

Sandwell Children and Young People's Trust Board

17 March 4.30pm – 6.30pm
Carters Green Business Centre

Present: Cllr. Ian Jones (Chair) Cabinet Member for Children and Young People's Services
Roger Crouch Executive Director of Children & Young People's Services
Rob Bacon Chief Executive Sandwell Primary Care Trust
Malcolm Bailey Murray Hall Community Trust (VCS Representative)
Ian Cruise Taylor Chief Executive Black Country Connexions
Steve Clay Chief Executive West Bromwich & District YMCA.
(VCS Representative)
Richard Taylor Service Delivery and Risk Director SMHFT
Hugh Sherriffe Assistant Director Midlands Banardos
(VCS Representative)
Val Bailey Head of Sandwell College
Henry Seaton Partnership Director LSC

In Attendance:

Janine Brown Joint Director of Partnership and Commissioning Directorate.
Tony Styles Superintendent West Midlands Police(for Andrew Jewkes)
Victor Aiyedum PCT Public Health (for John Middleton)
Paul Haden Thematic Liaison Manager
John Williams West Midlands Fire Services (for Tim Gardiner)
Bob Griffiths Service Manager – (for item 4.2)
Ian Cotterill Programme Manager Sandwell Partnership
Joy Massey Head of Partnering & Improvement (for item 4.3 & 4.4)
Mark Gibbs Senior Joint Commissioning Manager (for item 4.5)
Pam Pulsford Organisational Effectiveness Manager (for item 4.6)
Denise Hannibal Advisor Pupil Engagement (for item 4.6)
Flis Parsons Senior Joint Commissioning Manager (for item 5.1)
Simon Whitlow Lead officer for AHDC (for item 5.1)

Apologies:

John Garrett Executive Director of Adults & Community Services
John Middleton Director of Public Health
Pat Royal District Manager Probation Service
Rob Willoughby Children's Service Advisor GOWM
Paul Slater Chief Executive Sandwell Leisure Trust.
Tim Gardiner Operations Commander WM Fire Service
Andrew Jewkes Chief Superintendent West Midlands Police

Agenda Item	Key issues/Actions
Apologies & Welcome	As Above. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting
Declarations of Interest:	Malcolm Bailey declared an interest in the Agenda item Aiming High For Disabled Children on behalf of Murray Hall & Hugh Sherriffe declared an interest on the same for Barnardos.
Minutes of the Last Meeting & Matters Arising.	<p>The notes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children’s Champion Update: JB stated that this had gone through the internal processes necessary and is now proceeding to establishment of post. Progress updates will be provided and this progresses ICT asked if any help with the interview panel could be offered by board members. JB stated that she would be asking for assistance from the Board at a future date, when any selection process is agreed.
4. Governance & Performance:	
4.1 Terms of Reference Development: Update & Actions from Last Meeting	<p>The Chair stated that the Government see this Board at a very high level and the principles evolving all the time. The Trust Board will rank higher than other partnerships and must endeavour to get senior representation at this meeting.</p> <p>JB queried the issues of deputies and what role they have to play, and the notion of quoracy for the meetings.</p> <p>PJ suggested that Membership should be at a senior level however if this post holder were not able to be present a named representative could deputise but be in attendance. Key officers should still give a commitment to attend wherever possible.</p> <p>Chair suggested a representative from each sector with a split between commissioners & providers.</p> <p>The Chair will be given further instruction over the next few weeks from Government Office and ToR to return to the next Board meeting for further consideration.</p> <p>Action: JB to bring revised ToR back to next meeting.</p>
4.2 Report on Review of Children & Young People’s Plan.	BG stated that although members had a copy of version 2 of the reviewed plan that the latest draft version 3 had amended a lot of the errors in the version 2 – If any members wanted to point out any typing errors or amendments to contact Bob Griffiths direct. The original plan was structured around the 3 ECM outcomes the revised plan is linked to the Local Area Agreement priorities, LSP requirements and is structured to reflect the work of the 4 Trust

	<p>Board Programme Executives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning improvement • Successful Young People • Good start to life • Safeguarding. <p>As there is no further opportunity to bring the plan back to the Board it is asked that delegated authority be extended to the Executive Director or Children and Young Peoples Services to approve the final version.</p> <p>RB queried why page 15 GSTL does not include Teenage Pregnancy figures. It was pointed out that this is captured under Successful Young People. Comment was also made that joint commissioning guidance issues remain unresolved.</p> <p>ICT asked that the Bookcase be updated - BG assured him that this had already been done since this version of the plan was circulated.</p> <p>Early indication of targets not being achieved will be flagged up to the Board from the 4 programme Executives.</p> <p>IC stated that Equality Impact Assessment work was being undertaken across the partnership at the moment.</p> <p>Action: The Trust Board agreed that the Final draft approval would be delegated to the Chief Executive of Children and Young People’s Services.</p>
<p>4.3 Corporate Peer Assessment – Information.</p>	<p>Sandwell Partnership has agreed to work with IDeA (Improvement and Development Agency of the Local Government Association) to undertake a peer review exercise as part of the preparation towards the introduction of Comprehensive Area Assessment of the Council and its Partners that will be undertaken for the first time this year.</p> <p>Assessors will be at the Big house for the whole week in April, interviewing individuals. This should be treated as an inspection and outcome will be fed back at the next meeting.</p>
<p>4.4 Local Area Agreement: - update on negotiation of targets.</p>	<p>Joy Massey updated the board on the LAA indicators in the Thematic plan – The agreed indicators and further indicators were under discussion. As part of the annual review.</p> <p>NI53 Breast feeding & NI56 Obesity have now had revised targets agreed. Higher Education indicators should be agreed with Government office in the next couple of days</p> <p>NI106 YP from low income backgrounds progressing to higher education - should be completed by Friday.</p> <p>NI112 The under 18 conception rate will be set at 31.1% for 2010 when government office target are received next year.</p> <p>HS asked how the group related to MAA.</p> <p>JM replied that Multi Area Agreements are monitored and treated</p>

	<p>no differently.</p> <p>ICT commented that NEETs targets have not been discussed with Government office as the formula of calculation is established. Driving NEETs down requires a wide number of partners to achieve.</p> <p>RC commented on page 2 NI106 don't have a large gap- don't have more Young People going into higher education. Thinking about setting target – economic downturn may effect free school meals.</p> <p>NI21 results have been returned but not worked through due to time issue.</p>
<p>4.5 Working Neighbourhood Fund: - Update and agreement south to proposed commissioning process.</p>	<p>MG reported on the suggested process for the next stage in the allocation of the WNF to support key priorities in the C&YP plan and LAA.</p> <p>The key schemes will be delivered through the 4 Programme Executives. A proposed allocated funding matrix was distributed.</p> <p>The 3 tables show potential allocation. We now need to move towards putting more details into this.</p> <p>The Programme Executives are asked to work with the Joint Commissioning Team, putting ideas forward and look at detailed programme evaluation to meet criteria. It is suggested that this is brought back to the next meeting on 7th May for information.</p> <p>Programme executive will be asked to feed in via a representative</p> <p>MB asked if the VCS could be engaged more with the evaluation.</p> <p>MG will discuss this at the VCS Executive.</p> <p>RC added that Sandwell has been asked to further bid for the free school meals pilot and is doing so.</p> <p>Action: The chair asked for this to be brought back to a future meeting of the Children and Young Peoples Trust Board.</p>
<p>4.6 Workforce Development Update:</p>	<p>Pam Pulsford updated on the workforce development workstreams.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workforce Development Strategy and its sub groups • One Children's Workforce Tool • Artemis • WSPP CWDC grant for workforce development work in the PVI sector. <p>Children and Young People's Trust members are asked to identify leads to work with the team to enable them to re write and publish the strategy.</p>

	<p>Workforce tool to be completed by end June.</p> <p>All management teams will be asked to complete a questionnaire.</p> <p>Workgroups from the Trust will be asked to audit existing evidence around early May.</p> <p>ARTEMIS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training Launch 23rd March room for engaging private sector and VCS functionality. • WSPP funding to engage with induction standards • Next 2 years take forward workshops WSPP funding available for basic training. • Denise/Pam to communicate to management teams. • RC stated that Laming recommended training in safeguarding for all staff who work with Children. The Artemis Training is ideal tool for this and is already in place which gives us a head start. <p>Any one wishing to attend the launch on 23rd March 1.30 – 4.30 should contact Denis or Pam.</p> <p>The Chair urged everyone to take up this offer if possible.</p>
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5. Development - GSTL:

<p>5.1 Aiming High for Disabled Children in Sandwell:- Action plan & strategy for agreement.</p>	<p>SW outlined the main areas of the report. Aiming High for Disabled Children is the programme for transforming services for disabled children and their families.</p> <p>Indicative allocations for Sandwell 2008/11 are shown in the table.</p> <p>PCT funding for 2009/11 will be based on the operational plan.</p> <p>NI54 monitors parental satisfaction across core offer information about services, transparency of assessments and more holistic service delivery .</p> <p>Participation and feedback. A survey of parents will take place in Summer, 200 families will be surveyed.</p> <p>Initial decisions to go to cabinet around the commissioning of new short break services. There are three other workstreams within Aiming High for Disabled Children.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition into adulthood including services around housing and employment • Parent participation (which is being led by Local Parent Organisation).
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessible childcare for parents of children of a disability to allow them to access opportunities for work and to allow them a break from caring. <p>MB: No choice about moving towards individual budgets for children. Will have impact on block contracts with providers. Timescales will depend on outcome of action planning day. Resource allocation could include PCT funding streams around continuing care and short breaks at Acorns Hospice. Could also include LSC money for 14-19s (LSC funding will come to Local Authority in 2010).</p> <p>Chair: Discussion about whether DLA should be included as part of individual budget (including discussions around transport)</p> <p>Personalisation agenda being driven heavily by central government. Huge differential in services available post 18.</p> <p>RC in 1010 Local authority will likely take responsibility up to 21. 30 young people in specialist out of borough provision will have a considerable impact when funding reverts to Local Authority.</p> <p>RB: PCT resources meeting tomorrow at which decisions will be made about the level of investment across and range of new programmes including Aiming High for Disabled Children. This will be subject to money being in the operational plan.</p> <p>HS: The resources for commissioning new services through AHDC linked to an implementation plan. Good to see how other funding streams can come together to increase impact.</p> <p>RB: Need re assurance that resources are in PCT to meet charter commitments. Aspirations in charter are OK, but timescales may be tight.</p> <p>SW circulated copies of charter and indicated that timescales are not fixed. DCSF have set a major challenge around data. This will be a major challenge if the Full-Service Short Break offer is to be in place by March 2011.</p> <p>Action: Recommendations endorsed at this moment in time.</p>
<p>5.2 The Strategy for C&YP Health. (Healthy Lives, Brighter Future) information</p>	<p>The Executive Summary was circulated re the new Child Health Strategy which brings existing strategies into one place.</p> <p>Reinforced the importance that health plays in partnership delivery. The joint commissioning team will be working to achieve desired outcomes, development of responses, and the development of Sandwell's Strategy for Adolescent health in particular.</p> <p>The report has been brought to the Board for information and reports will be bought back to future meetings as it develops.</p> <p>MB commented on the need for more professional development around Adolescent Mental Health and expressed concern over</p>

	<p>the suicide rate of young people.</p> <p>JB agreed with MB comments about Adolescence Mental Health</p> <p>RB commented that the strategy is embedded in work already expressed in other plans and the Children and Young Peoples Plan.</p>
<p>Any Other Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Think Family and Targeted Family and Parenting Support Proposals. <p>MG Tabled a report of proposals which the Partnership & Joint Commissioning team have been working on with the Youth Offending team. It was not possible to bring this to the board before the submission date which was 13th March.</p> <p>The 'Think Family' proposals are in line with the Family and Parents Support Strategy which was agreed by the Trust last year.</p> <p>The proposals submitted to the DCSF are a broad outline and indication of intentions. This is to enable funding to be drawn down to develop next stages of planning and implementation.</p> <p>The Sandwell Safer Partnership will be co-signature to endorse the Youth Crime Action Plan element.</p> <p>The Trust Board agreed the approach to implementation of the Parenting Early Intervention Programme to enable funding to be drawn down and asked for a more detailed report to be brought to a future meeting.</p> <p>Lord Laming Report:</p> <p>RC suggested that the next meeting be used to discuss the Laming report and its implications for the Children's Trust. Further information on the report will be sent out.</p> <p>Action: SP to arrange the next meeting as a main Agenda Item and to distribute report information.</p>
<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Thursday 7 May 2009</p> <p>4.30 – 6.30</p> <p>Warwick Suite</p> <p>Carters Green Business Centre 2</p>	