

**MINUTES OF THE CHILDREN'S TRUST (HSP)**  
**MONDAY, 24 OCTOBER 2011**

**Present:** Councillor Lorna Reith, Graham Badman, Councillor Zena Brabazon, Maureen Galvin, Debbie Haith, Sarah Miller, Councillor Katherine Reece, Peter Ryan.

**In Attendance:** Xanthe Barker, Sarah Parker, Patricia Walker, Stuart Young.

<b>MINUTE NO.</b>	<b>SUBJECT/DECISION</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>
<b>OBCB276</b>	<p><b>APOLOGIES</b></p> <p>Apologies or absence were received from the following:</p> <p>Sue Baker  Alex Hendra - Sarah Miller substituted  John Jay  June Jarrett  Councillor Claire Kober  Peter Lewis - Debbie Haith substituted  Pamela Pemberton  Councillor Bernice Vanier</p> <p>Apologies for lateness were also received from Councillor Zena Brabazon.</p>	
<b>OBCB277</b>	<p><b>URGENT BUSINESS</b></p> <p>There were no items of Urgent Business.</p>	
<b>OBCB278</b>	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest made.</p>	
<b>OBCB279</b>	<p><b>MINUTES</b></p> <p>Prior to confirmation of the minutes the following update was provided:</p> <p><u>Child Poverty Strategy</u></p> <p>It had been intended that this would be brought to the Trust at this meeting; however consultation on the strategy has been delayed.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 July 2011 be confirmed as a correct record.</p>	
<b>OBCB280</b>	<p><b>REVIEW OF PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS</b></p> <p>The Trust received a report that provided an overview of the findings of</p>	

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the recent review of partnership arrangements in Haringey.

The review had been considered necessary at this point due to a number of policy changes introduced by the coalition Government including the abolition of the Local Area Agreement (LAA) and the Area Based Grant (ABG). This coupled with the significant loss of capacity to support the current partnership structure meant that it was no longer sustainable.

The recommendations arising from the review were summarised and the Board was advised that a new 'Core Group' would be established to replace the HSP Standing Leadership Conference and the HSP Executive. The core group would include:

- Council Cabinet Members
- Senior Council Officers
- Health
- Police
- Job Centre Plus

This group had held its first meeting on 7 October and it was envisaged that it would meet on a six weekly basis.

As statutory bodies the shadow Health and Wellbeing Board and the Community Safety Partnership would remain in place; however, it was intended that the other Theme Boards would be decommissioned by the end of the calendar year and that the current partnership structure would be dissolved.

In terms of the next steps outgoing Theme Boards were being asked to identify areas of work that would not be picked up elsewhere and that would need to be taken forward. The review had recommended that any areas of work that required particular focus should be looked at via time limited Task and Finish groups.

It was noted that the Children's Trust Performance Management Group (CT EPMG) had discussed the review's recommendations and how the multi agency work that was currently overseen and drawn together by the Trust would be monitored once the Trust was disbanded. Initial suggestions as to where these might be allocated were set out in the report.

Given that attendance had fallen, as organisations had less capacity to send representatives to the meetings, it was proposed that the Trust would no longer meet in person. However, the dates scheduled for the remainder of the municipal year would be kept in the diary and if there were any issues that members of the Trust felt should be considered at a formal meeting the scheduled dates could be used.

In response to concerns raised that the role of elected Members would be lost if the Trust was disbanded the Trust was advised that the membership of the shadow Health and Wellbeing Board (sHWB)

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	<p>included four Councillors and that all of the Cabinet sat on the new Joint Leadership Group (JLG). As a significant proportion of the Trust's current work was likely to be moved to these bodies political input would be maintained.</p> <p>The Social Inclusion Group (SIG) referred to in the report had not yet been established. This would be chaired by Councillor Strickland and once the membership had been agreed the Trust would be notified.</p> <p>The role of opposition and Members was discussed and it was noted that there were no positions for opposition Members within the new partnership structure. It was contended that this disenfranchised a significant proportion of elected Members from partnership working. Similarly backbench Members from all political groups also had no formal mechanism for influencing partnership working under the new arrangements.</p> <p>Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) involvement was raised and it was noted that the potential conflict of interest between commissioning and membership of the sHWB was being considered. The Council was in the process of producing a VCS Commissioning Framework and it was anticipated that this would help address some of the issues that this raised.</p> <p>It was acknowledged that involvement of the VCS within the partnership was an issue that would need to be debated further and resolved.</p> <p>In response to concern as to where multi agency audits, which currently fell within the remit of the Trust would be monitored, it was suggested that the new JLG might provide the best forum for this and there was agreement that consideration should be given to this. There was also agreement that the relationship between the sHWB, LSCB, JLG and Community Safety Partnership (CSP) required further clarification and that areas of overlap would need to be identified.</p> <p>There was a general consensus that the most useful function of the Trust had been the network it provided to share information and communicate with partners and it was suggested that an online 'bulletin board' or 'e-bulletin' could be produced to help sustain the network.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. That the report be noted.</li> <li>ii. That further work to determine where the work that currently fell within the remit of the Trust would be allocated should be undertaken and that the Trust should be advised of this once it had been finalised.</li> <li>iii. That, on the basis that the Trust's current work was re-allocated to alternative partnership bodies, future scheduled meetings would only take place if there was a particular topic or issue that</li> </ul>	<p>Patricia Walker</p> <p>All to note</p>
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	<p>Members of the Trust considered warranted a meeting.</p> <p>iv. That the CT EPMG should continue to meet to monitor developments related to children and young people in Haringey and how the Children's Trust work programme would be dealt with after April 2012.</p> <p>v. That consideration should be given to how opposition and backbench Members could influence partnership working.</p>	<p>All to note</p> <p>Stuart Young</p>
<b>OBCB28</b>	<p><b>LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD: ANNUAL REPORT</b></p> <p>The Trust received an overview of the LSCB Annual Report 2010/11 from the chair of the LSCB, Graham Badman.</p> <p>LSCBs were required to present their Annual Reports to local Children's Trusts in order to challenge partners and ensure that the necessary structures and processes were in place to create effective safeguarding practice in the area. In addition, the recommendations of the Munroe Review included the proposal that in future the report was to be sent to the Chief Executive and Leader of the Council, and (subject to legislation) the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board and the local Police and Crime Commissioner.</p> <p>An overview was given of the seven priority outcome areas for the LSCB and it was noted that a further two priority outcomes were proposed for inclusion within from 2011/12:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ A coordinated and strategic approach to reduce the impact of harm to children resulting from sexual exploitation</li> <li>➤ A coordinated and strategic approach to reducing the impact of gangs and gang violence on children and young people</li> </ul> <p>Following Mr Badman's presentation the Trust discussed the report.</p> <p>The issues highlighted with respect to Domestic Violence (DV) and the difficulties attached to ensuring that victims were able to proceed to court were noted. The Trust was advised that ensuring that cases were prepared properly and that administrative processes were followed was recognised as being important in alleviating delays in reaching court.</p> <p>This point had also been picked up as part of more than one Serious Case Review (SCR) where delays in administrative processes and a lack of coordination between agencies had contributed towards the death of a woman experiencing DV.</p> <p>It was noted that that Local Authority was developing the support that it provided to victims of DV and this was recognised as being part of its safeguarding duty to children. Multi agency working was also being improved via initiatives such as the MARAC which was led by the Police and used to identify potential victims of DV.</p>	

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	<p>The lack of referrals from early year's settings was discussed and it was suggested that the reasons for this were complex and required further analysis; this was not considered to be due to a lack of training or awareness of Children's Centre staff. It was noted that more out reach working may form part of an approach to identifying children at risk.</p> <p>In response to a query as to how the areas highlighted in the report would be addressed and taken forward the Trust was advised that the LSCB itself had a series of Action Plans that flowed from this. It was for partner agencies to ensure that they made provision for this within their respective organisations.</p> <p>The disbanding of the Trust would mean that the oversight of the multi agency response to this was lost and consideration would need to be given as to how this would be addressed. There was agreement that the Joint Leadership Group may be the best forum to take on this aspect of the Trust's role.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Mr Badman for his overview of the report and noted that it had been helpful to discuss this in detail.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. That the LSCB Annual Report be noted.</li> <li>ii. That the Trust was provided with an update with respect to which body would take on the multi agency overview of the recommendations arising from this and future LSCB Annual Reports.</li> </ul>	<p>Debbie Haith / Patricia Walker</p>
<p><b>OBCB287</b></p>	<p><b>TRANSFORMING CHILD AND ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES (CAMHS) IN-PATIENT SERVICES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING IN BARNET, ENFIELD AND HARINGEY: REPORT BACK ON CONSULTATION</b></p> <p>The Trust considered a report that provided an update with respect to NHS North London Central (NCL) proposals regarding the commissioning of Tier 3 and Tier 4 Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS).</p> <p>It was noted that the proposals had been consulted upon with service users and that 51% of the overall responses were positive about the proposed changes, 43% negative and 6% neutral.</p> <p>The young people that had previously used the Northgate had been in favour of retaining the services that it provided and they had also indicated that reducing the stigma attached to institutionalisation was important.</p> <p>In general terms respondents had been in favour of developing an enhanced community service.</p> <p>The Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) had</p>	

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	<p>requested that a further report was submitted to it providing more information in several areas and this would be considered before a final decision was made.</p> <p>The Trust discussed the proposals and their impact on service users. In response to a query as to what young people had felt about the provision of education whilst in in-patient care the Trust was advised that this had been a key area for young people. The transition from in-patient services back to mainstream schools was recognised as being challenging and new models were being looked at with pupil referral unit (PRU) to help improve transition.</p> <p>Concerns were raised specifically with regard to the loss of the Northgate Clinic as a number of young people had expressed their support for it. The Trust was advised that the clinic only offered care on a Monday to Friday basis and that the new service model required beds to be available seven days per week.</p> <p>It was noted that schools with Academy status operated with greater autonomy and that their policies may be different schools in the control of the Local Authority and that this would need to be taken into account when reviewing transitional arrangements for young people leaving in patient care.</p> <p>The Chair noted that a piece of work was being undertaken to raise awareness amongst teaching staff of mental health issues and to help teaching staff identify young people who may be affected by this.</p> <p>In response to a query as to whether there was any further opportunity to influence the proposals and how they would be progressed the Trust was advised that the NLC Board would consider the proposals on 15 December and that the points raised as part of this discussion would be reflected in the report that it considered.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>That the outcomes of the public consultation, the actions to date and the further plans ahead of the NHS NCL Board on 15 December be noted.</p>	Sarah Parker
OBCB28	<p><b>SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY FUNDING</b></p> <p>The Trust received a verbal update with respect to changes in the way Speech and Language Therapy services were funded.</p> <p>The high demand placed on the Speech and Language Therapy (SLTS) meant that it was no longer possible to provide the current level of services for the amount of funding available. It was recognised that any decision to reduce the SLTS would be controversial; however, changes were necessary in order to ensure that children most in need continued to receive assistance.</p> <p>It was noted that a detailed 'options' report would be circulated to the</p>	

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	<p>Trust once proposed changes to the service had been developed.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. That the verbal update be noted.</li> <li>ii. That, once available, the options report, as set out above, should be circulated to the Trust.</li> </ul>	<p>Debbie Haith / Sarah Parker</p>
<b>OBCB284</b>	<p><b>PERFORMANCE REPORT</b></p> <p>The Trust received a report that presented information with respect to performance indicators related to the work of the Trust and developments in performance monitoring.</p> <p>It was noted that performance against targets with respect to the completion of Initial and Core Assessments had not been met. The Trust was advised that the service had initially prioritised improving the quality of Initial and Core Assessments and now that this had been achieved a targeted piece of work was being undertaken to improve the speed with which they were completed.</p> <p>The Chair noted that she met with senior officers from the Children and Young People's Service on a regular basis to discuss performance issues.</p> <p>Areas of performance currently monitored by the Trust would be reviewed and reallocated to other existing bodies. There was agreement that any areas that might be at risk of 'falling between' areas should be identified and that the CT EMPG should discuss this further at its next meeting.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. That the performance report be noted.</li> <li>ii. That the CT EMPG should identify any areas where they may be a gap in performance monitoring and agreed how this should be taken forward.</li> </ul>	<p>Debbie Haith / Patricia Walker</p>
<b>OBCB285</b>	<p><b>NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS</b></p> <p>There were no new items of Urgent Business.</p>	
<b>OBCB286</b>	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p>There were no items of AOB.</p>	
<b>OBCB287</b>	<p><b>DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS</b></p> <p>There was agreement that the dates listed below should be kept in people's diaries; however, the Trust would only meet in person if</p>	

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	members contacted the Chair and requested a meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ 6 December, 4.30pm</li><li>➤ 7 February, 4.30pm</li><li>➤ 3 March, 4.30pm</li></ul>	
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The meeting closed at 6.45pm.

COUNCILLOR LORNA REITH

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