

**Rutland Children's Trust Executive
Agenda Item 8
Children's Trust Board Membership Review**



Recommendations:

1. That the Executive of the Rutland Children's Trust notes the content of this report and agrees a way forward to secure the required membership.

Changes to the Rutland Children's Trust

Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009

The above Act received Royal assent in November 2009 and contains the following main points which impact on Children's Trusts.

The Children's Trust Board is placed on a statutory footing from 1st April 2010.

Responsibility for developing, publishing and reviewing the Children and Young People's Plan passes from the local authority alone to the Children's Trust Board. The first new style CYPP must be published by 1st April 2011.

The CYPP becomes a joint strategy in which the Children's Trust partners set out how they will co-operate to improve the well-being of children and young people in the local area. It differs from the previous CYPP in that although the scope of the new CYPP includes all services that affect children and young people's well-being, once the Children's Trust Board has identified its main cross-cutting priorities, the Plan should focus on what the partners will do **together** to deliver them.

Responsibility for implementing the CYPP remains with the individual partners, who are under a duty to have regard to the Plan. The Children's Trust Board is responsible for monitoring the extent to which the partners act in accordance with the Plan and to publish an annual report which sets this out.

Schools (including Academies, and non-maintained special schools), **FE and sixth-form colleges and JobCentre Plus are new statutory "relevant partners"** in the Children's Trust co-operation arrangements from 12th January 2010. This means that like other statutory "relevant partners" they:

Are required to co-operate with the local authority and its other partners to improve children's well-being through the Children's Trust co-operation arrangements;

Are (subject to any specific restrictions on partners' funding arrangements) able to pool budgets and share other resources with the other partners;

Must be represented on the Children's Trust Board

Children's Trust membership – April 2010 assessment

Partner agency membership

Name of Agency	Statutory relevant partner?	April 2010 Member?
Local Authority - CYPS	Y	Y
Local Authority – ASSHH	Y	Y
Local Authority – Transport & Leisure	Y	?
PCT	Y	Y
Strategic Health Authority	Y	Y
Police, including YOS and Probation	Y	Y
Schools – representative of primary schools	Y	Y
Schools – representative of secondary schools	Y	Y
Academies	Y	N/A
Special Schools	Y	?
FE college/6 th form	Y	N
JobCentre plus	Y	N
Connexions	Y	Y
Third Sector representative	N*	Y
Surestart Children's centre representative	N*	?

Non-statutory partners and how they can engage:

There are a number of agencies which although not required to be statutory partners in the Children's Trust cooperation arrangements may add considerable value to the local partnership and can be brought formally into the Children's Trust partnership at the discretion of the local authority and/or onto the Children's Trust Board after consulting its other partners. Each Children's Trust Board should always include some non-statutory members, including **at least one representative of the third sector and one from a Surestart Children's Centre***.

Other non-statutory partners to be considered from:

Private Sector

General Practitioners

Providers of health care

Housing sector (outside the local authority)

Other adult services

Schools sector (schools forums, Diocesan boards of education, independent schools)

FE and work based learning sectors (including specialist colleges, work-based learning providers and Young People's Learning Agency)