



## CHILDREN'S TRUST BOARD

### MINUTES 9<sup>TH</sup> June 2009

- Present:** Carol Chambers, Director of Children and Young People's Services, RCC  
Donna Gallagher, Head of Service, Safeguarding and SEN, RCC  
Jill Haigh, Head of Service, Teenage Services, RCC  
Vicky Crosher, Principal, Casterton Business and Enterprise College  
Sarah Bysouth, Head of Service, Learning and Achievement, RCC  
Heather Wells, Portfolio Holder, Children and Young People's Services, RCC  
Marcie Taylor, Children's Services Adviser, DCSF Government Office, East Midlands  
Alastair Jackson, Head of Housing Safety and Business Support, RCC  
Chris Eyre, Deputy Chief Constable, Leicestershire Constabulary  
Vanessa Griffiths, Associate Director, Leicestershire and Rutland PCT  
Neil Hemstock attending on behalf of Victoria McDonnell, CAMHS  
Jenny Stuart, Clerk  
Mike Attewell, Children's Trust Co-ordinator, RCC  
Steven Attwood, Assistant Director, Children and Young People's Services, RCC  
Neil Mullinger, Parent Representative  
Chris Bolas, representing Wendy Poynton, Youth Offending Service  
John Woodhead, Peterborough Diocesan Board of Education  
Maggie Freeman, representing Nick Rashley, LSC  
Helen Thompson, Associate Director, Leicestershire County and Rutland PCT
- Apologies:** Joan Gibson, Headteacher, Oakham C of E Primary School  
Val Baker, University Hospitals Leicester PCT  
Janet Pink, Head of Service, Children's Trust  
Glenys Johnston, Chair, Local Safeguarding Children Board  
Jane Clayton-Jones, Director, Citizen's Advice Bureau  
Heather Sahman, Regional Change Agent, NHS East Midlands

#### ACTION

#### 1 CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION

Heather Wells welcomed members and individual introductions were made for the benefit of those members attending for the first time.

The strategic function of the Board was emphasised, along with the two-way process to ensure that items were taken back and followed through by partners, as well as being brought to the Board.

#### 2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were noted as above.

#### 3 RUTLAND CHILDREN'S TRUST – ONE YEAR ON (1/090609)

Carol Chambers introduced the Action Plan arising out of the Children's Trust workshop held on 17th March 2009 to evaluate the effectiveness of the first year of operation of the Trust. The workshop was based on the Audit Commission Toolkit from the document on Children's Trust performance called 'Are We there Yet?' published in October 2008.

The Board commented on the draft Action Plan as follows:

- i) the future would see a strengthening of the Children's Trust
- ii) a joint commissioning pilot was in progress around Aiming High for Disabled Children to pool resources and remove duplication to work more effectively to achieve outcomes.
- iii) Smarter use of data was required to improve and develop the Needs Analysis. Central government could help with reducing duplication of data

**Action  
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Ofsted would be publishing performance profiles for every LA, with regular updates as part of the new inspection regime from June 2009. A new Head of Service for the Children's Trust, Janet Pink, had been appointed by the LA heading up Knowledge Management and Planning and Commissioning teams.

The Board **APPROVED** Recommendation 3 to transfer the 14-19 Partnership to the Children's Trust as a fifth Steering Group to ensure that 14-19 learning was included within the broad role of the Children's Trust to improve outcomes for children and young people. 14-19 Terms of Reference were under review and would be presented at the next Board meeting.

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#### **4 CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN REVIEW AND PROGRESS (2/090609)**

Subject to necessary legislation, a new Children and Young People's Plan was due by April 2011. The Board noted developments relating to the 2009 review of the Children and Young People's Plan 2007-2010, which would be presented to the Children's Trust Executive in July and communicated to Board Members before being published on the RCC website.

The Board **APPROVED** the extension of the current Children and Young People's Plan 2007/10 for a fourth year to 2011.

#### **5 THE RUTLAND RESPONSE TO 'THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN IN ENGLAND' (Lord Laming, March 2009) 3/090609)**

Following the publication in May 2009 of the DCSF response to the Laming 2 Report, the Rutland Safeguarding Action Plan was presented to the Board. The Action Plan showed how areas identified by Lord Laming were already being addressed and further actions were outlined for the future. Although Rutland had a good track record in improving outcomes in safeguarding, there was no room for complacency.

The plan was in its early stages and the LA would be working closely with partners to address the huge amount of work needed in complying with all the requirements. The Safer Recruiting Group had developed into a Corporate Safeguarding Group to include Adult Social Services.

The report would be taken to the July Children's Trust Executive.

The Board **APPROVED** the Rutland Safeguarding Action Plan.

Heather Wells informed the Board of significant developments affecting the LSCB. The tripartite arrangement between Leicestershire, Leicester City and Rutland would be coming to an end in September 2009 with Leicester City operating a separate LSCB. The change in governance would have a major impact on the Children's Trust but would provide a

<p>tremendous opportunity for a leaner, more effective LSCB. A meeting would take place within the next 7 days to explore a way forward.</p>	<p><b>Action</b></p>
<p>The Rutland Safeguarding Action Plan would be reviewed in the light of the LSCB developments.</p>	
<p><b>6 RUTLAND DRAFT JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT (JSNA) Children's Health and Wellbeing (4/090609)</b>  The chapter of the draft Joint Strategic Needs Assessment on Children's Health and Well Being Issues for Rutland was presented for comment. This would form the cornerstone of delivering the Children and Young People's Plan. Updated information for Rutland would be obtained regarding work on drug and alcohol use. The JSNA would reflect the increase in teenage pregnancy and would contain information on the Child Protection Register and Looked After Children.</p> <p>Strategic leads were asked to ensure their organisations were engaged with and contributing to JSNA.</p> <p>An updated full needs analysis for children and young people in Rutland would be carried out during 2010 in preparation for the new Children and Young People's Plan 2011.</p>	
<p><b>7 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (LDF) CORE STRATEGY (5/090609)</b>  David Troy, LA Planning Policy Manager, gave a basic introduction of the LDF and asked Board Members to take the report back to their organisations for comment as part of the consultation exercise. Once adopted the final document would guide future planning in Rutland for the next 20 years.</p>	
<p><b>8 CHILDREN'S TRUST DRAFT TIMETABLE (6/090609)</b>  Board members were asked to check the dates on the draft timetable and let the Clerk know if there was any conflict with other Children's Trust Boards. The new 14-19 Steering Group would be added to the timetable.</p>	<p><b>MA</b></p>
<p><b>9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>  <b>9.1 Children and Young People's Services Restructure</b>  Steven Attwood tabled the latest Children and Young People's structure chart which was built around integrated, cross-cutting teams. The Council-wide restructure would be operational by 31 July 2009.</p>	
<p><b>10 Date of Next Executive Meeting</b>  <b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2009</b></p>	
<p><b>All meetings are held at 2pm in the Council Chamber</b></p>	