

Every Child Matters In Lincolnshire



**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S
STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP
10 MARCH 2010**

PRESENT: ALLAN KITT (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), Michael Follows (Schools Forum), Rob Mayall (Lincolnshire County Council), Karen Parsons (Children's Links), Heather Sahman (Strategic Health Authority), Pam Smith (LAGAT), Hannah Spencer (LAGAT), Cheryl Stanislawski (Lincolnshire County Council), Jade Warren (North Kesteven District Council) and Clive Yates (Lincolnshire County Council).

Also in attendance: Members of the Youth Cabinet and Members of the Lincolnshire Young Carers' Partnership.

49. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Nick Borrill, Andy Breckon, Peter Duxbury, Jan Ellis, Ian Fytche, Jan Gunter, Mary Hollingsworth, Janet Inman, Robert Moreland, Samantha Neal, Philip Roberts, Keith Smy, Tom Stockwell, Marcie Taylor, Councillor Mike Taylor, Terry Vine, Tara Webster-Deakin, Sue Westcott, John Wilcox and Councillor Steve Williams.

It was noted that Jade Warren (North Kesteven District Council) attended the meeting in place of Philip Roberts.

50. SHOWCASE FROM THE YOUTH CABINET

At the beginning of this item outgoing members of the Youth Cabinet were presented with certificates to show thanks for the work which they had completed during their term.

Consideration was given to a presentation by Lincolnshire Youth Cabinet, which provided the Partnership with information on the activities that the Cabinet had undertaken over the past year.

Actions

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

- The priorities of the Youth Cabinet;
- The priorities of the UK Youth Parliament;
- The Youth Cabinet's Pledges;
- Lincolnshire Youth Elections 2010;
- Information in relation to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child Article 12.

It was highlighted that the Youth Cabinet was aiming to redefine the public perception of young people and the media image, however it was acknowledged that this could be challenging.

The number of meetings which the Youth Cabinet attends was discussed, however the Partnership was informed that no meetings were arranged over the exam period.

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

- A concern was raised as there appeared to be a break down in communication in regards to the events that had been held within the East Lindsey District and the Youth Cabinet not being informed. It was suggested that this issue should be investigated;
- A 'Play Bus' had been developed within West Lindsey;
- It was suggested that the Youth Cabinet could link in with other events which were taking place across the County to raise awareness;
- The Youth Cabinet had recently met with Lincolnshire County Council's Executive, where it was agreed that regular communication between the two should be established;
- The Partnership thanked Members of the Youth Cabinet for attending the meeting.

Clive
Yates

AGREED

That the presentation be noted.

51. LINCOLNSHIRE YOUNG CARERS PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

Consideration was given to a presentation by the Lincolnshire Young Carers Partnership, which provided the Strategic Partnership with information on the activities that the Partnership had undertaken over the six months.

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

- The definition of a young carer;

- Young Carer's Outcomes;
- Facts and figures in relation to young carers within Lincolnshire;
- Levels of support;
- Activities which had been arranged for young carers;
- How to ensure young carers were kept safe;
- How to ensure how young carers were heard and listened to;
- How to ensure young carers were respected;
- How the young carers fed into the five outcomes;
- Funding for young carers;
- Diversity of young carers.

Members of the Lincolnshire Young Carers Partnership provided the Partnership with a brief background on their individual situations and highlighted any issues that they had experienced.

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

- Carers could be as young as 5 years old;
- Sometimes young carers were a hidden group;
- 79% of young carers had been bullied at school, as a result school work would suffer;
- Core funding was received through Lincolnshire County Council and the majority of funding covered transport costs;
- Healthy Schools was going to link in with Action for Young Carers;
- Schools would need to be aware of who were young carers within the school so appropriate support could be put in place;
- Being a young carer impacted on their everyday life including their social life;
- A meeting between Debbie Barnes and the Schools' Admissions Forum would be arranged to establish whether the admission form could include a section on young carers;
- There were discrepancies in the treatment of young carers requesting information and prescriptions for those they cared for. It was suggested that Allan Kitt and Ginny Blackoe should investigate this further.
- The Partnership thanked Members of the Lincolnshire Young Carers' Partnership for attending the meeting.

Debbie
Barnes

Allan Kitt
and Ginny
Blackoe

AGREED

That the presentation be noted.

52. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING AND ACTION POINTS OF THE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 13 JANUARY 2010

The Minutes and Action Points of the previous meeting of the Partnership were circulated to Members, where the following points were noted: -

Under Minute 44, it was highlighted that the Partnership did not wish for a Board to be established but an action plan should be devised focusing on activities to be completed and this should be considered by the Executive Group at a future meeting.

Meredith Teasdale

The Partnership requested that it received an update report on the Uptake of Free School Meals at a future meeting.

David Saunders

The Partnership also requested that it received an update report and plan in regards to Healthy Weight, Healthy Lives – Childhood Obesity, at a future meeting.

Philip Garner

Discussion took place regarding the possibility of the Lincolnshire Schools' Forum being represented on the Executive Group of the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership. It was also highlighted that this was first raised at the meeting of the Partnership held on 16 September 2009, where it was agreed that this should be discussed at a CYPSP Development Day. Since this was agreed, there had been two Development Days held but this item had not been included on either agendas. The importance of actions being taken forward was highlighted.

It was suggested that this should be raised at the Partnership's Annual General Meeting, where the Membership of the Executive Group would be elected. This should also be considered in the reconfiguration of the Children and Young People's Partnership aligning to the new statutory guidance.

AGREED

That the Minutes and Action Points of the previous meeting held on 13 January 2010 be confirmed as a correct record.

53. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING AND ACTION POINTS OF THE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP'S EXECUTIVE GROUP HELD ON 14 JANUARY 2010

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

Concerns were raised as the Development Day which had recently been held was poorly attended by the Executive Group, the lateness in the despatch of the agenda and certain facilitators had received very late notification of their requirement to facilitate. It was suggested that this should be discussed at the next meeting of the Executive Group scheduled to be held on 18 March 2010.

Executive Group

AGREED

That the Minutes and Action Points of the previous meeting of the Strategic Partnership's Executive Group held on 14 January 2010 be noted.

54. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN REFRESH 2010-11

A final draft of the Children and Young People's Plan Refresh 2010-11 was circulated to the Partnership for approval and sign off. The Plan Refresh would then be sent to print and copies would be made available.

It was highlighted that an amendment to the Refresh had been received from Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue.

AGREED

That the Children and Young People's Plan Refresh be approved.

55. QUARTER THREE 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) Be Healthy

It was highlighted that the Breastfeeding target and the immunisation target would not be achieved in Quarter 4.

The uptake of the HPV vaccination had been high but there were still a high number of groups which were reluctant to consent. Work was being undertaken to address this issue.

ii) Stay Safe

Some performance indicators had not performed as well as what was anticipated but work was being undertaken to address this issue.

The number of referrals was beginning to stabilise.

iii) Enjoy and Achieve

For indicators relating to the performance of Children in Public Care the numbers of children involved was very small and each child was a relatively high percentage. However, strategies were in place to support those children to reach the expected level of achievement.

iv) Positive Contribution

The overall position for Make a Positive Contribution was good and the performance was better than the last quarter. The majority of the performance indicators had been achieved or were on track to be achieved at the end of the year.

v) Service Management

A joint Development Day was held during February 2010, which brought together the Partnership and representatives from the seven Local Children's Partnerships, this had proved to be successful and a number of actions had come out of it.

vi) Economic Well-being

Although the performance indicator in relation to NEET had not yet been verified, it was expected to return to a figure of 4.8% which was slightly better than anticipated, although it falls below the aspirations and was approximately 0.35% below last years performance.

AGREED

That the performance reports be noted.

56. POST 16 BRIEFING

Due to time constraints, it was suggested that a briefing note should be circulated to the Partnership in relation to Post 16 Briefing.

AGREED

That a briefing note be circulated to the Partnership in relation to Post 16 Briefing.

Rob
Mayall

57. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman agreed that the following items could be considered under Any Other Business: -

i) React Programme

A series of sessions had been held in relation to the changes in 16 – 19 learning. It was suggested that Councillor Aldridge and Rob Mayall should have a discussion to ensure that continuity was maintained.

Councillor
Aldridge
and Rob
Mayall

ii) My Place Showroom

Work was being undertaken and it was hoped that this would be completed by October 2010 and within budget.

iii) Sex Education Video within Lincolnshire

The sex education video which was being shown to children and young people within the County had hit the local headlines and this may also hit the national headlines. A formal response would be devised.

iv) Attendance at the CYPSP

A concern was raised in relation to the lack of numbers at this meeting. It was highlighted that the attendance was monitored on a regular basis.

v) Support for the Partnership

It was suggested that a discussion should take place in regards to the resourcing of the Partnership. It was agreed that a representative from Procurement Lincolnshire could facilitate a discussion at a future meeting regarding this issue.

vi) Rob Mayall

Rob Mayall, Assistant Director in Children's Services had recently been appointed to a new role in the recently established national team of Children and Learners Strategic Advisers working in the East Midlands and the Eastern Region. This new service was led by Serco Education and Children's Services and would 'go live' on 1 April 2010. Rob's leaving date had been confirmed as 30 April 2010.

The Partnership congratulated Rob on his new appointment and took the opportunity to thank him for his commitment and support to Children's Services over the last two and a half years.

vii) Debbie Barnes

The Partnership congratulated Debbie Barnes on her recent appointment as an Assistant Director in Children's Services.

The meeting closed at 20.30 p.m.

Clive
Yates