for this).

The Board agreed the protocol outlined in the paper.

66 Positive Perception of Young People Campaign

The Board received a presentation by Claire Wright (CT Communications Officer) on a proposed county wide campaign, which had been suggested

following consultation through the Youth Parliament and other youth participation events, to be launched. The local press and broadcasting media who have been positive about young people would be approached as they had been supportive of a recent Prince's Trust campaign.

Members commended the draft posters and asked that consideration be given to the logo used so that the partnership was clear although due note was made of the agreed branding protocol. Members also emphasised the need for authenticity (real people, not models) and including true biographies, otherwise credibility would be lost. Jo Tennant also referred to the role of the local Partner and Community Together (PACT) meetings in helping dispel stereotypes and fear of crime and how they could help the campaign.

Members were invited to make any other suggestions about the campaign to Claire Wright directly.

#### 67 Development of Children's Trust Board Governance Arrangements

The Board received a paper by Debbie Pritchard on proposed governance arrangements involving members, themed agendas for future meetings and for sharing of information from the CT Executive.

The Board agreed that:

- (a) each member be requested to state a preference for a particular area of interest as a link representative (key priorities listed in appendix A to the report);
- (b) a programme of themed discussions be agreed; and
- (c) that the operation be reviewed in 2009.

#### 68 Any Other Business:

##### (a) PCT Consultation with Young People: Hear by Right

Marguerite Shapland reported on the PCT Children and Young People Involvement Policy In accordance with the Hear by Right agenda. The Board received a draft poster designed by and for young people on what the PCT does, its standards and involvement with young people and to the need for their views to be received and valued.

The Board welcomed the policy and poster format and noted that a CYPP Project on involvement of Young People would be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

##### (b) Learn to Live Campaign: 16 October University of Exeter

Jo Tennant reported on this event for 16 -19 year olds learning to drive or recently qualified. Speakers included police, fire, para medics, hospital

consultants, victims and offenders giving their real life, hard hitting experiences of road traffic collisions, and serious injury/fatalities involving young people.

Members of the Board were invited to attend.

69 Meetings: 2008/09

The Board noted the date of the next meeting: 13 November at 11.30 am to be followed by a buffet lunch.

It was agreed that, after the November, future meetings should start at 10 am and that future dates should not use the same day of the week every time in order to maximise attendance. Proposed dates for 2008/09 would be circulated to members prior the next meeting for feedback.

70 Teenage Pregnancy

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business in accordance with Section 36 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, by virtue of the fact that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

The Board received a paper by the Devon PCT presented by Steve Brown (PCT Assistant Director of Public Health) on national targets for the reduction of teenage pregnancies and Devon's progress. The paper also outlined the services available for young people and the proposed action plan process being developed by a multi agency Devon Teenage Pregnancy Board.

Updates on the Board and its work and proposed action plans would be given at the next meeting of the Board.

The meeting started at 11.30 am and finished at 1.30 pm