

**MINUTES OF THE
PLYMOUTH CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S
TRUST BOARD**



**MEETING OF
16 SEPTEMBER 2011**

Present:	
Cllr Sam Leaves (Cllr SL) - Chair	Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People, Plymouth City Council
Gareth Allen	Parent and carer representative
Andy Birkett	Chair of Plymouth Association of Secondary Heads and Headteacher of Hele's School
Cllr Linda Bowyer	Vice Chair – Corporate Parenting Group
Viv Gillespie (VG)	Principal, City College Plymouth
Dr Daffyd Jones	GP (shadowing Peter Rudge)
Bronwen Lacey (BL)	Director of Services for Children & Young People, Plymouth City Council
Deb Lapthorne	Director of Public Health, NHS Plymouth
Ruth Lawrence King	Observer (shadowing Paul O'Sullivan)
Ruth Marriott (RM)	Chief Executive, The Zone, Voluntary and Community Sector
Pam Marsden (PM) (representing Carole Burgoyne)	Assistant Director for Adult Health and Social Care
Simon Mower	Headteacher, Chaddlewood Primary representing PAPH
Kerri Nason (KN)	Senior Probation Officer, Devon & Cornwall Probation
Paul O'Sullivan (POS) (representing Anne James)	Director of Joint Commissioning, NHS Plymouth
Rosie Richardson	Clinical Director Women and Children's Health, Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust
Dr Peter Rudge	Sentinel Clinical Commissioning Executive Chair, Sentinel
Cllr David Stark (Cllr DS)	Chair, Corporate Parenting Group
David Sumner	Superintendent, Devon and Cornwall Police
Jenny Rudge (JR)	Chief Executive, Careers South West Ltd
Apologies:	
Andy Bickley	BCU Commander, Devon and Cornwall Police
Cllr Sally Bowie	Councillor, Plymouth City Council
Carole Burgoyne	Director of Community Services, Plymouth City Council
Duncan Currall	Chair, Plymouth Community Healthcare
Morven Maclean	Parent and Carer Representative
Andy Sant	GP
Adrian Kemp	Trustee, Stonehouse Play Space Association, Voluntary and Community Sector
In Attendance:	
Claire Oatway	Policy, Partnership and Performance Manager
Colin Moore	Assistant Director, Lifelong Learning, Plymouth City Council
Maggie Carter	Assistant Director, Learner and Family Support, Plymouth City Council

Mairead MacNeil	Assistant Director, Children's Social Care, Plymouth City Council
Annie Singer	Senior Adviser – Secondary Education, Plymouth City Council
Stephanie Thomas	Senior Adviser – Primary Education, Plymouth City Council
Dave Schwartz	Strategic Commissioning Officer - Lead Reducing Risk Taking Behaviour
John Miller	Principal Youth Worker, Plymouth City Council
Simon White	Safeguarding Business Manager, Plymouth City Council
Jim Gould	Chair of Plymouth Safeguarding Children Board
Candice Sainsbury	Policy and Planning Manager, Plymouth City Council
William Wokya	Chief Executive, Routeways

Minute	Item	Action
Part 1 1.1	Apologies Apologies were received from Steve Waite, Duncan Currall, Andy Sant	
1.2	Minutes of the last meeting, held on 17 June 2011 Minutes were agreed. Matters arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 3 CO raised that work was continuing on this action to map out what was being spent on each of the priorities for children. The monitoring and mapping of all agency spend had been a challenge. • Page 4 Operation Encompass it was reported that there had been full co-operation on this project and Operation Encompass was being rolled out across the country. • Page 5 SEN Consultation – it was reported that the Children and Young People Trust had submitted a response on Green paper proposals for SEN. • Page 5 SEN – it was raised that the bid to become a pathfinder for combined health and care plan was not successful. The pathfinder was awarded to Devon. • Page 6 Plymouth Local Safeguarding Children Board report – this action is now complete. 	
Part 2 2.1	Children and Young People’s Plan 2011 – 24 - Communication Plan CO gave an update on the communications plan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the plan to be rolled out across the city and copies of the plan would be circulated by post shortly. This is a real opportunity to use the CT banner to engage and encourage staff to work together towards a common cause in promoting the plan. • 15 different participation groups hosted by Routeways were tasked with interpreting the plan before it went into schools. • the plan to be presented back at an event on 11.11.11 and would be a big day for the city. • a day to be set up to look at the action plans has been pencilled in for 20 October. • the plan would be made prominent on the website with a URL of Plymouthtrust.org to be advertised on posters. The home page would signpost people straight to the plan. Action: The Board to note the dates for the diary 11 November and 20 October. The views of the Board made today to be incorporated into the plan.	

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2.2 a.	<p>Children and Young People’s Plan 2011 – 14 Action Plans</p> <p>Priority 1: Equip Young People with skills. Knowledge and opportunities to make a successful transition to adulthood</p> <p>Annie Singer, Senior Adviser – Secondary Education, PCC reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • there is a statutory responsibility for local authorities to support young people. • challenges around vulnerable groups and have an increased participation plan in place. • project set up with Achievement Training and PLUS to combine their resources in order to deliver bespoke packages and work experience, internship to paid employment. 5 young people are currently on this project and were at risk of becoming NEET. Hoping to be able to run this pilot for 2 years and increase the number of young people on that project with the view to making this a permanent offer. • working closely with the Apprenticeship Service, Plymouth has the highest success rate for apprenticeship in the SW and nationally. • have piloted a transition project with Participation Officers working with young people during the summer term and giving support with studies post 16. The ACE service has been extended with 2 new projects starting this year. The appointment of a Teenage Parent Reengagement Officer working with 25 hard to reach young mothers. • AS reported that she was invited to the CT Executive Board to address some of the issues on participation, NEETs and apprenticeship and stated that she was trying to get good representation from health. 	
b.	<p>Priority 2: Improve levels of achievement for all children and young people</p> <p>Colin Moore, Assistant Director (Lifelong Learning) and Stephanie Thomas, Education Adviser, PCC reported that –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • there were still has too many youngsters leaving primary school with literacy problems and were therefore unable to make the most out of secondary education. Also too many young people leaving secondary education without qualifications. It was reported that testing for 6 year olds was announced on the news this morning. • we are the champion of learners and parents and reorganising our services with PCC to ensure the right number of school admission places for the next 10 years. • the government requested in the summer the names of below standard schools and are pleased to report that there are no secondary schools below standard. There is a focus on raising achievement in 20 primary schools not reaching the right level. 	

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c.	<p>Priority 3: Tackle child poverty</p> <p>Candice Sainsbury reported that a report went to Cabinet on 13 September 2001 and it was agreed that PCC would receive an annual report on Child Poverty. William Wokya, Chief Executive, Routeways introduced his presentation on Child Poverty.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 – 4 children live in poverty in Plymouth. • There were grades of poverty, families in receipt of income of less than 60% of the national average income was deemed as living in poverty. • This is a Plymouth 2020 Partnership level 1 indicator to embed child poverty into other strategies and to make Child Poverty everyone’s business. • a Self Assessment health check would be taking place on 10 October. • Each board member made a commitment on how they would help to tackle child poverty. 	
d.	<p>Priority 4: Provide all children with the best possible start to life</p> <p>Paul O’Sullivan, NHS handed out a paper to panel members and went through his presentation it was reported that –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • contract with children centres to ensure they reach out and engage with vulnerable families. • Health Visitor implementation plan for Plymouth would mean an additional 48 health visitors by 2015. • further work to be undertaken on the 5 – 19 programme and a broader range of partners required. • chlamydia screening programme distributed to each panel member as recommended by the CYP OSP. <p>Mairead MacNeil, Assistant Director (Children’s Social Care) ran through her presentation and it was reported that the Munro review was in response to 2 high profile deaths.</p>	
e.	<p>Priority 5: Tackle risk taking behaviours through locality delivered services</p> <p>Maggie Carter, Assistant Director (Learner and Family Support), Dave Schwartz, Strategic Commissioning Officer - Lead Reducing Risk taking Behaviour and John Miller, Principal Youth Officer reported that -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • developing integrated work to divert children and young people from the specialist services or to prevent them from extreme circumstances. We want to encourage safe risk taking behaviour. • alcohol for young people is more of a concern to them and this is a particular issue that they worry about. Alcohol is one of the major issues for the city. • the Summer Mix programme, 160 activities were offered over August. • a number of young people involved in decision making and we broke national benchmarks for decision making and volunteering. • DS reported that alcohol is a major focus on resources with a joint strategic needs assessment due to come out in November. Two key areas are how we support the risk and parental alcohol misuse. 	

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<p>Part 3 3.1</p>	<p>Plymouth Safeguarding Children Board Report</p> <p>JG presented the Plymouth Safeguarding Children Board Report and highlighted -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Munro review and the need to look at this further before accepting the recommendations. • changes taking place with partner organisations with the loss of experience people, a risk we all have to recognise. • NSPCC Young Witness Support Scheme contract will end before 31 March 2012, they will continue to support the young people already working with. NSPCC will not commission a new service next year. The LSCB to have discussions with their retrospective CT to raise this issue. It was reported that the Community Advice Service was not utilised and they were a voluntary agency and could be a resource to consider. • LSC Week from 21 – 25 November and the annual conference would be taking place on 23 November. • a national review is taking place of the Family Court system. <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To look at the Community Advice Centre as an alternative to the NSPCC. • Feedback to be given to the group on the tracking of VCS organisations closing down. • recommend that the LSCB to look at the review of the Family Court System in further detail. 	
<p>Part 4 4.1</p>	<p>Date of next Children and Young People’s Trust Board Meeting</p> <p>Next meeting to take place on Friday 9 December 2011.</p> <p>AOB</p> <p>Transition summit – 2 attempts to run this event. Postpone this summit and want to this with the right people and at the right time – rescheduled when there is a clearer idea.</p> <p>Meeting concluded at 12.15 pm.</p>	