

Kent Children's Trust Executive Group

Draft Minutes v3

Held on: 11 February 2011, Area Operations, Police Headquarters, Maidstone

14.00pm – 16.30

Present	Amanda Honey - Interim Chair (AH), Joy Ackroyd (JA), Joanna Wainwright (JW), David Hughes (DH) , Angela Slaven (ASL), Barry Clout (BC), Stephen Bell (SB), Lorraine Goodsell (LG), Neil Jerome (NJ), Rev Nigel Genders (NG), Malcolm Newsam (MN), Judy Doherty (JD), Marisa White (MW)
Apologies	Ann Sutton (AS), Richard Samuel (RS), Marion Dinwoodie (MD)
In Attendance	James Harman (JH), Kate Ewins (KE) as an observer
1.	Welcome and Introductions Action
	The new interim Chair of KCT, Amanda Honey welcomed the Executive Group members to the meeting and thanked Kent Police for their hospitality.
2.	Minutes of Previous Meeting
	The minutes of the meeting on 26 th January were agreed as an accurate record. The group noted that the housing item brought to the last Executive had also been to the recent Kent Forum and had been well received and did highlight the impact and needs of young people and families within the Housing arena.
3.	CYPP Priorities
	<p>Marisa White introduced the item setting out the current challenges in the production of a public version of the Kent CYPP. It was noted that due to budget restrictions and the need to assess the emerging impact on services it had not been possible to finalise decisions regarding priorities and activity beyond year one.</p> <p>It was agreed therefore, to develop a 'strategic planning framework' to support future decision making, joint working and improved outcomes. This framework would set out the agreed priorities for year one - Safeguarding and Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health. The framework would also enable further decision making when resources and policy were clearer. Marisa White did highlight the robust needs assessment undertaken by KCT and the work being progressed by LCT Boards to agree local plans. JA thanked Executive members who had already provided feedback on draft local plan and asked for further feedback by the 16th of Feb.</p> <p>It was agreed that the CYPP Strategic Planning framework should be presented to the full KCT Board on the 4th of March. MW also identified the proposed "Indicators for Success" which detailed the Year1 ambitions for the plan and asked the Group for feedback.</p> <p>The Group felt that the CYPP needed at the very minimum to go to the Kent Forum for sign off.</p>

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	<p>Action - To ensure the CYPP is added to a future Kent Forum agenda</p> <p>Action - Executive Members to provide JA with feedback on the draft local plans by Weds 16th Feb</p> <p>Action - To provide MW with feedback on the “Indicators for Success”. Lorraine Goodsell particularly agreed to provide feedback on the health indicators.</p> <p>The CYPP presentation for the meeting is available here: www.kenttrustweb.org.uk/UserFiles/KCT/File/KCTE/Feb_2011/MW_CYPP_pres_KCT_EXEC_FEB_2011.ppt</p>	<p>JA</p> <p>All</p> <p>LG/ALL</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Safeguarding Improvement Plan</p>	
	<p>Malcolm Newsam introduced himself to the Group as the new interim Director of Children’s Services for Kent and provided the Group with a confidential presentation regarding the latest findings around Safeguarding and Looked After Children in Kent. It was noted that this was the top priority for the LA and partners and the main item for this and future Executive Group meetings.</p> <p>MN outlined the 6 key elements that formed the new approach to secure improvement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confident leadership • Organisation fit for purpose • Effective partnerships making the difference • High quality practice • Robust performance management • Becoming an employer of choice <p>The Group were informed of ways the partnership could help improve Safeguarding across the County under the following headings -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It’s everyone’s job • Role is to help not just scrutinise • Thresholds • Common Assessment Framework • KSCB focus and structure • Role of Children’s Trust <p>MN also shared the latest data for Kent relating to referral levels, ChIN, unallocated cases and staffing levels.</p> <p>The Executive Group identified a number of issues and questions to be considered over the coming months -</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can the Trust help support and embed the Safeguarding Improvement Plan and move the agenda forward? • Where does the ultimate responsibility for improving the safety of children and young people in Kent lie, with KCT or KCSB? • What are the models of best practice KCT needs to be looking at? • Do we know what data we need to work effectively? • Are there any particular localities that have 'bigger' problems than others? <p>Action - An updated Safeguarding Improvement plan for general distribution is to be available to partners at the end of February.</p>	JA
5.	Resources Opportunities and Risks	
	<p>Amanda Honey introduced the item and presented a synopsis of the information shared by partners at the January KCT Executive on resources, opportunities and risks for children, young people and families' services over the next 3 years.</p> <p>Comments from the Executive included -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two key partner budgets are missing from the overview and need to be added; schools and GP's. • A visual presentation of the information for Kent would be the best way to share information on a wider level and is a really important as the backdrop to the key decision making processes over the coming months. • Budgets are still not clear in many funding streams and it is likely to be a few months yet before they are unpacked fully and there is a clear picture of resources in Kent. • The Group agreed that they now need to now look at the totality of resources and how they could be best used to tackle our biggest issues. • Social capital and other contributions should be represented but there was acknowledgement that this would be hard to portray pictorially. • A proposal was put forward to try and map the identified resources against the 7 identified areas of need in the County. <p>Action - For a small working group to meet to move the work forward and bring back to the Executive at a future date.</p>	JA / SB LG / AS
6.	Children and Young People's Survey of Kent	
	<p>The item was presented by Marisa White who asked the Group to consider the arrangements for a new Children and Young Peoples survey for Kent. MW identified 3 options and that KCC could offer 50% of the survey cost but partners would need to finance the 50%.</p> <p>Comments from the Executive included -</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The overall cost of the survey seems to outweigh the value of the evidence it provides. • The LCTB's would be better placed to get views on local issues by local people. • Decisions about future arrangements should be informed by how young people think their views can be best represented, and a piece of work needs to be done to co-ordinate this. • Consultation with young people would be more effective if it was focused on current areas of need and implemented on a 'little and often' principle. • A further model would be to move the survey to a 2/3 year cycle with a particular focus on the adolescent age range. <p>Action - For the Participation Group to explore other options and make better use of existing arrangements across the County.</p> <p>Action - KCFN offered staff expertise to model an alternative solution.</p> <p>Action - County Councillors' and schools to be approached for their views on the future arrangements.</p>	<p align="center">SB</p> <p align="center">SB</p> <p align="center">MW</p>
7.	Agenda Planning for KCT Board Meeting 4 th March	
	The Executive considered the focus of the next KCT Board meeting and provided JA with a steer on the agenda.	JA
8.	AOB and Future Meetings	
	Next Meeting - Thursday 7 th April 2011	