

**Children's Trust Partnership Council
Tuesday 12th January 2010 at County Hall**

Present: Mary Nisbett (Chair), Debbie Pritchard, Rory McCallum, John Bunting, Will Fitzgerald, Tim Tod, Mark Goodman, Becky Carmichael, Alison Lewis-Smith (for Miles Hapgood), Jim Meakin, John Davey, Anna Ladbrook, Nick Burke, James Hannaford, Ian Simmins, Lisa Rutter, Sue Parr	
Apologies: Anne Whiteley, Judith Johnson, Andrew Lovett, Dave Strudwick, Jeanette Kemlo, Jennifer Winslade, Karen Nolan, Hazel Ball, Pam Barnard, Marguerite Shapland, Frances Lowery, Tom McCulloch, Bruce Pollit, Melissa Filby, David Fitzsimmons, Gina Skipwith, Pene Prior, Heather Colbeck	
In Attendance: Heidi Watson-Jones, Babs Tolley, Keith Lewis & Gemma Hobson (item 3) Ana Simons (item 5)	
	Action
1. Mary Nisbett welcomed the group and introductions were made.	
2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising The minutes were agreed as true record once agreed John Bunting was present at last meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IYSDS plan to be circulated to LCT chairs – J Davey to check this has been done. • RM to circulate Child protection / safeguarding training details • Funding for Children's Trusts and CYPP – document now published. Nicky Allen to attend March meeting. • Training for members – dates being arranged • Theme discussion on Poverty – wider strategic partnership interest being considered: more detailed work by sub-group in preparation. 	JD RM HWJ
3. Needs Assessment Thanks extended to Gemma and Keith for work involved in the Needs Assessment document. Must ensure that the document is now developed and used to assist priority setting, focus activity and change. Further considerations discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voice of children and young people should be included to add to the intelligence within the document. • 'Localisation' of data to ward level would be useful. Drilling down of majority of data is achievable. GOSW reference at last meeting at Cornwall's 'street by street' information. Local picture for each LCT would be useful. • Further co-operation between agencies would aid the drill-down. Discussed looking differently at data available to answer questions and enable predictive intervention (e.g. teenage parents identified as pupils at specific primary schools) • Issues raised on link between areas of multiple deprivation and LLCs, as some children live in a different area to where they live. • Flagging of local issues directly from the lead agency, when identified, to the Local Children's Trust would be very helpful. Local intelligence is key to turning the data into a useful tool. 	

Public Health Annual Report 2009:

Becky Carmichael explained that the report considers links between health and deprivation indicators. Strong focus on issues relating to children and young people.

Emotional health and wellbeing theme runs throughout the document. Noted that next year's report will focus entirely on mental health & wellbeing and the links between child and adult mental health.

Feedback from Group discussions:

- This is a strategic commissioning document; how is it applied locally to make sense – resourcing etc. Sparsity will lead to different models being used in different areas (rural v. urban). Would be helpful to take a few key indicators to focus on which will be key for targeted effort and priority e.g. provision of youth service. Looking wider can take up too much time without gain.
- There are concerns about adding further to already comprehensive data set. Know where the 'hotspots' are: Teenage Pregnancy, Child Protection, Children in Care are key indicators linking to Stay Safe agenda. Good parenting makes the best difference to children and young people. Parenting Support important. Huge resource available across the partnership for family support which might be more effective if used and accessed differently by targeted families. Differing agency structures make this difficult. Need a detailed map of how pathway works and what resources are available locally to manage need.
- Difficult to determine how to measure 'enjoy' so continued focus on achievement. Vulnerable groups not achieving as well as their peers, however some groups are achieving above Devon average. More detailed information would be useful about the most vulnerable, lowest achievers, and locality level. Context could be added to descriptors to improve understanding. Higher achieving schools can often have high migration, creating a mis-match between home and school locations for indicators. How could local practitioners feed information about the family into the data system? Descriptors on BME needed clarification for collection and presentation to be more useful.
- Concern that Making a Positive Contribution was a 'catch all' for a wide range of services, mainly with data from youth service. Voluntary sector and Fire Service particularly missing. Would be more useful in locality level. Further review needed to create more positive, rather than negative outcomes. Further links to preventative services, such as youth inclusion, extra curricular and Young Devon activities would be useful.

Action: A strategic approach to aspiration and expectation now needs to be undertaken to ensure that intervention can be targeted to make a change. Repeated data analysis alone cannot change the outcomes locally. Must identify data to represent the enjoyment aspect and challenge ourselves to collect it. Small task and finish group to look at

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<p>this data collection aspect. TT & GH to take forward.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achieve Economic Wellbeing: what is out there? Economy & Europe input at recent conference which could translate into Children's Trust considerations. Generational issues, Teenage Pregnancy, Unemployment. What can we do together to make a change e.g. Torbay TP / primary school link, generational unemployment links. Use benefits take-up campaign & consider how this can be taken further in other areas. What forms of investment enable people to gain <i>and keep</i> employment. Parallel working across agencies e.g. Newton Abbot has huge resource, but further coordination required. Further integration of agencies needed to prevent individuals dealing with whole range of provider services. <p>Task & Finish group to look at further data and how this is taken forward at LCTs and elsewhere. Need to determine how this can make a difference. Feedback to Children's Trust Board.</p>	<p>TT & GH plus volunteers</p>
<p>4. MASH – Multi agency safeguarding hub</p> <p>Rory summarized the initiative to coordinate intelligence held by Social Care, Police, Devon Partnership Trust (DPT) and Probation initially to make informed decisions on intervention when a concern is logged for a particular family or individual. Hub will be a sterile environment where information can be shared confidentially and confidently to ensure best decisions are made.</p> <p>1st April will see the launch of a wider application. Fire Service interested in linking in. Noted some complications over Torbay coverage. MASH will evolve and develop over time.</p> <p>Concerns were raised about management of screening of referrals, professional supervision and cultural differences within partnership. Confirmed that LSCB has approved the development of the MASH. Hub will not replace multi-agency working and role of the lead professional. Main aim will be freer flow of information to relevant professionals. Decisions will continue to be made in a multi-agency way on how best to respond to individual calls.</p> <p>Importance of public confidence should not be underestimated, and sensitive marketing must be taken into account: the main outcome of MASH must be better decision making. Reputation of the partnership important – need to own its decisions on needs and risk and not have families referred and re-referred across partner agencies individually.</p> <p>Area managers will be involved in identifying a lead professional in the CAF process, and engaging the families on a voluntary basis. Regular updates to be received at CTPC. Felt that this was a real step forward in sharing of information.</p>	

<p>5. Workforce Strategy (MARS) Ana Simons presented the update on the workforce strategy. Looking to be a 'world class workforce'. (see powerpoint presentation)</p> <p>Ana to discuss with all Local Children's Trust groups. Steering group will meet regularly with links to the Children's Trust Workforce Strategy Commissioning Board.</p> <p>Very pleased with the direction of travel and achievements over the last twelve months.</p>	
<p>6. Children in Care (MARS) Service engaged in detailed plan of how to move from Good to Outstanding.</p> <p>Key issues –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note slight reduction in CiC achieving 5 A*-C GCSE incl. English and Maths. This is a new indicator. • Increasing placement stability pressures as high number of teens in care population. Close links with Districts for housing protocols around Southwark judgement. • Good progress, however focus remains on key areas. <p>Need to see links to personal and sexual health education with this vulnerable group. CiC population is growing, especially in younger teenage range. Wider cross-referencing, with SPAR.net included at next report, across whole children in care plan.</p>	RM
<p>7. Children's Trust Statutory Guidance – draft response to consultation Additional comments or questions to be directed to Debbie Pritchard for inclusion in the final draft. Noted helpful diagram on p.74 of full document.</p>	All
<p>8. Local Children's Trust Updates: <u>Teignbridge</u> – ongoing difficulties with procurement process for Parenting where successful bidder had withdrawn. Personalised Learning: contractual complexities prolonging process. Useful learning curve for procurement process. TP sub-group to meet soon which will hopefully address some ongoing multi-agency communications issues.</p>	
<p>Next meeting: 9 February 2010 – Westbank Centre. Full day event to consider self assessment.</p>	