

Every Child Matters *In Lincolnshire*



**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S
STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP
13 JANUARY 2010**

PRESENT: PETER DUXBURY (IN THE CHAIR)

Sarah Akerman (Voluntary Sector), Councillor Terry Aldridge (East Lindsey District Council), Malcolm Barham (Voluntary Sector), Debbie Barnes (Lincolnshire County Council), Ginny Blackoe (NHS Lincolnshire), Nick Borrill (Fire and Rescue), Councillor Mrs Patricia Bradwell (Lincolnshire County Council), Andy Breckon (Lincolnshire County Council), Chris Cook (Chairman of the Safeguarding Children Board), Jan Ellis (Job Centre Plus), Philip Garner (Lincolnshire PCT), Jan Gunter (Lincolnshire PCT), Janet Inman (Lincolnshire Sports Partnership), Allan Kitt (NHS Lincolnshire), Rob Mayall (Lincolnshire County Council), David McWilliams (Lincolnshire County Council), Robert Moreland (South Kesteven District Council), Samantha Neal (East Lindsey District Council), Karen Parsons (Children's Links), Heather Sahman (Strategic Health Authority), David Saunders (Lincolnshire County Council), Keith Smy (Lincolnshire Police), Cheryl Stanislowski (Lincolnshire County Council), Marcie Taylor (Government Officer East Midlands), Meredith Teasdale (Lincolnshire County Council), Terry Vine (United Lincolnshire Hospitals Trust), John Wilcox (Association of Lincolnshire School Governing Bodies) and Clive Yates (Lincolnshire County Council).

40. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Actions

Apologies for absence were received from Linny Beaumont, Sue Bolter, Councillor Marjorie Duncan, Margaret Henderson, Michael Follows, Lee Freeman, Ian Fytche, Philip Roberts, Hannah Spencer, Tara Webster-Deakin and Sue Westcott.

41. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING AND ACTION POINTS OF THE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 2 DECEMBER 2009

AGREED

That the Minutes and Action Points of the previous meeting held on 2 December 2009 be confirmed as a correct record.

42. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING AND ACTION POINTS OF THE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP'S EXECUTIVE GROUP HELD ON 26 NOVEMBER 2009

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

AGREED

That the Minutes and Action Points of the previous meeting of the Strategic Partnership's Executive Group held on 26 November 2009 be noted.

43. HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT MODEL OF SCHOOL NURSING

Consideration was given to a report and presentation by Ginny Blackoe, Lincolnshire PCT and Sarah Packwood, Lincolnshire PCT, which provided the Partnership with information on the progress made of the implementation of the Health Needs Assessment, lead Model of School Nursing across Lincolnshire.

The Lancaster Model provided the structures, frameworks and models to guide and support practice, interventions and services through the process of redesign. The process involved seven stages. A pilot was completed, which demonstrated what was already known.

Parents and pupils, depending on their age, were asked to complete a questionnaire. The number of questionnaires received was at a high level across the county. The questionnaire was in a paper format but this would be an electronic process in future years.

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

- There was a need to strengthen school nursing within schools;
- This process required significant investment and this re-investment depended on the free-up of efficiency savings within the health service;
- Certain schools across Lincolnshire had employed their own school nurse, however those schools were still able to access the core offer for school nurses;
- Historically recruitment within certain areas across the county had proven problematic, however this had been resolved;
- Band six qualified positions were harder to employ to.

AGREED

That the Action Plan be circulated with the Minutes of the meeting.

Clive Yates

44. THINK FAMILY STRATEGY

Consideration was given to a report by Meredith Teasdale, Lincolnshire County Council, which provided the Partnership with an opportunity to consider the Think Family Strategy and its implementation across Lincolnshire. A consultation exercise for the Strategy had taken place and the Partnership had submitted its comments. It was highlighted that all comments received were incorporated within the Strategy.

'Think Family' challenged Children's Trust and Adult Services to work together when children's lives were assessed to be affected by mental health, anti-social behaviour, homelessness, domestic abuse, substance abuse and long term medical conditions or illnesses.

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

- A robust framework could be put into place across all services with 'Think Family' being at the centre of it;
- There was a need for a Tool for all practitioners to risk assess the family circumstances and to make an objective assessment which accurately highlighted the level of risk. It was highlighted that there was a questionnaire which was being launched through MARAC and it was suggested that a copy should be sent to Peter Duxbury for consideration, as this form could address the need and provide a quick implementation;
- Concerns were raised by the Partnership as this should already be core business across services;
- A suggestion was made to incorporate additional information in relation to housing;
- The Think Family Board had representatives from a wide range of organisations;
- It was suggested that the Terms of Reference for the Board should be more focused;
- It was suggested that the work of the Board should be completed within six months.

Diana
Broadmeadow

Executive
Group

AGREED

That the Executive Group be requested to consider the Terms of Reference for the Think Family Board.

45. ECM ESSENTIALS

Consideration was given to a report and presentation by David McWilliams, Lincolnshire County Council, which provided the Partnership with further information in relation to ECM Essentials.

Detailed information included as part of the presentation was provided for the Partnership, covering the following areas: -

- The policy context;
- Participation Strategy;
- Pupil Voice;
- TellUs4;
- ECM Essentials;
- The sign up rate to ECM Essentials;
- ECM Perceptions;
- Summary data and summary against questions;
- Overview of responses;
- What next.

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

- ECM Essentials was popular within schools as it provided them with detailed information in regards to their school;
- ECM Essentials could provide you with an overall summary of the results, a summary of individual questions and it could also break down into targeted groups or by demographics;
- The system would also allow the information to drill down to individual responses. Students that had completed the questionnaire were aware that the information could be drilled down to individual answers;
- The safeguarding of the data was the responsibility of the school but the respondent had ownership of their answers;
- Concerns were made by the Partnership in relation to the information provided in terms of the perception of bullying, it was suggested that a briefing note should be circulated with the Minutes to bring clarity to this issue;
- The Partnership suggested that an alternative colour coding system should be used for presenting the information as this could be misleading.

David
McWilliams

AGREED

That the ECM Essentials be endorsed by the Partnership.

46. UPTAKE OF FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Consideration was given to a report by David Saunders, Lincolnshire County Council, which provided the Partnership with further information in relation to the uptake of free school meals within Lincolnshire. 10,313 pupils were currently registered for free school meals, of which 10,247 pupils had taken up

the offer. This figure compared with a take up of free school by 2,200 pupils in January 2006 and 7,776 pupils in January 2008. Approximately 12,000 pupils within Lincolnshire were eligible for free school meals.

The following developments were expected to increase further the application for and update of free school meals: -

- The upgrade of kitchen facilities in secondary schools;
- The use of the Dining Room Grant to change the school meal experience;
- The introduction of cashless systems to reduce the stigma of free school meals;
- The introduction of an online tracker tool which enabled schools to report data on a monthly basis.

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

- Parents could either apply online or complete a hand written form, with assistance if required, for free school meals;
- Staff members from schools could also complete the online form on behalf of a parent;
- Free school meals should be advertised in County News.

AGREED

That the report be noted.

47. HEALTHY WEIGHT, HEALTHY LIVES – CHILDHOOD OBESITY

Consideration was given to a report and presentation by Philip Garner, NHS Lincolnshire, which provided the Partnership with detailed information in relation to Healthy Weight, Healthy Lives – Childhood Obesity. The paper outlined current developments, future investment plans and challenges which would be faced if Lincolnshire was to have a positive effect upon the lives of children and families locally.

Detailed information included as part of the presentation was provided for the Partnership, covering the following areas: -

- Healthy Weight, Healthy Lives – Nationally;
- Local Priorities;
- Obesity within Lincolnshire;
- Children’s Height and Weight for 2008/09;
- Rowing for Fitness 2007/08;
- Lincolnshire Targets;
- Major Indicators;
- Relation National Indicators;

- Children: Healthy Weight and Healthy Growth;
- Promoting Healthier Food Choices;
- Creating better incentives for better health;
- Building Physical Activity in our Lives.

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

- A written strategy had not been developed as the focus had been on the implementation of the work;
- A number of children within Lincolnshire were morbidly obese;
- It was suggested that similar work should be undertaken within Nursery Schools;
- Work had been successfully completed in terms of physical activity, for example, 'Fit Kids' within each district, which was a twelve week programme;
- The issue of childhood obesity was a collective responsibility across all services within Lincolnshire;
- It was suggested that the issue of obesity should be publicised;
- The Partnership recommended that an Action Plan should be completed, incorporating future targets and what had been completed to date.

Philip
Garner

AGREED

That the report be noted.

48. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Partnership was reminded that its meeting with the Youth Cabinet scheduled to be held on 10 March 2010 at Committee Room 1, County Offices, Newland, Lincoln, would commence at 6 p.m. – 8.30 p.m.

All

The meeting closed at 4.45 p.m.