

Every Child Matters *In Lincolnshire*



**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S
STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP
2 DECEMBER 2009**

PRESENT:

Councillor Terry Aldridge (East Lindsey District Council), Debbie Barnes (Lincolnshire County Council), Sharon Bath (North Kesteven District Council), Sue Bolter (South Holland District Council), Andy Breckon (Lincolnshire County Council), Terl Bryant (Lincolnshire Schools' Forum), Jan Gunter (Lincolnshire PCT), Margaret Henderson (NHS Lincolnshire), Janet Inman (Lincolnshire Sports Partnership), Rob Mayall (Lincolnshire County Council), Karen Parsons (Children's Links), Heather Sahman (Strategic Health Authority), Hannah Spencer (LAGAT), Keith Smy (Lincolnshire Police), Marcie Taylor (Government Office East Midlands), Sue Westcott (Lincolnshire County Council), John Wilcox (Association of Lincolnshire School Governing Bodies), Joy Wood (NHS Lincolnshire) and Clive Yates (Lincolnshire County Council).

31. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Sarah Akerman, Malcolm Barham, Ginny Blackoe, Nick Borrill, Councillor Marjorie Duncan, Jan Ellis, Michael Follows, Lee Freeman, Ian Fytche, Mary Hollingsworth, Allan Kitt, Vondra Mays, Samantha Neal, Nick Rashley, Duncan Sharkey, Tara Webster-Deakin, Councillor Steve Williams and Barry Young.

It was noted that Terl Bryant attended the meeting in place of Michael Follows.

32. TEMPORARY ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, the Strategic Partnership agreed to temporarily elect Rob Mayall as Chairman, until the Chairman entered the meeting.

ROB MAYALL IN THE CHAIR

33. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING AND ACTION POINTS OF THE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 16 SEPTEMBER 2009

The Partnership considered the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 16 September 2009.

Actions

The Partnership was informed that the issue raised under Minute number 33 was re-discussed at the meeting of the Executive Group held on 23 July 2009, where it was agreed that the Minutes should not be amended as they accurately reflected the discussion.

A discussion took place regarding Minute number 26, Team Around the Child, where it was requested that the Partnership should receive a further update in relation to the twenty-five cases closed due to insufficient agencies or agencies being disengaged.

Ginny
Blackoe

AGREED

That the Minutes and Action Points of the previous meeting held on 16 September 2009 be confirmed as a correct record.

34. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND ACTION POINTS OF THE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP'S EXECUTIVE GROUP HELD ON 17 SEPTEMBER 2009 AND 29 OCTOBER 2009

The Minutes and Action Points of the previous meetings of the Strategic Partnership's Executive Group were circulated to Members, for information.

The Partnership was informed that in future it would receive the Local Children's Partnership's Annual Reports, for consideration. The standard template for these reports would be discussed at the Development Day scheduled to be held during February 2010.

A discussion took place regarding the National Support Team visit scheduled to be held on 21-22 January 2010. Members were informed that they would receive a briefing note on this prior to the visit, for information. Clive Yates, Business Manager, was co-ordinating the interviews between Members and the Team.

Clive
Yates

AGREED

That the Minutes and Action Points of the previous meetings of the Strategic Partnership's Executive Group held on 17 September 2009 and 29 October 2009 be noted.

35. SCHOOL NURSING – INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS AND PARENTS - DVD

Consideration was given to a report and presentation by Joy Wood, Clinical Team Leader for Universal Provision, NHS Lincolnshire, which provided the Partnership with further information in relation to the services of school nurses.

A DVD was shown to the Partnership, which was aimed at secondary school

pupils. It was highlighted that young people had acted within the DVD, and this would be broadcasted on Youtube to ensure that this reached the target audience. The actors and their parents consented to their participation within the DVD and they were all aware that this would be broadcasted on Youtube.

The Partnership was provided with an opportunity to ask questions, where the following points were noted: -

- The DVD was available to all schools and Governors within the county;
- As the first point of contact was with the Head Teacher within each school, it was suggested to also write a letter to the Governors to provide them with information of this service within schools;
- 40 schools had signed up to the service since September 2009;
- Certain schools within Lincolnshire employed their own school nurse but this service was still available to those schools;
- This service provided each school with a drop in session once a week with their designated school nurse;
- It was suggested that a list detailing which schools had and had not signed up to the sexual health element of this service should be sent to Andy Breckon, for information;
- There had also been a DVD created which was aimed at parent evenings at primary schools, providing parents with information on what services were provided by school nurses. The Head Teacher of a primary school could contact its nominated school nurse at any time to arrange a drop in centre;
- It was suggested that this DVD should be shown to the Learner Provider Group, for information.

Rob
Mayall

AGREED

That the DVD and core offer be endorsed by the Partnership and that the Partnership encourages participation from the schools within Lincolnshire.

NOTE: - At this stage of the proceedings, Peter Duxbury, Chairman of the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership entered the meeting and took the Chair.

PETER DUXBURY IN THE CHAIR

36. QUARTER TWO PERFORMANCE REPORTS – OUTCOME LEADS

Consideration was given to reports on performance information relating to each of the five Every Child Matters Outcomes as part of the Children and Young People's Plan. Specific issues for each Outcome were highlighted, as follows:-

i) Achieve Economic Well-Being

The overall position for Achieve Economic Well-Being was that performance remained strong across the range of partners contributing to this outcome.

An exercise with ten other counties was completed to compare the performance of young people Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET). Lincolnshire performed considerably higher than the average within that group and it was the second highest performer within the group. Nottingham performed the highest and work was being completed to establish what work Nottingham was undertaking. It was also reported that work was being completed to establish how each Local Children's Partnership was performing against one another, where it was highlighted that East Lindsey was performing significantly high in terms of NEET.

Work was being undertaken to raise the awareness of what benefits were available for families with children. Job Centre Plus and Children's Centres were contributing to this piece of work to raise awareness within Lincolnshire.

A discussion took place regarding the take up of school meals within schools, where it was agreed that a report should be presented to the Partnership at its meeting scheduled to be held on 13 January 2010, for information.

Debbie
Barnes

ii) Be Healthy

The annual nature of the majority of Be Healthy Indicators made quarterly forecasts impossible, but it was highlighted that this would be addressed next year.

There had been a drop-off point identified for breastfeeding and this was within the first seven days. It was highlighted that mothers responded better to peer supporters rather than health professionals. The recruitment of volunteers had been taking place and the overall numbers were increasing. Volunteers would work on a rota system to ensure that there was a volunteer at hand to provide guidance and support to mothers breastfeeding.

Concerns were raised by the Partnership, as the majority of indicators were reported on an annual basis so the performance throughout the year could not be monitored. It was highlighted that work was being undertaken to ensure that the performance could be monitored on a monthly basis from next year.

The Partnership requested that it received a report at its meeting scheduled to be held on 13 January 2010, to consider information relating to obesity. It was highlighted that there was issues on a national scale in relation to the reporting of obesity figures but work was being completed to address this.

Jan
Gunter

iii) Enjoy and Achieve

The take up by children and young people in the areas of arts, music and

school sport had been very encouraging and work would be undertaken around the Olympics to encourage further participation within Lincolnshire. It was highlighted that a number of children and young people had signed up to Lincolnshire's Athletics Programme.

The indicators for exclusions continued to cause a concern however, the work of support services would continue to be directed at the schools facing the greatest challenge.

A concern was raised around the changes in guidance to the School Improvement Plans. These changes made by Ofsted caused confusion for the Head Teachers and Governors within schools.

iv) Making a Positive Contribution

A number of issues had affected the availability of data for performance indicators within Positive Contribution: -

- The Tell Us 4 Survey and sports survey were being completed in October/November so information was not available for quarter 2;
- The need to verify the recorded and accredited outcomes for youth work following the summary programmes.

The Tell Us Survey was an online tool which asked children and young people a number of questions around the five Outcomes. It was agreed that a report should be presented to the Partnership in relation to this for information.

Debbie
Barnes

The indicator for the percentage of Children's Centre Partnership Boards with 50% or more parent representation was not performing well. Children's Centres continued to build their relationships with parents accessing services from their centres. Progress to this target was being monitored by Children's Services Team Managers and Principal Practitioners.

v) Stay Safe

Owing to the increase in the number of referrals to Social Care, there were some indicators that were underperforming. Between April and July 2008, 10,931 referrals were received. Between April and July 2009, 1,588 referrals were received. Children subject to a Child Protection Plan seemed to be stabilising and there had been a reduction of 20 to 519 children in public care.

A suggestion was made, in relation to the indicator for the rolling average number of children killed or seriously injured in a road traffic accident for this year, to contact Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership for most recent and accurate data.

It was highlighted that the Terms of Reference for domestic violence had been signed off. There was a need for a clear process for referrals from the police

to social care. Work would be completed in this area to address this.

vi) Service Management

The appointment of Deputy Outcome Leads within the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership provided additional capacity, strengthened the role of all agencies and provided development opportunities for Members of the Partnership. Guardians had also been appointed to each of the seven sub-groups of the Partnership. The Guardians provided leadership to the groups and confirmed the work plan and reported by exception to the Partnership on the progress made towards the Group's objectives.

Ahead of the new Children's Trust Statutory guidance and the Every Child Matters Plan Regulations being laid in April 2010, the decision to proceed with an additional one year refresh of the Lincolnshire Children's Plan would allow for an extended period of consultation to inform the three year re-write of the Lincolnshire Children's Plan 2011/14, aligning the plan to the Local Area Agreement and 14-19 Strategy.

AGREED

That the Outcome Lead performance reports be noted.

37. "ONE FRIDAY NIGHT" – LINCOLNSHIRE ALCOHOL HARM EDUCATION DVD PROJECT

Consideration was given to a report by Chris Avis, Lincolnshire County Council, and John Bustin, Lincolnshire County Council, which provided the Partnership with an opportunity to discuss the development of the recent Lincolnshire Alcohol Harm Education DVD Project.

Educational packs which were aimed at children and young people were provided to Members, for information. A DVD which was produced by children and young people, based on a television series called Skins, was also created. It was suggested that this should be shown 30 minutes prior to the Partnership's meeting scheduled to be held on 13 January 2010. It was also suggested that this should be raised at the Learner Provider Group, for information.

All
Rob
Mayall

AGREED

That the DVD be shown 30 minutes prior to the meeting of the Partnership scheduled to be held on 13 January 2010.

38. CYPSP REPRESENTATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE, PARENTS/CARERS

Consideration was given to a report by Clive Yates, Business Manager, which

informed the local authority and partners through the Partnership that they were required to consider the inclusion of children, young people and parent/carers representation on the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership.

A suggestion was made to discuss this further at the Partnership's Development Day scheduled to be held in February 2010.

AGREED

That the representation of children and young people, parents and carers, be discussed at the Development Day scheduled to be held in February 2010.

Clive
Yates

39. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Lincolnshire Loving Sport, Living Life Strategy was discussed, where it was highlighted that the Chairman was awaiting a response on how to take this forward from Mark Homer, responsible officer for the healthy activities work stream of the Sustainable Community Strategy for Lincolnshire. Once a response had been received, the Partnership would be informed.

Peter
Duxbury

A piece of work on Youth Inclusion went through East Lindsey District Council's Executive at its last meeting. The Report and Action Plan would be circulated to the Partnership for information. The Partnership was invited to a celebration event in relation to this, which was scheduled to be held on 28 February 2010, a briefing note would be circulated to the Partnership detailing further information.

Clive
Yates

A DVD on Children's Services was scheduled to be launched during January 2010 and a launch event would be held for this. The Partnership would receive further information in relation to this event via email.

Clive
Yates

The Children's Services Christmas function was scheduled to be held on 10 December 2009 at the Assembly Rooms in Lincoln. It was requested that the Partnership encouraged colleagues within their respective organisation to attend this event.

The meeting closed at 4.30 p.m.