

Solihull Children & Young People's Trust Board



3rd February 2011, 09:00-12:00pm – Civic Suite

ACTIONS

Attendees: Cllr Davies, Cllr Tildesley, Cllr Corser, Rachel McArthur, Hayley Moran, Patricia Wright, Jenny Godsall, Lynda Mackay, Janet Down, Karen Murphy, Ian Mather (sub for Stephen Munday)

Apologies: Lesley Heale, Jane Connolly, Stephen Munday, Debbie Jenkins, Julia Lyle, Jim Sinnott, Zanny Lomas

Also in attendance: Ben Lewing, Simon Hackwell

Observers: Teresa Scragg, Carol Andrew, Claire Cook, Reena Kaur, Hazel Abbott, Helen Pedley

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| 2. | MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING ON 04 NOVEMBER 2010 | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Item 6 – Amendment – there will be opportunities in community health services, although 30% cuts are expected in back office / management costs across the NHS. | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invitation extended to Board members to attend Healthier Communities Scrutiny Board on the 8th March 2011 at 6.00pm to hear Heart of England Foundation Trust's presentation on Solihull's Health Services. | |

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| 3. | IMPACT OF FINANCIAL CLIMATE | | |
| | Presented by: | All | |
| | Purpose: | Information sharing | |
| | Points to Note | | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KM: The Council has been going through a reprioritisation process, focused on early intervention and prevention, and is planning to consult and involve partners. | | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RMc: Clarity over the timescale for Council decisions would be helpful. The current position is creating uncertainty and concerns about employment responsibilities and service delivery from the 1st of April 2011. Cllr ND: challenge of planning with incomplete information from Government. | | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JG: Schools are also concerned as to how things will affect them, and a lot of support services may cease, along with a new vision for education. | | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JD: Voluntary sector is feeling quite vulnerable right now, and over-reliant on goodwill. Cllr JT: £15M cut across the Council, £4.5M in children's services. No proposals have been seen by Members for cutting funding for 3rd Sector services. Cllr ND: Intention to keep front-line services intact but still awaiting information from Government, for example on the Music Service. | | |

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| 4. TRUST REVIEW | | |
| Presented by: | Karen Murphy / Ben Lewing | |
| Purpose | To consider the impact of changing local and national circumstances on the Solihull Children & Young People's Trust. | |
| Points to Note | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no statutory duty for the Council to have a Trust or the Children & Young People's Plan. | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JD – The Trust has increased the quality of services across the Borough and very has been very positive in building relationships. The interface and understanding of agencies planning and working together is very important. Third sector rely heavily on expertise of other organisations so this forum is very important as this has a multi disciplinary interface. | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JG – Schools are not aware of the work being done by the Board, which is a concern but realise they cannot exist in individual isolation, e.g. partnership with health is very important. | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr MC – It makes sense to work in partnership with the wider agenda. Partnership working is very favourable. There is a need to have some form of a Group or Board in Solihull to bring things together. | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RMc – This Board is strategic but does not seem to have influence or accountability. Either it needs more teeth, or move focus to operational partnership working. | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Potts – Partnerships need to reform and allow Councillors, including those on the backbenches, to make decisions as they are accountable. | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HM – Parents require specific details as to what the Trust Board has done in the past. Not worth parents being involved unless decision-makers are present. | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KM: The Board is very well balanced with councillors, parents, schools and partners. We need a unified voice to make sure that we are heard. The Trust Board can be held to account on how we apportion the budgets. | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JG: What difference is the Board making, that wouldn't have happened anyway? Credibility issue with schools. | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr JT: The non attendance of senior people on the Board is a concern as this cannot be effective without proper representation from the professionals. Is this Board cost effective when there may be duplication elsewhere with other Boards / Groups? A firm commitment is required from the senior professionals to carry out the decisions made. Absentees not acceptable. | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RMc: three parts to partnership working role: networking, things we do together, things we do separately but hold each other to account for. Question whether these roles are already done elsewhere and so need to remove the Trust or something else to avoid duplication. | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JD: Building relationships is also important for multi-disciplinary planning. Would need to replicate the shared talking and planning if it didn't happen at a Trust Board. | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IM: Despite what happens to the Trust there is a desire to continue to meet on the 'Be Healthy' Outcome Group. | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr ND: There should be some form of networking mechanism in place whether at the Board level or below. | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JD: We should compare the Terms of Reference for the Trust Board and the Local Safeguarding | | |

| Children's Board to see what the duplication is. We need to look at what this Board is doing that the other Boards are not and look at the mechanism of this Board for the work to be carried out. | | |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KM: We need to be aware that there may be changes being made to the other Boards and what are the costs involved. We should gather strategies, have the right people, who have influence, power and money, involved and to be mindful of how wide we spread the net. Important to have a strong voice for children, young people and families in Solihull. | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JG: Council's new priorities would provide a good starting point for discussions about shared planning and partnership working. | | |
| Actions | Who | When |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board sub-group (chaired by Cllr Davies) to explore issues further and report back to the next Trust Board on partnership working options. | Cllr ND, JG, LM, JD, RMc, KM, BL | Feb / March |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outcome Groups to be put on hold unless there is a demand for them to continue to meet as per Be Healthy. | Chairs | Feb |

| 5. ALLEN REPORT: EARLY INTERVENTION | | |
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| Presented by: | Ian Mather | |
| Purpose | To brief the Board on the Allen Review | |
| Points to Note | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr JT: This is an excellent presentation and the Board should be making recommendations using this evidence. | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JD: Haven't we always know about the importance of investing in the first three years? Do the identified interventions already happen in Solihull? | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RMc: Solihull Approach is a programme around early development which has been developed locally and we need to look at how we embed this. | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KM: We will focus on the evidence of what works in Solihull. | | |
| Actions | Who | When |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allen Report to be circulated to Board members. | CC | Feb |

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| 6. CHILDREN'S HEALTH SERVICES | | |
| Presented by: | Simon Hackwell | |
| Purpose | To update the Board on changes to the management and delivery of Solihull's children's health services | |
| Points to Note | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SH: Heart of England Foundation Trust consists of Solihull, Heartlands and Good Hope hospitals and is responsible for running community health services in Solihull. Vision on hospital coming towards community services rather than the other way round. No restructure planned. Plan to establish a Solihull Provider Partnership Board (HEFT, GPs, Voluntary Sector organisations, | | |

| Solihull Council, Patients) to oversee the delivery of health and social care social services. The Board would be advisory initially but over time could take on delegated authority, and the partners sitting round the table would have both power and influence more widely. | | |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KM: Relationship with democratic process via commissioners. | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RMc: The relationship with Children's centres would remain the same, although still awaiting Council decisions on some services such as speech & language therapy. Optimistic about possibilities – day 1 will be business as usual, with opportunity to join up health pathways. | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HM: It may be difficult to involve parents into this group. | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr MC: Executive and scrutiny roles both important. Health Overview and Scrutiny will continue separately to the Health & Well-Being Board | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KM: We will need to ensure that the Children's Services are not to be squeezed and there is appropriate representation on the Board. | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JD: We need to ensure that there is one Voluntary Sector representative for Children & Young People and one for adults. | | |
| Actions | Who | When |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JD to discuss representation on the Provider Partnership Board with the Children's Voluntary Sector Forum | JD | Feb / March |

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| 7. | SOLIHULL COUNCIL PRIORITIES: Integrated delivery of children's services | | |
| Presented by: | Karen Murphy | | |
| Purpose | To update the Board on the Council priority setting process | | |
| Points to Note | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This item was covered under Item 4. | | | |

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| 9. | DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 17 th March 2011 | |
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