

Lancashire County Council

Corporate Parenting Board

Notes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 5th December, 2013 at 6.00 pm in
Cabinet Room 'C' - The Duke of Lancaster Room, County Hall, Preston

Present:

Members

County Councillor Sue Pryn (Chair)	- Lancashire County Council
County Councillor Lorraine Beavers	- Lancashire County Council
County Councillor Margaret Brindle	- Lancashire County Council
County Councillor Chris Henig	- Lancashire County Council
County Councillor Sue Pryn	- Lancashire County Council
County Councillor Ian Brown	- Lancashire County Council
Jane Simpson	- representing Foster Carers
Catherine Cosslett	- representing Adoption
Bob Stott	- Director of Universal and Early Support Services
County Councillor Miss Kim Snape	- Lancashire County Council
Four Young People	- LINX (Children in Care Council)

Co-opted members

Marc Bentley	- Ambassador for Children and Young People
Katherine Ashworth	- representing Young People's Service, Lancashire County Council
Mark Hudson	- representing Independent Reviewing Officers
Sue Parr	- representing The Virtual School, Lancashire County Council
Diane Booth	- Children's Social Care
Kate Baggaley	- Barnardos
Catherine Poole	- Children's Social Services
Shorna Cornthwaite	- Health
Steph Nolan-Plunkett	- Barnardos

Other Attendees

Mark Elliott	- Clerk to the Board
Sam Gorton	- Governance Officer
Mike Sunderland	- Integrated Services Development Team

1. Introductions and Apologies

All were welcomed to the meeting and the following apologies were noted:

County Councillor D Lord
Ismail Karolia
Debbie Ross
Louise Mackender de Cari.

The Board also received the sad news that Lin Fisher, who had been a member of the Board for a number of years, had passed away. Tributes were given to a wonderful compassionate foster carer who will be sorely missed.

2. Notes of the Meeting held on 12 September 2013

The notes of the previous meeting on 12 September 2013 were noted as an accurate record.

3. Matters Arising from the Notes of the Meeting held on 12 September 2013 and Action Sheet

The Board discussed the action sheet and updated the sheet which will be attached to all future agendas.

4. What our Elected Members have been doing

Various county councillors gave brief updates on what work they had been doing as members on the Board.

These actions varied from shadowing Independent Reviewing Officers, supporting events dealing with mental health issues to ways in which all children looked after can have their voice heard.

The Board also noted the PROUD celebration event which is scheduled to take place on 23 January 2014 and the North West Regional Corporate Parenting Boards Conference which is taking place on the afternoon of 17 February 2014.

5. What Does Our Performance Tell Us?

The Board considered the report which had been discussed earlier at a LINX meeting.

The Board agreed it needed more information on numbers and details of CLA exclusions.

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

The young people gave a number of presentations and related activities on what they had been doing.

Topics included Pupil Premium Plus and The Entitlements Inquiry (which incorporates Care Leavers).

7. Service Redesign for Children in Need of Help, Protection, Children Looked After and Care Leavers

Diane Booth briefly updated the Board on the work being done regarding the service re-design.

Diane asked specifically for the advice and guidance of LINX in moving this forward. Members of LINX agreed to help Diane with this project.

8. 2014 Meetings

The dates for 2014 were agreed.

9. Any Other Business

No items of other business were identified.

10. Date and Time of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next scheduled meeting was to take place on Thursday 6 February 2014 starting at 6pm with refreshments being available from 5.30pm.

11. Grant Funding Applications

The list of grant fund applications was noted.

12. Library of Children Looked After Policies/Strategies

The library of documents was noted and would be reviewed as appropriate.