

Notes of meeting

CHAIR:	Pete Squire (PS)
MEETING:	AXS Programme Board
DATE:	1 st June 2009
VENUE:	Larkbeare House, Exeter.
ATTENDEES:	John Davey (JD), Paul Jones (PJ), Heather Colbeck (HC), Tim Leishman (TL) Dave Roberts (DR), Mark Juby (MJ), Claire Bailey (CB), Steve Beatty (SB), Henrietta Ireland (HR)
APOLOGIES:	Dave Simpkins (DS), John Vellacott (JV), Miles Hapgood (MH) Val Smith (VS), Sue McGrath (SM), John Shaw (JS), Dillon Hughes (DH),
GUESTS:	Local Children's Trust (LCT) representatives - Mike Stevens (MS), Melissa Filby (MF), Lisa Rutter (LR) Helen Hulme (HH), Cllr John Baverstock (JB),

ITEM	DETAIL	ACTION/BY WHOM
Minutes and Matters Arising	<p>DAPH engagement to be first or second week of October.</p> <p>Online toolkit and Information sharing activity to be included on the DAPH and DASH websites.</p> <p>The end of June is when a performance report is being completed and sent to CWDC. Contributions to include Informal feedback and formal feedback from primary schools amongst other sources.</p>	
Update from Chair	From today (1 st June) children's services are open to unannounced inspections from Ofsted.	
ContactPoint Headlines (Paper)	<p>Some points to note include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Internal policy signed off b. Schools have a concern over how training will be performed and how staff will be funded for backfilling c. Clarity of the users needed 	Request that the LCTs receive sight of the policy /TL

	d. Communications that there will be a managed roll out would be a sensible idea	
Information Sharing (Verbal)	<p>An overview on the progress of the information sharing project was shared with the group and sample packs of the materials to be sent to all staff handed around.</p> <p>The audit performed by each service against a set of agreed standards has teased out some themes requiring attention. Whilst there is a multi agency training requirement needed it is important to note that at this time the plan is to bundle this in with ContactPoint courses as a pre-requisite if necessary.</p>	
Workshop	<p>PS presented to the group an outline of Early Response and Further Response Services (ERS and FRS) and some options of the functions they will perform. This was to set the framework for the workshop. Some points to note included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Some of the figures were out of date b. IYSDS (Integrated Youth Support and development Services) is the new title for IYSS. c. This is a new function for the LTCs d. Confusion/clarity required on Local Learning Communities, AXS Clusters, LCT boundaries. There is a danger of mis-information. e. A first draft of pathway mapping alignment is planned for completion by the end of June. <p>Feedback from the break out sessions included.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The concept of managed networks could be perceived as a means to make up the current shortfalls in existing service provision. b. A question that this could mean dismantling existing partnership working arrangements that are working well. c. There was a general view that the triage model is a sound idea in principle. d. There was much discussion around the governance question. One area of concern was employment legalities. A recent example of difficult employment and management arrangements is the inconsistent way in which the Parent Support Advisor roles have unfolded. 	

	<p>There re key lessons to be learnt here.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> e. Also in the context of governance there was a general view that a co-opting process will be preferred to a secondment process. f. Current progress in setting up Local Children’s Trusts with a commissioning function is taking one path and the local governance arrangement discussed at the workshop has the potential for taking another path. g. It was recognised that a cohort of staff are working in a co-opted way already and they will see minimal change. h. It was noted that the over-arching management of cases is the principle of this working model, not the development of another team. i. There may be some value in referring to the statutory Child Protection conference model to take build on proven principles j. In this current climate there is likely to be ongoing difficulty in retaining and recruiting staff. k. It would be advantageous to base staffing re-modelling on current integrated working practice and Devon are contributing to a national evaluation being run by the Local Authority Research consortium (LARC). This will provide workload shift data for those engaged in the CAF process across the county across services. l. It was raised that the core work of front line staff will, over time, be generated by the CAF process. m. Gaps in service provision should be filled first n. The LCT representatives were asked to contribute to the early thinking of local structures during this workshop and there was a general view that this needs a more formal and structured consultation process to ensure a consistent and thought through response. o. It was suggested that the communications to the LCT’s needs to be through the LCT Chair meetings to ensure consistency. p. It was recognised that the Voluntary sector providers vary in size and this will need to be 	
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Next meeting	Scheduled for 13 th July in the Castle Drogo Room at Larkbeare.	

Tim Leishman 03/07/09