

Children and Young People's Trust Board Meeting

7 May 2009

4.30 – 6.30

Carters Green Business Centre 2.

Present: Councillor Ian Jones (Chair) Cabinet Member for Children and Young People's Services
Roger Crouch Executive Director of Children and Young People's Services
Rob Bacon Chief Executive, Sandwell Primary Care Trust
Dr Helen Grindulis Director Women and Children's Services, Sandwell & West Birmingham Hospitals Trust
Dr. John Middleton Director of Public Health, Sandwell Primary Care Trust
Malcolm Bailey Chief Executive, Murray Hall Community Trust (VCS Executive Representative)
Henry Seaton Partnership Director, LSC
Richard Taylor Service Delivery & Risk Director, Sandwell Mental Health Foundation Trust

In Attendance:

Janine Brown Joint Director of Partnership and Commissioning
Ian Cotterill Programme Manager, Sandwell Partnership
Tony Styles West Midlands Police (for Andrew Jewkes)
Bob Griffiths Service Manager, Sandwell MBC
Paul Haden Thematic Liaison Manager, Sandwell MBC
Lawrence Bowbanks Station Commander, West Midlands Fire Service (for Tim Gardner)
Gordon Andrews Physical Act Strategy Lead, Sandwell PCT (for Item 5.1)
Dawn Williams Divisional Manager, Safeguarding (for item 4.1)
Sue Ogom Business Manager, Safeguarding (for item 4.1)

Apologies: Pat Royal District Manager, Probation Service
Val Bailey Head of Sandwell College.
Andy Jewkes Chief Superintendent,
West Midlands Metropolitan Police
Peter John Director of Partnerships and Housing. SMBC
Tim Gardiner Sandwell Operations Commander,
West Midlands Fire Service
Kevin Dennis Head of Integrated Young People's Support & Community Safety Services (item 6.1)
John Garrett Executive Director of Adult & Community Services Sandwell MBC
Steve Clay Chief Executive West Bromwich and District YMCA (VCS Representative)

Agenda Item	Key issues / Actions
1. Apologies	<p>As above</p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>
2. Declarations of interest	<p>None</p>
3. Minutes of the last meeting and Matter Arising	<p>The minutes were agreed as true record of the meeting.</p> <p>Children and Young People’s Thematic Partnership Plan 2009/2012 (Tabled).</p> <p>BG announced the above plan, has been slightly updated and will go to the LSP for ratification. The plan will then be put on the Council’s website. Members of the Board were asked if the plan should be included on other websites.</p> <p>Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website address’ to be emailed to L Martin <p>Terms of Reference Revisions will be circulated to members next week for comment</p> <p>Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JB to circulate the ToR
4. Governance & Performance	
4.1 Safeguarding – Laming Recommendations	<p>CT introduced Dawn Williams, Divisional Manager and Sue Ogom, Business Manager, from Safeguarding to the Board.</p> <p>CT outlined the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • key Laming recommendations and implications for Sandwell • Initial response from the Secretary of State • Local progress: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Children’s Trust governance changed to include political member as chair. - LSCB and subgroup governance streamlined to be fully implemented from June 2009. - Serious Case Reviews (SCRs) and independent Management reviews (IMRs) now operating with independence and new templates. - Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP) - initial analysis underway and some being work being done in collaboration with Dudley.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LSCB needs to be more strategic and less about bringing together of willing individuals. • GOWM Monitoring <p>CT suggested that he, Dawn and Sue would be happy to meet with individual members of the C&YPT Board to update them on the LSCB and implications for their organisation.</p> <p>Discussion followed, the main points of which were: HG queried how 'near misses' were recorded and examined? DW commented that this is an area of work that is just beginning, in recognition that it is an important area for the LSCB to understand.</p> <p>IJ emphasised the multi-agency nature of this work.</p> <p>CT commented that many areas, including Sandwell, have seen an increase in referrals since Baby P publicity. In many areas this has led to an increase in numbers of children in care, but in Sandwell staff were 'holding their nerve' and managing these children appropriately with plans in the community. This is evidenced by the continuing positive performance and he circulated the National Performance indicator Summary 2008/2009 Provisional Outturn (tabled) as positive evidence of this.</p> <p>NB: JM noted that there is personal identifiable information in the report; so members were asked to either destroy it or return it for shredding after the meeting.</p>
<p>4.2 Update on CAA/Corporate Peer assessment</p>	<p>In Joy Massey's absence Paul Haden gave a brief update on the Corporate Peer Assessment.</p> <p>No formal feedback has been received yet; however, verbal feedback has been given as very successful in identifying the area as having made a large improvement.</p> <p>Action IJ asked for the written report to be circulated to the Board as soon as available – PH.</p>
<p>4.3 Future shape of the Children and Young People's Theme</p>	<p>RC talked through the circulated presentation regarding the future shape of the Children and Young people's Service Theme, which is addressing a number of themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immediate issues re vacant senior posts • Background issues – the development of greater integration • Specific organizational challenges • Cultural challenges in working differently Process and Timescales

5. Development – Good Start To Life (GSTL)	
5.1 Physical activity Report	<p>GA stated that the purpose of the report is to update the Board on the developments the Physical Activity, Physical Education and Sport Strategy for Sandwell 2009 – 2014 and seek approval of the Board for it's adoption.</p> <p>The strategy brief included production of 2 documents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy report for the Physical Activity Board • A summary strategy. <p>Six strategic themes have been identified: - Partnership, promotion, people, places, providers and performance.</p> <p>Comments:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MB asked about the balance of resource between adult and children, and how will families be engaged. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will roll out best practice with families and focus on early years in schools working through neighbourhood funds. • HG asked if children with special needs were included in this report. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - These activities have been monitored and targeting through special schools and are waiting for feedback for details to be added to the action plan. • JM stated that a proposed bid around the Active Lifestyle will be taken forward, opportunities with this latest scheme started as a sport's focus. Safe routes for school initiatives involving Health and Wellbeing. More partner work is required with Health and Town planners. • IJ stated that references have been made and not corrected in connection with the Voluntary Sector (CSPAN). Sandwell has one of the lowest levels of physical activity participation in the England, and the majority is delivered through schools and the Voluntary Sector. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recognised and identified the gap in CSPAN, have made links to people from the voluntary sector • The Voluntary Sector will be looking for additional resources to make this effective. • IJ stated the strategy is for Physical Education and Sport but felt that this needs a stronger focus on sport. <p>The Board approved the strategy subject to comments made.</p>

<p>6. Development: Successful Young People (SYP)</p>	
<p>6.1 Connexions</p>	<p>Future Provision of Connexions Service in Sandwell.</p> <p>CG asked the Board to note the Sandwell Borough Council decision to bring the Connexions Service (including services provided by Prospects Limited) under the Council's direct line management from 1st October 2009. A detailed staffing structure for Integrated Young People's support services and including the delivery of Connexions services will be developed in April/May 2009. The staffing structure for the Integrated Young People's services will be around 4 main elements: Youth Service Targeted Youth Service Youth Offending Service Connexions Service</p> <p>MB welcomed this action.</p> <p>The Board discussed the suggestion from Government Office to give young people opportunities in the voluntary sector, and that most 16 to 17 year olds, level 2/3 training needs to be implemented more.</p> <p>Action A detailed staffing structure and operating model for Integrated Young People's Support Services report to be submitted to the Board at a later meeting - KD</p>
<p>7. Any other Business</p>	<p>Letter from Sandwell Mental Health and Social Care (Tabled)</p> <p>R Taylor clarified the above letter which asked the Children's and Young People's Trust Board to nominate a representative to the Assembly of Governors for the Foundation Trust. Meetings are held 4 times a year.</p> <p>The Board asked R Taylor to forward further information on the appointment, which will then be circulated with the letter, asking for nominations to be emailed to S Parkes as soon as possible.</p> <p>Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R T to email appointment information to Shane Parkes for distribution. • Nominations to be e-mailed to Shane Parkes ASAP. Decision or confirmation of the C&YPTB representative to the Assembly of Governors to be an agenda item at the next meeting.

Enclosure 1

Next Meeting
Thursday 30 June 2009 3.30 – 5.30pm
Carters Green Business Centre 2
High Street
West Bromwich.