

Lancashire County Council

Corporate Parenting Board

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 7th February, 2013 at 6.00 pm in Cabinet Room 'C' - County Hall, Preston

Present:	Members	
	County Councillor Tony Winder	- Lancashire County Council – Chair of the Board
	County Councillor Andrea Kay	- Lancashire County Council
	County Councillor Carolyn Evans	- Lancashire County Council
	County Councillor Stan Leadbetter	- Lancashire County Council
	Louise Taylor	- Director for Specialist Services, Directorate for Children and Young People, Lancashire County Council
	Kathryn, Kris, Maggie Mark and Michelle	- Representing the Children in Care Council (LINX)
	Co-opted members	
	Paul Armitage	- representing Children's Social Care, Lancashire County Council
	Katherine Ashworth	- representing Young People's Service, Lancashire County Council
	Nicola Bamford	- Designated Doctor and Consultant Paediatrician, representing Health
	Marc Bentley	- Ambassador for Young People
	Debbie Nolan-Plunkett	- Barnardos
	Stela Stansfield	- Children's Rights
	Other Attendees	
	Lynne Asbridge	- Lancashire Police
	Mark Elliott	- Clerk to the Board, Governance and Project Support Team, Lancashire County Council
	Sam Gorton	- Governance Team, Lancashire County Council
	Lisa Gregoire-Parker	- Lancashire YOT, Fostering and Adoption, Lancashire County Council (Observer)
	Louise Mackender de Cari	- Strategic Integrated Service Development Team, Lancashire County Council
	Tony Morrissey	- Safeguarding Inspection and Audit, Lancashire County Council
	Julie Naylor	- Barnardos
	Mike Snelson	- Quality and Continuous Improvement, Lancashire County Council
	Cathy Trengove	- Barnardos

73. Introductions and Apologies

Introductions around the room were made and apologies were noted from County Councillors Brindle, Case, Mein and Taylor and Joanna Hunt, Ismail Karolia, Sue Parr, Debbie Ross and Jane Simpson.

The Chair noted that this was Paul Armitage's last meeting before he moved to his new job with Ofsted. On behalf of the Board Paul was thanked for his contribution to the Board over the last few years and was wished all the best for the future.

74. Notes of the Meeting held on 6 December 2012

The notes of the meeting held on 6 December 2012 were agreed as an accurate record.

75. Matters Arising from the Notes of the Meeting held on 6 December 2012

Minute 63 in respect of the nominations from the adoptive sector discussions were on-going with potential representatives and once agreed would be invited to the next meeting.

Minute 67 in respect of the celebration event Debbie reported that the young people were particularly keen for the event to have a formal part when certificates would be handed out. Blackpool Pleasure Beach was felt to be a good venue as long as the young people could have time to get ready for the certificate ceremony.

76. What our Elected Members have been doing

CC Winder updated the Board on the various meetings, visits and actions he had been involved in as the Chair of the Board.

He particularly mentioned the Quilt tour which had started on Monday and thanked Sam for pulling it all together. A group would be pulled together to consider where the Quilt should be permanently on display and their recommendations will be brought to a future meeting of the Board.

The Chair also mentioned a visit he had made to Crawshawbooth County Primary School where the children asked lots of questions about Fostering, Adoption and Children in Care.

County Councillor Evans updated the Board on the position of young people in particular from the Willows who had been supported in getting placements.

77. LINX (Lancashire's Children in Care Council)

Debbie gave the Board an overview of the work that has been done so far. The young people feedback on what the three area groups had been doing.

Marc feedback that the Health and Wellbeing Board were very impressed by the feedback and views of the young people.

Forthcoming activities included a weekend away in March and activities in the school holidays for primary-aged children.

Louise raised the issue of ensuring the piece of work around the 'big discussion' takes place. This work is around having a discussion with young people and developing a clear offer of what our children looked after should expect to receive, for example, trips and outings etc.

78. Missing Children

Mike Snelson introduces the Board to the work that had been undertaken around the topic of children missing.

The Board noted that a strategy had been developed that was nearing completion and by answering a couple of questions any new comments could be included if appropriate.

The Board split into groups to discuss what they felt Children Missing meant and what a definition and strategy should include.

In receiving the feedback Mike was particularly taken by the words "feeling out of place" and would look to see if this could be included in the final strategy.

Lynne shared some useful data around the numbers of incidents and various breakdown figures within the totals.

Mike and Lynne were thanked for their presentation both in content and style of delivery.

79. Update on the Safeguarding and CLA Ofsted Inspection

Tony Morrissey introduced this topic, a report having been circulated with the agenda.

The Board noted that some things had not been completed in the original timeframe set by the action plan but work has on-going to address these issues.

Tony drew the Board's attention to the wish to have young people involved in the inspection process.

The Board was asked to note the report and the progress made against the areas for improvement identified by Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission and the additional actions taken by partners to further improve the effectiveness of our services to safeguarding and looked after children.

And to consider how it can also play a role in ensuring the actions taken are making a difference to looked after children lives.

The Chair asked the Board to think about these things and come back with any thoughts and ideas.

80. IRO Annual Report

Tony Morrissey took the Board through the presentation on the Annual Report on the IRO service.

The Board noted the report and the achievements of the service during 2011/12.

Tony was particularly keen to have young person's views on the content of the IRO Annual Report for 2013/14. In respect of this Debbie agreed to take this forward with the young people and will report back in due course.

81. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The Board noted that the next meeting was scheduled to be held on Thursday, 18 April 2013 at 6.00pm at County Hall, Preston.

82. Grant Funding Applications

The current position regarding applications was noted.

83. Performance Data - Key Messages

Louise Mackender de Cari presented the Board with a set of key messages.

The Board agreed to receive the performance information in this format in the future.