



SUMMARY OF BOARD MEETING HELD 23RD MAY 2013

Outlined below is a summary of agenda items discussed at the last meeting. Should any further details /information be required on an item please contact the named person.

1. **Corporate Parenting Panel and LAC scorecard:** Jean Imray provided assurances on how the parenting panel sets out the Looked After Children strategy and priorities and attempts to guide the parenting panel to ensure services are an effective prevention. Jean Imray also informed the board that the joint protocol for children who go missing from Home and Care which was endorsed by the Board in May 2011 is being revised. Jean Imray 01733 863821
2. **Update from children services:** Jean Imray informed the board that a report from the External Improvement Board had gone to the DfE to have the improvement notice lifted included the Ofsted action plan which shows what has happened in the past 3 months. Jean Imray 01733 863821
3. **Referrals:** Jean Imray presented a re-referrals report which she hoped would show that large families or computer system errors were responsible for the high re-referral rate but believes it was due to Referral and Assessment operating a "sausage machine" to create an effective process through the front door and a desire to meet timescales. Jean Imray commented that the performance for March and April show steps are making an impact to meet the target. Jean Imray 01733 863821
4. **Private Fostering:** Sally Charlton presented the Private Fostering Report and informed the board that there has been a decline in Private Fostering arrangements. A promotion is being run for the next 3 months with revamped leaflets and posters whilst training is improving within Peterborough City Council and other agencies. Sally Charlton confirmed that systems are in place to help raise awareness and that around Peterborough people could not walk down the street without knowing about Private Fostering. Sally Charlton 01733 864520
5. **LADO report:** Lindsey Blickem presented the LADO report which he had commented was self explanatory. When compared with previous LADO reports they were not very different. Lindsey commented that he was expecting an increase in historical cases following news in the media and the Jimmy Saville allegations since April but these have not happened. Lindsey Blickem 01733 864038
6. **Section 11:** Ramesh Prema provided a summary report on the agencies Section 11 results and suggested looking at Standard 5 in more detail as lots of agencies are completing a lot of work around training. To help further capture the voice of the child, agencies will be written to asking about participation and what structures are in place within Peterborough. Ramesh Prema 01733 863753
7. **Threshold Document:** Russell Wate informed the Board that Working Together 2013 states that the LSCB should publish on behalf of the multi-agency partners its own Threshold Document. The threshold document which had been seen by Board members in May 2012 and followed up with 200 practitioners from across agencies attending training and consultation sessions has been brought back to the board and now includes the Escalation Policy and Sharing Information Agreement. Jon Chapman 01733 863745
8. **Business Priorities & Risk Register/Business plan/new front sheet:** Jon Chapman presented the priorities and explained that building on the work from the development day previous versions had been seen by the subgroups and is still in draft. The voice of Children and Young People run throughout the priorities instead of a single priority whilst the business plan has been configured from the priorities. Jon Chapman 01733 863745
9. **Annual Report:** Jon Chapman informed Board members that the Annual Report is still in draft and that it is hoped to be circulated with the minutes for comments so that a final version can be brought back to the board at the next meeting in July. Jon Chapman 01733 863745
Any Other Business (AOB)
CP Plan audit findings: Jean Imray informed the board that Glen Denham, Jean Imray and Sue Westcott audited 20 CP Plans independently and felt some should have been robust Children in Need plans. Children in Need procedures mirror the Child Protection process and had been signed up to by partners and agreed as a way forward. It was suggested that the Children in Need process has to be up to date and circulated with the audit findings from CP Plans to strengthen the message. Jean Imray 01733 863821
Locality Toolkit: Sue Hartropp asked if a link to the Locality Toolkit could be placed onto the LSCB website as some schools are not aware of it. It was reported that this has already been actioned and sent to Tri.x for the next scheduled update on 6th June. Catherine Shingler commented that Little Miracle do not appear on the Locality Toolkit. Jon Chapman 01733 863745
 Chris Emerson raised that the board meetings would be useful if both the Director of Children's Services and Lead Member to the council could attend.
10. **Date of next meeting:** 18th July 2013, Northminster House, 2.00 – 4.30