



KCT County Board Meeting - 8th October 2010

Full minutes of this all day meeting will be provided however a number of attendees have requested the summary of outcomes and actions shared at the end of the meeting. Joy Ackroyd, KCT Partnership Manager

Outcomes and actions:

- The Board received frank and encouraging feedback from the Local Children's Trust Boards (LCTB) Chairs and members who shared emerging issues, challenges and ambitions from the first round of LCTB meetings. The feedback will be considered by the Change for Children Team who will make recommendations to strengthen the framework for LCT Boards. The KCT newsletter (see link below) also provides an overview of LCT Boards. www.kenttrustweb.org.uk/kct/kct_whats_new.cfm
- There was a recurring theme around the use of data and intelligence across agencies, particularly at the most local levels with good examples being provided by the Margate Task Force and the Police intelligence based planning arrangements. Information sharing was also highlighted as a key development area and partners agreed that we need to improve our information sharing protocols to identify and address the top 2% of neediest families in Kent.
- The importance of developing the children's workforce was highlighted as part of every item. The Board endorsed the nine workforce standards set out in item 4 and all partners were asked to use these in further developing their own workforce strategies. It was also agreed that KCT now needs a more operationally focused group of workforce professionals to drive the implementation of the KCT Workforce Strategy.
- Taking a whole family approach was a constant theme throughout the Board meeting. It was agreed that as partners together we need a better understanding of the journey children and families have into and through our services. Examples of customer experience mapping were provided by the Margate Task Force. The Change for Children Team would be asked to consider how we can develop this.
- There was a strong focus on prevention and 'invest to save' models were highlighted. The interface and balance between universal, targeted and specialist services would be explored in the new Preventative Framework. Sharing models of best practice was identified as an area for continued development, again the Change for Children Team would be asked to consider improved arrangements for achieving this. JA agreed to send a model of good practice to contribute to the national overview of supporting families.



- The KCT Board received clear recommendations from the National Study Team to improve arrangements for emotional health, wellbeing and CAMHs services. There was a strong emphasis on the need for more preventative services. The Children's Trust arrangements were identified as strength, providing a partnership model to drive improved arrangements.

The following business items were also progressed:

- The protocol between the Kent Safeguarding Children Board and the Kent Children's Trust Board, was agreed subject to a few small amendments and will now go forward to the Kent Safeguarding Children's Board for approval.
- The Kent Alcohol Strategy was endorsed and partner agencies were asked to disseminate and implement the strategy within their respective organisations.
- The housing protocols for homeless young people aged 16-21 in Kent and the emergency accommodation placements protocol between Kent local housing agencies, were both approved by the Board. There were follow up actions to bring a broader housing strategy paper to the December KCT Executive Group meeting and to ensure District Councils agree the protocols through their own political approval routes for ratification and implementation.

The next KCT County Board Meeting will take place on the 2nd of December between 9am and 12pm at Oakwood House.

2011 KCT County Board Meeting Dates were revealed as -

- 4th March 2011, 2pm - 5pm
- 23rd June 2011, 10am - 4pm
- 14th September 2011, 2pm - 5pm
- 8th December 2011, 2pm - 5pm

Venues to be confirmed