



Agenda Item 2

Children and Young People's Trust Board 23rd February, 2010 at 4.00 pm

Present:

Allison Fraser	Chief Executive SMBC (Chair)
Councillor Ian Jones	Cabinet Member for Children and Young People
Robert Bacon	Chief Executive Sandwell PCT
Dr John Middleton	Director of Public Health Sandwell PCT
Steve Clay	Chief Executive West Bromwich and District YMCA (VCS Executive Representative)
Steve Lawrence	Director of Partnership Learning Skills Council
Dr Helen Grindulus	Divisional Director of Women's and Children's Health SWBHT
Nicola Myhill	Assistant Director for Children's Services – Barnardos (VCS Executive Representative)
John Garrett	Executive Director of Adult and Community Services SMBC
Simon Lomas	District Manager West Midlands Probation Service
Val Bailey	Head of Sandwell College.

Apologies:

Andrea Pope-Smith	Executive Director of Children & Young People's Services SMBC
Richard Taylor	Director of Services Sandwell Mental Health Trust
Peter John	Director of Partnerships and Housing SMBC
Laurie Dyer	Superintendent West Midlands Police

In Attendance:

Janine Brown	Joint Director of Partnership and Commissioning
Ian Cotterill	NRF Programme Manager
Andy Ferguson	Director of Children's Social Care SMBC
Joy Massey	Head of Partnering and Improvement SMBC
Suky Suthi-Nagra	Democratic Services Officer.

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6/10	<p><u>Notes of Last Meeting</u></p> <p>The notes of the meeting held on 9th February, 2010 were approved as a correct record.</p>	
7/10	<p><u>Determinations of Matters by the Minister of Children and Social Care</u></p> <p>The determination by the Minister of Children and Social Care on the level intervention the authority was at was still currently awaited.</p>	
8/10	<p><u>Review of the Children and Young People's Plan</u></p> <p>Janine reported that last year the Trust Board agreed to review and roll forward the existing (2007-2010) Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) for 2010-11.</p> <p>This was due to the work that would be required to produce the new CYPP meeting the statutory requirements, which could not be achieved in the short time between publication of the draft guidance and implementation by 1st April 2010. This review and roll forward plan would therefore be submitted to the Board at its meeting in April along with the priorities identified for this year and next year.</p> <p>A project group had been established to plan and lead the work required to develop the new CYPP for 2011-2014 which was made up of senior officers and led by the Joint Director of Partnership and Commissioning. Officers would coordinate the various areas of the work required to develop the plan using the draft guidance received as a template.</p>	<p>Janine Brown</p>

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	<p>Changes to the Divisional structure were also made which included an experienced interim manager being appointed to review two issues relating to how children were misplaced and looked after children.</p> <p>A report would be considered by the LSCB on private fostering which would review the concerns of the Ofsted inspection.</p> <p>It was agreed that as part of this report, an update on unaccompanied asylum seekers placed by other authorities and how we cared for them, etc, should also be included and considered by the LSCB.</p> <p>In addition, in order to strengthen the link between the LSCB and the Trust Board, it was agreed that work programmes be developed for the Trust Board and the LSCB so that both Boards were aware of items coming forward for consideration at their meetings and a method of feeding back their findings be looked at.</p>	<p>Andy Ferguson</p> <p>Janine Brown/Andy Ferguson/Suky Suthi-Nagra</p>
10/10	<p><u>Presentation on Best and Poor Authorities</u></p> <p>Allison gave a presentation on Ofsted's evaluation of Children's Services 2010 which showed the characteristics of the best performing councils and the poorly performing councils.</p> <p>This was as follows:-</p> <p>Best performing councils include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Children generally get off to a good start in the early years and continue to do well throughout each stage of their education ▪ The majority of services are good and achieve good or outstanding outcomes for children, young people and families 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provision is good or better for children and young people whose circumstances may make them vulnerable ▪ The best councils have very good quality assurance and strong performance management <p>Poor performing councils include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Serious weaknesses in aspects of social care provision for children and young people who are therefore not adequately safeguarded ▪ Inadequacies in assuring good quality across teams and services and in the assessment of children's needs ▪ Insufficient numbers of permanent and experienced social workers ▪ Low levels of performance across services, which mean children have poorer outcomes <p>It was felt that whilst the Council generally had a good service, in order to move to "good", the Board needed to be clear what the expectations were for a good authority and hone in on the levels of local intelligence which linked into performance management of services.</p> <p>It was therefore agreed that a further report should be submitted on performance and monitoring, in particular, identifying what key indicators should be measured.</p>	<p>Janine Brown</p>
11/10	<p><u>Establishment of a Children and Young People's Services Executive Board</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to a proposal to establish a smaller Executive Board, comprising of some members of the Children and Young People's Trust Board, to drive actions forward alongside the Trust Board.</p>	

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	<p>Whilst it was agreed that there was a need to set up a board, it was felt that the overall governance arrangements should be considered in more detail at the Away Day of the Trust Board alongside proposals for the best place to direct spend for the Children's Service.</p>	
12/10	<p><u>Sandwell Community Healthcare</u></p> <p>Rob Bacon gave details of proposals to transform community healthcare services.</p> <p>The aim was to help PCT providers of community services to move their relationship with their commissioners to a purely contractual one, consider what type(s) of organisations would best meet the future needs of patients and local communities and how change could be managed to support the transformation of services to patients.</p> <p>The NHS Operating Framework 2010/11 set a requirement for proposals for future forms of PCT-provided community services to be agreed with SHAs by 31st March 2010.</p> <p>The options included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integration with an NHS acute or mental health provider; • Integration with another community-based provider • Social enterprise <p>The following were also options but not expected to be the norm:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new Community Foundation Trust • Continued PCT direct provision • Care Trust which included provision. 	

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	<p>As the PCT were required to agree a preferred option, the options would be looked at in more detail at the Stakeholder event being organised by the PCT. Members of the Trust Board were invited to attend the event as there were implications for the PCT, staff and the needs of children.</p> <p>The Stakeholder event was scheduled to be held on Friday 26th February 2010 from 12 - 3pm at the Metalforming Centre.</p>	
13/10	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>It was reported that the quarterly performance monitoring report was due to be considered by the Board at its meeting in March, however, this meeting had now been cancelled.</p> <p>It was therefore agreed that a fuller annual performance monitoring report be considered at the meeting of the Board in May 2010.</p>	
14/10	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>It was agreed that the next meeting of the Board would be held on 20th April, 2010.</p>	
Meeting ended at 5.30 pm		