

**Children's Trust Partnership Council
Monday 18th May 2010 at County Hall**

Present: Mary Nisbett (Chair), Debbie Pritchard, Cllr Vanessa Newcombe, Hazel Ball, Ian Simmins, Lynette Grimshaw, Becky Carmichael, Pam Barnard, Jim Meakin, Gwen Pearson, John Shaw, Lisa Rutter, Anne Ladbrook, Mark Goodman, Veronica Matthews, John Bunting, Will Fitzgerald, Sue Parr, Tom McCulloch, Janine (for Wendy Johnson), Tim Tod, Melissa Filby, Jacqui Warne	
Apologies: Anne Whiteley, Judith Johnson, Marguerite Shapland, Frances Lowery, Bruce Pollit, Pene Prior, Jeanette Kemlo, Wendy Johnson	
In Attendance: Heidi Watson-Jones,	
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1. Mary Nisbett welcomed the group and introductions were made.	
2. Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as an accurate record.	
3. Matters arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCT asked to provide a representative at the next meeting to provide an update on NHS funding. • Schools consultation – positive outcomes • Ilfracombe project to be discussed at next meeting • Transitions Steering Group first meeting, well attended. Paper to be circulated by end May. Joint strategic paper from children and adults services to be signed off by CYPS Strategic Leadership Team and brought back to the group at next meeting. • Statutory Guidance – summary prepared and circulated (link to full document) 	<p>Jayne Carroll</p> <p>DAP</p> <p>John Shaw</p>
4. Every Child's Future Matters – next steps Following the wide ranging discussion at the last meeting, the CTPC now needs to agree what focus will be given. Devon Futures Group will be considering the outcomes. Noted options appraisal process around school meals taking place soon, and this could be a future focus, perhaps through Ray Beale. DAP to discuss with Ray. DAP to follow up with Devon Futures Group regarding CT representation and their agreed next steps. Noted that future social policy was not covered during the presentation.	<p>DAP</p> <p>DAP</p>
5. Post Ofsted Action Plan Debbie Pritchard explained the background to the Ofsted actions and additional actions identified by the Trust. The paper provided confirmation on completion of agreed actions, analysis of effect, any further actions required and evidence of impact. Document still being updated, and will formulate the final document for sign off, and recommendation to the Children's Trust Board. Noted that three areas will continue to be monitored: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) alternative placements for children with SEN, ii) electronic records system and iii) budget allocation from NHS Devon. CTPC agreed to sign off the document as it currently stands, with caveat to	

<p>be made clear to Board of additional inputs to be made. The meeting noted a press release relating to freeze on publication of new policy, guidance relating to services for children and young people organisations such as Ofsted and Cafcass. Action: comments on review of POAP plus directly to either named lead officer, or to Debbie Pritchard on their area of particular interest by 1st June Final version to be next CT Board. Further update at next meeting. Full update on NHS Devon resourcing for children and young peoples services at next meeting. Gwen Pearson to follow up with Jayne Carroll.</p>	<p>All Gwen Pearson</p>
<p>6. Resourcing Nicky Allen has undertaken an exercise to request funding allocated for children and young people’s services. Generally positive responses from partners. Summary of responses circulated. The Local Children’s Trusts would be grateful for detail on geographical targeting of resources, rather than service-targeting.</p> <p>Some concerns about ‘double-counting’ of resourcing where both source and application of funds would be taken into account.</p> <p>Nicky to provide further update at the next meeting. Partners to take responsibility to ensuring that a complete return is achieved.</p>	<p>Nicky Allen All</p>
<p>7. Voice of Children and Young People Currently drafting the ‘voice’ report, which will provide our first comprehensive summary of how we listen to the voice of children and young people, what we have heard, what we have done as a result and how we have feedback to them. The report should identify good practice and also where the gaps are. Annual report will be discussed at the next meeting. Some concern that this appears to be a ‘top-down’ arrangement, and noted that more local lead would be informative. It was agreed that this would be a future step.</p> <p>Noted that secondary schools undertake their own surveys, and it would be helpful to have some sharing of questions asked, and perhaps agreeing some specific questions. Veronica / Lynette to follow up through DAPH & DASH and LLCs. Timing was a consideration. Jacqui Warne to look at approaches for children with learning difficulties or disabilities.</p>	<p>Brian Grady / DAP Veronica / Lynette Jacqui Warne.</p>
<p>8. Housing - MARS (Tim Tod) Noted that culture of young people moving away from home is changing, as more young people stay at home for a range of reasons, putting pressures on families, and raising economic issues. Main message is, ‘keep children at home as long as possible, as long as it is right for the young person’ but some young people were very vulnerable to family breakdown. The Southwark judgment had led to a review to ways of operating and mediation and intervention work with families is a key priority.</p> <p>The multi-agency partnership group is working well together, with District</p>	

<p>Councils and voluntary organisations collaborating to prevent young people's homelessness and support when it did happen. The CAF should be used to identify issues.</p> <p>Jointly commissioned provision for emergency accommodation is proving effective. Access to information and advice a key focus currently.</p> <p>Future focus on gaining information working with children's social care with preventative work through PRUs looking at young people most at risk.</p> <p>Cllr Newcombe thanked all partner organisations who engaged very well together to address the Southwark judgment outcomes, and focus on preventative work, which has significant cost savings further along the line. Noted that of around 500 young people affected by the judgment, approx 300 were dealt with outside of the care system. Some serious concerns for continued funding beyond 2011 as currently using LPSA reward monies for part of work.</p> <p>Noted that housing authorities across 'geographical' Devon (not just DCC) work together well, and will hopefully be a real force to ensure continued provision. Noted difficulties in provision in supported housing, and floating support</p> <p>Will raise with the CT Board the opportunities available for partnership working, and identified risk of continued funding.</p>	<p>MN</p>
<p>9. Review of CYPP (Debbie Pritchard) This was the first draft of the required Annual Review of the CYPP. Last year's review of CYPP led to the CYPP refresh; a refresh was not planned for this year. Lead officers have fed back to Debbie Pritchard, and a further review of the early draft would be valued. To be revisited at the next meeting. Tim Todd, Pam Barnard and John Bunting were volunteered to operate as a sounding board.</p>	
<p>10. Exclusions - MARS (David Archer) Significant reduction in exclusions noted and welcomed. Discussion included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive effect of Stepping Stones and development of PACCs significant with continuum of provision including Local Area Bases (LAB). • Joint effort for a cyclical pattern; • Fear that reduced number of exclusions could lead to reduced funding; formula under review; • Potential link of transport costs and exclusions as opposed to managed moves • Distances limiting options for excluded ("willful youngsters") • Spread of appropriate provision across the county, including voluntary and private; • Thanks to David on leading • Agreement that Dartmouth Academy will have funding following 	

<p>children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effectiveness of early intervention • Effectiveness of networks • Development and effect of cyber-bullying leading to crisis • Access to soft drugs, sometimes from home • Outreach to need rather than child to base 	
<p>11. Making a Positive Contribution - MARS (Dillon Hughes) Celebration of young people’s achievement requires increasingly creative approach. Postive outcomes from inspectors of YOT welcomed. Tellus survey remains frustration as no reliable data on participation in positive activities and volunteering. Benefits discussed especially the 20% where it really makes a difference. National funding support ending for volunteering. Evaluation of Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme shows the added value . Discussion of potential DofE plus for children with learning difficulties and disabilities. Action: Dillon to pursue with DofE and Lord Lieutenant.</p>	
<p>12. Updates from Local Children’s Trusts <u>Northern:</u> MATD took over meeting which was positive and report will be forthcoming. <u>Teignbridge:</u> MATD included LCT members. Focus on engagement of children and young people. CAF central to activities and becoming part of day job. Engagement in workforce strategy. Commissioning focus on those who have “fallen off radar” and looking effective. Concerns on end of inclusion monies continue. Pressures on agendas. <u>Exeter:</u> John Bunting going to LLCs on role. Capacity in workforce to engage in initiatives limited (such as training and CAF/TAC) and getting worse. Commissioning implications especially as resource becomes more limited and specifications tighter e.g. school nurses where risk being escalated. Agreed need to work differently to address capacity issues especially as resources reduce. <u>East:</u> Analysis of gaps in service in Axe Valley linked to ‘entitlements’ and linked to outcomes and school budgets. Concerns escalating around teenagers. <u>Mid:</u> Role of PSA really valued: evidence of effect</p>	
<p>Next meetings: 9.30am – 1pm</p> <p>15th June 2010 in the Committee Suite 13th July 2010 in the Committee Suite</p>	