

**Children's Trust Partnership Council
Tuesday 14 July 2009 at County Hall**

Present: Anne Whiteley; John Bunting (Vice Chair); Judith Johnson; Debbie Pritchard; Ian Simmins; Pam Barnard; Melissa Filby; Karen Nolan; Inspector Steve Beety (representing Supt. John Vellacott); Lisa Rutter; John Davey; Jacqui Warne; Bruce Pollitt; Gina Skipwith; Frances Lowery; Will Fitzgerald; Mark Goodman (left after Item 3); Tim Tod; Sara Gibbs.
Apologies: Nick Payne; Gwen Pearson; Jeanette Kemlo; Rory McCallum; Hazel Ball; Jenny Winslade; Tom McCulloch; Ian Tearle; John Vellacott; Mary Nisbett.
In Attendance: Babs Tolley; Rachel Henderson (Item 3).

	Action
<p>John Bunting (Vice Chair) welcomed all to the meeting and introductions were made.</p> <p>Minutes of the previous meeting – 16/06/09 <i>Agreed with the following amendments</i></p> <p>The meeting minutes should be entitled Children's Trust Partnership Council not Executive Committee.</p> <p>Pam Barnard should be shown as attending.</p>	<p>Babs Tolley</p>
<p>Inspection – Verbal Update</p> <p>Anne Whiteley updated the meeting following the Ofsted Inspection. The field work had finished on Friday with a feedback session with the Ofsted inspectors.</p> <p>This process presented both depth and challenge. Devon and Staffordshire were the first two authorities to be inspected under the new framework.</p> <p>Thanks were conveyed to everybody who contributed. This involved over 200 professionals and over 70 children, young people, parents and carers. In addition to the inspection the inspector attended the Devon Action for Youth awards which she found very impressive.</p> <p>The inspection took four weeks starting with a 'standing start' with a letter from Ofsted which arrived during the new members induction.</p> <p>During the first week, over 1,000 documents were provided to the inspectors and 900 surveys being distributed. The process was made more complicated with four changes of inspectors and the consequential changes in style of inspection.</p> <p>Judgements are still being validated but inspectors fed back:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No unsafe practice found. • Devon was felt to be child centered (passionate). • The inspectors were impressed by the transparency and openness within the county. <p>An email sent to CYPS staff will be circulated (copy attached).</p>	<p>Babs Tolley</p>

<p>The criteria and some processes can be used as a platform for future improvement.</p> <p>The bar has been raised including for equality and diversity. Equality and Diversity issues to next Board.</p> <p>Anne Whiteley conveyed particular thanks to the schools involved.</p> <p>Miles Hapgood reported the secondary care section of the Ofsted inspection will be covered by an individual report by the Care Quality Commission later.</p> <p>The letter half way through the process was felt to be helpful and the ability to access documents easily should not be lost following this process (copy attached).</p> <p>The meeting would like to explore how we know how Children and Young People feel about safeguarding.</p>	<p>Debbie Pritchard Jeannie Lynch</p> <p>Babs Tolley</p> <p>Theme of future meeting</p>
<p>Participation</p> <p>Rachel Henderson presented an activity following on from an external evaluation of work over the past two years.</p> <p>This work will be taken away and put into a more structured format, emailed to the group who will be asked for continuing feedback to input on the resources required.</p> <p>Will Fitzgerald requested guidance on how local children's trusts engage young people ensuring that this is not just a tokenistic exercise. Rachel Henderson said that her team will give further assistance with this.</p> <p>Agreed: future agenda item for Local Children's Trust Chairs.</p> <p>Jacqui Warne advised that every child in her school had completed Person Centered Planning and colleagues were welcome to come and observe.</p> <p>A paper to be prepared for the September meeting.</p>	<p>Rachel Henderson / Babs Tolley</p> <p>Babs Tolley</p> <p>Jacqui Warne</p> <p>Rachel Henderson</p>
<p>Equality and Diversity</p> <p>The Ofsted inspection reinforced the importance of equality and diversity across all our work. The recommendations were agreed and volunteers for a scoping exercise volunteered.</p> <p>The meeting highlighted the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comparative statistics should be made available including with statistical neighbours with and all partners contribution to the available statistics. • Need for clarity in aims in 6 areas mentioned. • The issue of rurality should be added. • Children with additional needs should be included. • Relevance should be given to the whole range of 	<p>Judith Johnson; Debbie Pritchard; Sara Gibbs; Will Fitzgerald.</p>

<p>diversity not just ethnicity.</p> <p>It was noted that at present there are no allocated resources available for this work.</p> <p>It was felt that it may be useful to involve representatives of the groups affected. Proposal to come to October meeting.</p>	<p>Jacqui Warne</p>
<p>CYPP Implementation</p> <p>Previously we had agreed to take the refresh of the plan to the Board this month but due to the Ofsted inspection, the timescale had slipped. Therefore this item will return to the meeting in the Autumn term.</p> <p>The meeting agreed the recommendation.</p> <p>Recommendation: that consideration will be given to support the steps outlined in the paper including the future monitoring, analysis and reporting schedule (MARS).</p> <p>To be added to forward planner.</p>	<p>Debbie Pritchard</p> <p>Babs Tolley</p>
<p>Delivery Plans</p> <p>The meeting split into groups to look at the delivery plans and gave the following feedback with more detailed feedback to the Lead Officers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reducing Bullying Overarching comments – very detailed and comprehensive. One significant gap – little or no evidence of non-minority groups. ○ Things to do – (<i>what has happened to Places to go, someone to talk to</i>) Overarching comments – needs more structure – inclusion of key headings and description. Needs to include the 3rd Sector offer. ○ Improving life for Children in Care No sign of equality and diversity. How will we measure – where are we now? ○ Improving Housing – Realistic timescales? Concise document ○ Achieve Economic Wellbeing – Not able to review – Lack of information Is this due to the cross-agency need for this plan? Query the format. ○ Be Healthy – Document accepted. Aspirational targets, costed explicit resources, links to other CT organisations. Existing resources – e.g. midwifery. What is above and beyond day job? ○ Supporting and working with parents Clarity of language – too much jargon too many ‘Three 	

<p>Letter Acronyms' Link equality and diversity with safeguarding to tie all streams together.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Joint Commissioning General view is that the plan should first outline the process and functions of the Commissioning team and process monitoring. No objectives. Commissioning covered in other plans – why is this commissioning in separate plans. ○ Reducing Poverty Aspiration appropriate Too early for this to be considered Needs to come back when plan is populated with detail. How do we eliminate poverty rather than deal with the effects of it. ○ Reducing Teenage Pregnancy Product of multi- agency forum Resource to be added Comprehensive. ○ Making a Positive Contribution Partial plan? No links with Children's Trust. Issues around developing positive image action plan (No mention of 'Don't Judge Us'. Reducing exclusions very prominent with no mention of bullying, no reference group and no mention of equality and diversity. <p>The Partnership Council are aware of the timescales as we are already four months into this process.</p>		
17.09.09	09.30 – 13.00	Committee Room
06.10.09	09.30 – 13.00	Committee Room
10.11.09	09.30 – 13.00	The Ringswell Centre
08.12.09	09.30 – 13.00	Committee Room