

Sandwell Children and Young People's Trust Board

**30 June 2009 3.30 – 5.30pm
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)
 Carol Allen Director Black Country Connexions
 Richard Taylor Service Delivery and Risk Director SMHFT
 Val Bailey Head of Sandwell College
 Henry Seaton Partnership Director LSC
 John Garrett Executive Director of Adults & Community Services

In Attendance:
 Janine Brown Joint Director of Partnership and Commissioning Directorate.
 Tony Styles Superintendent West Midlands Police(for Andrew Jewkes)
 Paul Haden Thematic Liaison Manager
 Ian Cotterill Programme Manager Sandwell Partnership
 Mark Gibbs Senior Joint Commissioning Manager (for item 5.1)
 Dawn Williams Divisional Manager for safeguarding (for item 5.4)
 Sue Ogom LSCB Business Manager (for item 5.4)
 Rob Willoughby Children's Service Advisor GOWM
 Nick Hamer Performance & Planning
 Chris Ward Learning Improvement

Apologies:

Pat Royal District Manager Probation Service
 Andrew Jewkes Chief Superintendent West Midlands Police
 Peter John Director of Partnership & Housing.
 Dr Helen Grindulis Consultant Paediatrician – Divisional Director of Women's And Child Health Services.
 Bob Griffiths Service Manager – Planning & Business Support

Agenda Item	Key issues/Actions
Apologies & Welcome	As Above. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting
Declarations of Interest:	None
Minutes of the Last Meeting & Matters	The notes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

<p>Arising.</p>	<p>Terms of Reference:</p> <p>The Draft ToR was circulated after the previous meeting to all members for comments. Only editorial comments were received except a comments regarding the opening sentence being negative and queries on quorum. After a discussion it was decided to change the opening sentence to a positive opening, however the board were happy with the quorum.</p> <p>A copy of the final agreed version will be circulated to all members shortly.</p> <p>Appointment of Stakeholder Governor to the proposed NHS Foundation Trust Assembly of Governors:</p> <p>No nominations were received for this post therefore RC suggested that appropriate members of staff from C & YP Services would be asked to volunteer for the Trust Board to nominate.</p>
<p>4. Governance & Performance:</p>	
<p>4.1 LAA Reward guidance 2009</p>	<p>IC presented the report to the Trust Board for information. New Government guidance has been received based on stretch targets which could attract up to 10.5 million in funding for March 2010. The existing reward scheme for stretch targets 2008-10 is unaffected by the guidance.</p> <p>The reward is calculated on average score across all LAA targets, 60% being the trigger point. Achieving the reward grant is now a shared responsibility and not limited to a few indicators and NI owners. The scheme does not include the statutory education targets.</p> <p>HS asked if the targets were hit would the funds go into MAA. IC confirmed that this was not the case.</p>
<p>4.2 Self Evaluation CAA</p>	<p>JB talked through the report on the Self Evaluation 2009.</p> <p>The C&YPTB agreed to undertake self evaluation in conjunction with the Children and Young Peoples Plan. The change this year in the Children's Trust structure which works to the four Executive programmes rather than the five ECM areas is reflected in the document structure</p> <p>The summary pulls out key areas on behalf of partners- NH distributed the full evaluation to members which contains more detail. The information has been collated with input from the partnership, we will not be graded as previous years.</p> <p>Continued progress is reported on all fronts.</p>

	<p>JG asked for clarification on what actions needs to be taken forward, and wondered if this should be included in the evaluation. JB answered that this document should be read in conjunction with the Children and Young Peoples Plan, which highlights these areas, and agreed to get an acknowledgement of this at the start of the document. RC added that an acknowledgement of Key priorities at the start of each section could also be added.</p>
<p>4.3 VFM Scorecards</p>	<p>PH presented the report which detailed a framework that could be used by the Board to demonstrate VFM for services being provided and seeks approval for adopting the approach within the partnership from 2009/10 onwards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benchmarked on cost, performance and satisfaction to form a Judgement on VFM. • Recognised as good practice approach, as part of the Use of Resources assessment, by External Auditors for budget setting and business planning. <p>The VFM scorecards attached were used within Children & Young People’s services which include the judgments agreed by the Executive Director and Head of Service along with commentary on how value for money can be improved. MB asked how this relates to service contract. PH stated that this is work in progress.</p> <p>RC commented that headline information could be misleading such as High Cost, Low Performance as improving performance could be the reason for the high cost e.g. School improvement needs a high investment to achieve improvement.</p> <p>RB questioned the figures for obesity and was not aware of how figures detail costs on this area. PH confirmed that no cost information has been able to be incorporated at present. The ‘Satisfactory’ perception had come from the Tellus survey. RB was concerned that there could be some misinterpretation of the data as presented and therefore care was needed to ensure full data and accuracy. There needs to be further work undertaken to make it fit for purpose.</p> <p>IJ stated that this should only be used as an internal tool. RB asked that a process of engaging PCT with the work should be looked at.</p> <p>Action PH to see how this can be changed to reflect correct information and bring back to a future meeting for further discussion.</p>
<p>4.4 2008 -9 Qtr 4 performance report</p>	<p>NH presented the performance report – 68 indicator actions were green, 26 action indicators were within tolerance and 22 Targets were not met.</p>

The four programme executives will allow more challenge on the detail of indicators over the next year.

Some consideration was given to the red indicators:
Safeguarding NI69 (C&YP who have experience bullying): the definition that the calculations were based on has been changed.

NI68 (Referrals to children's social care going on to initial assessment) This is amber due to increase in volume of referrals, there are felt to be no serious concerns associated with this.

NI53 (Prevalence of breastfeeding at 6-8 weeks from birth) This red indicator is associated with problems throughout last year on data collection, which have been actively addressed and it is hoped that this is resolved – this is not an LAA reward indicator. The action plan to increase breastfeeding rates is very detailed and being implemented.

NI 55/59 (Obesity among primary school children)
There has been an increase in recording and this target should be met, however it is likely to pick up higher rates of obesity as a consequence.

RW GOWM commented that this is an area of concern across the West Midlands, and research does not necessarily demonstrate consistency of results of different initiatives. RC commented that discussions at the LSP had recognised the need to change behaviour of groups within the community. JB said there is lots of activity, and funding being used in this area, however, some services have proved expensive but experienced large drop out rates which means very little outcome. The strategy is being brought together and action plans overseen by the GSTL group.

NI 72 (Achievement of Early Years Foundation Stage) progress has been made with a focus on a 5% shift across board.

NI 73 (Achievement at level 4) - Level 4 English & Maths almost on par with national average.

Key stage 1 & 2 targets 84% schools above national indicators

Key stage 3 & 4 progress made in primary not fed through to Pupils' achievement at key stage 3.

NI 75 (5 A*-C) We are way off meeting this target,

Key stage 3 is no longer tested, so have no indicators.

Economic well being:

All indicators achieve accepted tolerance and good performance
NEET's – Youth unemployment is rising fast in Sandwell and

	<p>concerns around 17 year old coming out of 12 month programmes and unable to find employment will be a big issue over the next 2 years.</p> <p>RC stated the need to bring together young people, urban regeneration, culture & leisure and gain young peoples perception on open spaces – to discuss with Keith Hayes</p>
<p>5. Service Development:</p>	
<p>5.1 Good Start to Life General update</p>	<p>MG tabled a general update report. Workshops had taken place set up to scope the role of the group. There has been one meeting and the Executive will continue to meet quarterly. The membership consists of senior representatives of partner organisations who are able to make decisions for their organisation or agency. The Executive is supported by workstream leads. It ensures co ordination of programme delivery and maintains link with other Programme Executives. The list of workstreams in this area is contained within the report.</p> <p>WNF – The plan has been agreed by C&YPTB on the broad areas that funds are to be used for, the detail of this is being overseen by the GSTL PE. Commissioning and procurement will be through the Joint Partnership and Commissioning Team. Clarity was sought and given that all commissioning decisions and financial plans are taken through the respective agency governance and approval processes.</p>
<p>5.2 Successful Young People General update</p>	<p>KD had prepared a briefing note which JB to presented. This was circulated to Trust Board members.</p> <p>The Successful Young People Programme Executive has been in place longer than the other Executives due to the Integrated Youth Support developments, which it is overseeing alongside other workstreams. The Programme Executive is at the moment reviewing the membership, the way of working and undertaking discussions with other Programme Executives to achieve a similar Terms of Reference and role.</p> <p>There were four key areas of activity reported on :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive Activities – a detailed report has been prepared by Kevin Dennis which looks at how to integrate different funds to aid procurement. • Making a Positive Contribution. Engaging YP in volunteering programmes has ambitious targets for the number of opportunities for Young people, Agencies have been asked to identify volunteering opportunities. • Targeted Youth Support – work has progressed and teams will be in place by September. • Information, advice & guidance: Connexions Services are going through the process of transferring to the Council for delivery form October 2009.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My place bid was signed off by the LSP, the final decision on independent bids needs to ensure no conflicting bids- agreement on this needs to be through the VCS executive. <p>IJ commented that at present funds are concentrated in the West Bromwich & Smethwick area - funds need to be allocated fairly around the borough – This issue should be addressed in the integrated report going to the C*YP Cabinet Advisory Team in July.</p>
<p>5.3 Learning Improvement General update</p>	<p>Chris Ward circulated the Learning Improvement Programme Executive Terms of Reference for the group plus a structure chart.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It aims to bring decisions making down to the classroom level. • Membership of the group includes stakeholder involvement • Focussed around learners • 0-19 age range: 0-7 - Andrea Dawson leads, 8-13 - Chris Ward leads, 14-19 - Marilyn Petite leads <p>IJ pointed out to Rob Willoughby that Sandwell have not been closing schools due to swine flu which will affect attendance rating. Rob Willoughby (GOWM) noted the comment.</p> <p>It was acknowledged that cross cutting themes involved working with other programmes and linkage would be through common membership of Programme Executives.</p> <p>IJ asked about the Time to Talk programme, which had recently featured in a Times Educational Supplement, but was not now receiving any specific funding. JB confirmed that all elements of the T2T programme had been mainstreamed, and that this sustainability had been built into the programme from the start, and agreed to provide a report on this for the Chair.</p>
<p>5.4 Safeguarding/LSCB Update.</p>	<p>Dawn Williams and Sue Ogom attended for this item.</p> <p>The Advertisement for an independent chair for LSCB went out last week and interviews will take place next month.</p> <p>Serious case reviews have been graded as adequate by OfSTED. A number of Serious Case Review action plans have been written which incorporates the recommendations made for the Serious Case Reviews structure. The actions are tracked, monitored and reported on a quarterly cycle. A highlight report on the Action plan circulated and discussed with the Board, this had been to LSCB and partners are being challenged on progress.</p>

