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Agenda

1. Introductions and Apologies

County Councillor Pryn

To note who is attending and any apologies for absence.

**2. New Lead Director of Corporate Parenting Board
(5 mins)**

Bob Stott

To introduce Tony Morrissey, Deputy Director of Children's Services to the Board.

**3. Notes of the Meeting and Matters Arising from
5 February 2015** (Pages 1 - 10)

County Councillor Pryn

To agree for accuracy the notes of the meeting and receive any matters arising.

4. What our Elected Members have been doing (10 mins) (Pages 11 - 12)

County Councillor Pryn and other Elected Members

To note feedback from work undertaken by the Chair of the Board and our Elected Members as part of their role on the CPB, including Member visits carried out since the last meeting.

What have our Young People been doing?

5. LINX (Lancashire's Children in Care Council) (60 mins) (Pages 13 - 20)

Young People and Barnardos

To receive feedback on the work our young people have been doing including:

- What LINX have been doing
- ITV Fixers Project – Tackling Negative Stereotypes
- PROUD 2015 Feedback
- Young Inspectors Update
- Feedback on the Corporate Parenting Board Performance Report
- Taking it to the Next Level Film on Health Assessments
- Lancashire Participation Network Annual Report

What Do We Need to Know

6. PROUD Event Evaluation (5 mins) (Pages 21 - 24)

Hannah Peake

To note the evaluation from PROUD.

7. Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) (10 mins) (Pages 25 - 26)

Jonathan Hewitt

To receive feedback from a meeting held on 14 January 2015 on how the schools' curriculum model in Personal Health and Social Education focusses on CSE and that staff have access to the relevant training.

8. Virtual Schools and Governance (5 mins)

Audrey Swann

To meet the new Headteacher for Vulnerable and Children Looked After and hear what is currently happening and plans for the future.

9. Start Well Structure (20 mins) (Pages 27 - 28)

Diane Booth, Brendan Lee, Stasia Osioy, Barbara Bath, Ajay Sethi

To note the new Phase 1 of the Transformation of LCC and meet the new Heads of Service and understand their responsibilities.

10. Care Leavers Website (5 mins)

Diane Booth

To note the new site.

11. Any Other Business

County Councillor Pryn

To receive any other business.

12. Date and Time of Next Meeting

County Councillor Pryn

Thursday, 18 June 2015, at 6.00pm in the Duke of Lancaster Room (formerly Cabinet Room 'C'), County Hall, Preston, PR1 8RJ.

Agenda Item 3

Lancashire County Council

Corporate Parenting Board

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 5th February, 2015 at 6.00 pm in
Cabinet Room 'C' - The Duke of Lancaster Room, County Hall, Preston

Present: Members

County Councillor Lorraine Beavers	- Lancashire County Council
County Councillor Margaret Brindle	- Lancashire County Council
County Councillor Ian Brown	- Lancashire County Council
County Councillor Chris Henig	- Lancashire County Council
County Councillor Sue Prynn	- Lancashire County Council
County Councillor Miss Kim Snape	- Lancashire County Council
Catherine Bob Stott	- representing Adoption - Director of Permanence, Protection and Schools
Mark Twiname	- Fostering Forum
Gavin	- LINX Representative
Kathryn	- LINX Representative
Kristal	- LINX Representative
Mark	- LINX Representative
Chloe	- LINX Representative

Co-opted members

Katherine Ashworth	- representing Young People's Service, Lancashire County Council
Mark Hudson	- or his representative, representing Independent Reviewing Officers
Debbie Ross	- Designated Nurse for CLA, representing CCG
Diane Booth	- Children's Social Care
Kate Baggaley	- Barnardos
Gareth Oates	- Barnardos
Annette McNeil	- Integrated Health Services

Other Attendees

Caroline Beswick	- Children's Society in Lancashire
Tracy Dixon	- CLA Health Services

Sam Gorton (Clerk)	- Governance Officer
Amanda Jakeman	- Department for Work and Pensions
Brendan Lee	- Residential Services

1. Introductions and Apologies

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

County Councillor Lord, Nicky Bamford and Jane Simpson.

2. Notes of the Meeting and Matters Arising from 4 December 2015

The notes from the previous meeting were agreed as an accurate record and there were no matters arising from them.

3. What our Elected Members have been doing

CSE

County Councillor Pryn reported that she had met DCI Baxter on 16 December 2014 along with Bob Stott around Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE). CC Pryn discussed the issue of reporting CSE intelligence. CC Pryn stated that several concerns had been raised by elected members concerning possible grooming of young people. She stated that although cases may have been reported through the usual police routes, there needed to be a more robust mechanism in place so that intelligence could be correlated over time to give a more holistic picture of what is happening throughout Lancashire. This would enable pieces of intelligence to be brought together – a bit like putting together a jigsaw- so that it would be less likely that incidents of grooming would ‘fall through the net’ or grooming patterns to go unnoticed. In keeping with this approach, if any potential CSE/grooming incidents/concerns were brought to the attention of the members of the Board during visits or through other activities, CC Pryn wished to be confident that there were clear reporting mechanisms in place to ensure their concerns would be logged and acted on by the police. A discussion followed, where DCI Baxter mentioned the difficulty the police face in logging ‘soft intelligence’ and that at present, there was no effective mechanism in place to record this type of intelligence. CC Pryn stated that she wished a protocol to be set up as she felt this was unacceptable. It was agreed that a system would initially be set up whereby any ‘soft intelligence’ which came to attention of CPB Board Members would be reported to the CPB Chair who would then report such information to DCI Baxter. This information would then be passed by DCI Baxter to the relevant, regional CSE teams to be acted on. DCI Baxter also stated that he would be looking into more sustainable mechanisms in the future to record ‘soft intelligence’. This is felt to be a real breakthrough for the Board and a welcome way forward.

CC Prynne stated that she had discussed with the Director of Children's Services the need to review current LCC policies connected to CSE/safeguarding in terms of their appropriateness and functionality i.e. fitness for purpose and effectiveness. Meetings had been set up with Bob Stott and several officers to take this forward.

Following on from this, CC Prynne had received an update from Bob Stott regarding a meeting held on 14 January 2015 on how schools look at CSE in PHSE lessons.

Evaluation

CC Prynne informed the Board of her recent involvement in strategies to increase the monitoring and evaluation of the work of the CPB. As part of this work, self evaluation forms had been devised and completed to indicate the main priorities/goals of the Board alongside how well actions taken by members and officers have helped to achieve them.

Secondly, an online survey had been devised to ascertain how well Board members felt the CPB Chair and Corporate Parenting Board was working. This was found to be a very fruitful exercise and thanks was given to those people who had completed the survey; elected members, young people from LINX and officers. It was noted that feedback had been given to CC Prynne and comments would be noted and taken forward.

Participation

CC Prynne attended a LINX meeting and the Annual Review for the Barnardos contract on 27 February 2015. It was pleasing to see that participation had increased, particularly for primary aged children. Discussions took place as to how to further increase participation. CC Prynne mentioned how she had set officers the task of looking into the feasibility of all looked after children having their own email addresses. CC Prynne is expecting an update from officers shortly on options available. It was felt this would greatly aid participation.

Action: CC Prynne to report back at the next meeting, re the outcome.

CPB Joint Conferences

The Chair of the LSCB, Jane Booth met with CC Prynne, Bob Stott and Sam Gorton on 4 February 2015 where it was agreed that they would look at holding a joint event with the LSCB in July around "Young People Feeling Safe". A working group is to be set up by Jane to look at taking this forward. Further updates will come back to this meeting.

Education

CC Prynne expressed how the Board's concerns around the education and performance figures for CLA across Lancashire, particularly in writing, had been taken forward.

CC Prynne had now referred the matter to LCC Education Scrutiny Committee to ensure a thorough review alongside informing the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools. The issue has also been referred to the Cabinet Committee for Performance Improvement (CCPI) for full consideration.

Adoption/Activity Days

The Board was updated on a meeting this week between officers and the DfE regarding adoption data. There are national targets set in order to increase the number of children looked after who are adopted. As such, the DfE continually monitors Local Authorities as to how well they are meeting these targets by monitoring their adoption register.

Recently, 44 children/young people were taken off the adoption register and given long term placements as they had been found to be difficult to place for a variety of reasons. This was felt, by officers, to be in the child's best interest. Such officer actions instigated a visit by the DfE who wished to know why LCC officers had taken children off the register as it went against the targets. A meeting was held with the DfE. The officers; Diane Booth, Barbara Bath and Stasia Osiowy, explained their reasoning for the actions taken. It was very pleasing to note that the officers were successful in changing the opinion of the DfE representatives, so much so that the DfE has now asked Lancashire CC to be part of the North West Regional Adoption Board. CC Prynne congratulated the officers on their success and commitment to the children and young people in their care.

Restructure

An overview was given by Bob Stott, into the new roles that Senior Officers will be undertaking from 1 April 2015 in Start Well as part of Phase 1 of the Transformation of the County Council (there will no longer be any Directorates within the Authority ie Children and Young People's, Adult Services, Public Health and Wellbeing).

Bob Stott – Director of Children's Services
Tony Morrissey – Deputy Director of Children's Services
Brendan Lee – Head of Special Educational Needs and Disability
Stasia Osiowy – Head of Safeguarding, Inspection and Audit
Diane Booth – Head of Children's Social Care
Barbara Bath – Head of Adoption, Fostering, YOT and Residential
Jonathan Hewitt – Head of School Improvement
Ajay Sethay – Head of Traded Services
Tony Pounder – Director of Adult Services

Thank You

Mark Hudson, Senior IRO, was thanked by the Chair on behalf of the Board, for all the work he has done over his 32 years of service with LCC. Mark will be leaving the Authority at the end of March and therefore this would be last meeting.

Reports from Other Elected Members

County Councillor Henig has been visiting libraries in Skelmersdale, where young people have been learning about understanding dementia. There is a Memory Festival that is taking place across the county in libraries over the next two weeks. More information can be found on the Lancashire Libraries website.

A positive opportunity is being offered to families in Lancaster whose relatives have severe disabilities. It is an initiative called Books on Prescription and libraries will offer home visiting. If successful then this will be rolled out across the County.

County Councillor Beavers did a Regulation 22 visit to The Links, Fleetwood and was very impressed by it. A report will be submitted from the visit shortly.

PROUD Awards

County Councillor Prynne reminded all Elected Members that the PROUD Awards were taking place on 6 March 2015 and that they were all invited to attend.

4. New Care Leavers Strategy

Amanda Jakeman (DWP) was welcomed to the meeting. She spoke about the new strategy that was in place and how it affected care leavers. The Care Leaver can make contact with Job Centre Plus four weeks prior to their 18th birthday about work and education as they are entitled to full benefits if in full-time education also. Depending on the benefit claim ie Universal Credit or Jobseekers Allowance it can be fortnightly or monthly. Amanda reinforced that when the young people attended for interviews, they need to be as open and honest about their situation from the start, so that they can have access to the best entitlements for them. Additional support is available for care leavers and anybody who supports the young person is also urged to attend if they are asked. Care leavers are given a named adviser so they feel more comfortable and get used to speaking to the same person each time they go along. Links are being forged with the Local Authority and partnerships are continually building.

With regards benefit sanctions, Amanda stated that there are no targets set but individuals have to be open and honest if they cannot actively seek employment. If a sanction is put in place, then it is followed up within 48 hours for a face to face meeting.

Amanda informed the Board that vulnerable customers are a high priority for them, and daily updates and weekly meetings ensure constant reminders to their staff in addition to updated strategies such as the Care Leavers one.

Discussions ensued around the above and CC Prynne asked for reassurance that all Welfare Benefit officers would be aware of the DWP support available for care leavers and would be able to identify and advise care leavers accordingly.

Moving on from this CC Prynne invited Amanda to form further links with LINX in order to develop strategies to further improve care leavers experience of the benefits system.

Action: Amanda agreed to attend LINX and possible report back to the CPB at a later date on her discussions.

Diane Booth asked if there was a young person friendly version of the strategy so it could sit on LCC's website for Care Leavers.

Action: Amanda agreed to look into this and feedback on the suggestion of a young person friendly version.

Action: Amanda to send Sam copies of leaflets/information that can go on the LCC website for Care Leavers.

Amanda was thanked for attending the meeting and if anybody wishes to contact her further regarding any information from this meeting, please email: AMANDA.JAKEMAN@DWP.GSI.GOV.UK.

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

LINX informed the Board as to what they had been doing since the last meeting in December. Please see attached powerpoint.

Feedback on the Performance Report was received and comments were noted and will be passed back to the relevant officers for action. Please see attached report with comments.

The Young Inspectors programme is working well and these will help Elected Members when they carry out their own Regulation 22 visits as they can generate questions from the Young Inspectors reports to aide theirs.

LINX have been involved with a project called "Fixers – Stereotyping Children in Care". Mark and Callum were involved in a full day filming for this and it is due to be aired on Granada Reports on 5 March 2015. They are going to revisit LINX in April.

Action: A copy of the film is to be shown at the next CPB meeting.

Elected Members and Officers were invited to attend the Passport 2 Parliament event on 20 February 2015 (details attached). There is one place available and if anybody would like to attend, to let Kate know, email kate.baggaley@barnardos.org.uk.

The young people then led an activity on care plans. The activity is attached for information.

Kat updated the Board on the PROUD awards preparation. Powerpoint is attached.

6. Regulation 22 Visits

Brendan Lee gave feedback from the Regulation 22 visits that Elected Members have done over the past six months. The powerpoint is attached for further information.

Due to the confidentiality of the reports, a separate report will be sent to CC Prynne and Bob Stott following up on the visits undertaken.

Unit Managers are asked to share the reports from their homes with the young people residing there. It was noted that a key question for the Young Inspectors to ask at their visits is "Are they receiving feedback from the Regulation 22 and 33 visits?"

Action: Kate Baggaley to speak with the Young Inspectors about using the additional question for their visits.

Brendan indicated that these visits were really helpful and a powerful tool and shows that they are working and comments are being taken on board.

7. Junior ISAs

Mark Hudson introduced the Junior ISA's presentation (as attached) and informed the Board that awareness needs to be greater around them. The child needs to have been in care a year to benefit from an ISA, therefore if they come into care when they are 17 years old and one day, they would not qualify as the ISA is received on the young person's 18th birthday.

If a child dies whilst in care, then the beneficiary is their next of kin which is usually a birth parent and the same goes for criminal injury compensation. Foster carers in this case are reluctant to top up the ISA. If LCC has a care order with a legal agreement, they may be able to interfere and stop the payment being made to the next of kin. Mark Hudson has contacted Peter Hollebhone, Legal Services, for further clarification.

Action: Diane Booth agreed to look into this further and feedback at the next meeting.

Dependant on the outcome of the information sought from Legal, the Board may look at raising the concern around the birth parent being the beneficiary and raise it locally/nationally and inform the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools.

There is lots of information on the www.sharefound.org website on Junior ISA's.

Any issues around this area, contact can be made with Mark Hudson for the next six weeks, email mark.hudson@lancashire.gov.uk.

8. Virtual Schools and Governance

This item was deferred to the next meeting when the new Headteacher for Vulnerable and Looked After Children, Audrey Swann, will be in attendance.

9. Lancashire Questionnaire Summary

The results of the survey carried out by Ofsted were attached to the agenda. Key messages around bullying and feeling safe will be picked up with the services involved.

Debbie Ross and Diane Booth are introducing a strengths and difficulties questionnaire and this will be given to CLA around 20 days after coming into care.

Concern was raised regarding question 11 around complaints being taken seriously and dealt with properly to which Diane Booth responded that a report had been received that day stating that a lot of CLA do not know how to complain or indeed compliment. A leaflet has been developed with lots of information that will be given as soon as a child comes into care, including how to complain. This will also go on the CLA website and will be built in for keyworkers in Residential settings.

Caroline Beswick from The Children's Society said that they have been in consultation with the Customer Feedback Team and are currently piloting having advocates in four of the Residential Homes to raise awareness and offer support in this area. If this is successful, they will look to roll this out across more Residential settings.

10. Activity Day Briefing Report

A report from the last Activity Day held on 5 October 2015 was attached to the agenda and the Board were delighted to hear that out of the 27 children that attended, 25 were matched with adopters. The two children that were not matched because of their specific needs only have a limited understanding of the purpose of the days. Members requested information around the welfare of children who had not been selected. Officers stated that the Social Worker and Foster Carers had supported them following the day, along with the IRO and it was evident that they had fun on the day. County Councillor Ian Brown had

reported at the last meeting in December how he felt the day had gone, and that he had enjoyed being a part of it. The Board felt the numbers matched were extremely impressive and that the figures indicated the success of the event. It was noted that the way in which the CPB had monitored and evaluated the Activity Days at various stages of the process, was a good example of the Board exercising its scrutinising function. This was felt to be especially important for the Authority in cases where practices, such as activity days, had been considered to be controversial by some. The Board will continue to monitor these events in the future.

In terms of the next day on 11 July 2015:

Action: The Elected Members will meet up outside this meeting to discuss how they wish to take it forward.

11. Executive Summary: CLA Sufficiency & Commissioning Effective Placements Strategy 2014-2017

Bob Stott introduced the strategy that LCC has put in place for 2014-2017, and what it has in place for children and young people over the next three years. A lot of the topics that have been raised at CPB are included in the strategy.

Action: To report back on the action plan every 3-6 months.

12. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

13. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday, 23 April 2015 at 6.00pm in the Duke of Lancaster Room (formerly Cabinet Room 'C', County Hall, Preston, PR1 8RJ.

Information Items

These items were not discussed at the meeting as they are for information only. Any issues arising from them, please forward to Sam Gorton, Clerk to the CPB who will forward to the relevant Elected Members/Officers.

14. LSCB Annual Report

15. LADO Report

Member Visits

Date	Establishment	Carried Out by	Circulated to Brendan Lee, CC Prynn, Bob Stott, Tony Morrissey and Unit Manager	Date Reported to CPB	Sent to Unit Manager, cc Annette McNeil, John Marr (for private)
15/06/14	Warwick Avenue (LCC)	CC Brown	17/07/14	11/09/14	N/A
30/07/14	Belvedere House (LCC)	CC Beavers	06/08/14	11/09/14	N/A
11/08/14	Chorley Hall Road (LCC)	CC Snape	22/08/14	11/09/14	N/A
21/08/14	Marsden Hall Road (LCC)	CC Brindle	05/09/14	11/09/14	N/A
28/08/14	Ashdene	CC Beavers	08/09/14	11/09/14	N/A
28/08/14	Rowling House	CC Beavers	08/09/14	11/09/14	09/10/14
28/08/14	Bowerham Road (LCC)	CC Henig	12/09/14	11/09/14	N/A
28/08/14	Pier House	CC Beavers	08/09/14	11/09/14	09/10/14
02/09/14	Crestmoor (LCC)	CC Brown	05/09/14	11/09/14	N/A
	Bungalow (LCC)	CC Prynn	Report Outstanding	11/09/14	N/A
	Maplewood (LCC)	CC Prynn	Report Outstanding	11/09/14	N/A
13/11/14	Eden Bridge (LCC)	CC Prynn	13/11/14		N/A
18/11/14	Grange Avenue	CC Prynn	28/11/14		N/A



Lancashire
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Participation in Lancashire: A year in the life of Lancashire Participation Network

2014-2015



Agenda Item 5

We have had an outstandingly participatory year! Taking into account national awards; the highest Make your Mark votes to date; new and innovative ways for children and young people to influence decision makers; more involvement from children and young people than ever; as well as being recognised nationally for our outstanding systems and structures. All of this takes us one giant step towards our goal of empowering all children and young people to be listened to in Lancashire.

The Lancashire Participation Network (LPN) is a multiagency partnership comprising key services, organisations and settings in Lancashire. Our aims and objectives are collectively developed, monitored and celebrated (hence this report!) and we are proud that we include children and young people in partnership to embed and improve participation. We are even more proud that our network is seen as so successful that it is here to stay despite considerable changes to partnership working across Lancashire. In fact, it's pride that runs through this report and we want to show that off. Here are some of the reasons why:

Approximately 500 children and young people participate regularly in our participation structures (this includes Lancashire Youth Council, POWAR, LINX and the Young Carers forum)

There have been 72,851 child and young person participants involved in events, consultations and surveys in the last year

We have trained, supported, advised, engaged, empowered and facilitated. We have developed, piloted, rolled out and embedded. Ultimately, we have changed things for children and young people in Lancashire and critically we have done this **with** them.

What have we been up to?

1. Supporting and enabling young people to try new things and gain new skills

The opportunity to train and up skill children and young people, as well as give them new opportunities and experiences, is vital to ensuring they can lobby, influence and challenge decision makers. It's also something that children and young people value and always comment on in evaluations and feedback. In a recent LPN meeting children and young people said things like:

'I'm proud of talking in front of 40 people at the woodlands centre in Chorley'

'I am proud of taking part in LINX at Barnardos I enjoy being with people and going to meetings. I enjoy meeting new people. I'm proud of doing new things'

'I am more confident (because of participating)'

'Maggie Atkinson (Children's Commissioner) took a great selfie with me #LifeGoalsAchieved'

This is also something very hard to quantify or report on but something which staff and volunteers will comment on time and again. It's a good place to start from as it's the story of how Lancashire children and young people gain from the experience of having a voice and of being empowered. It's the distance travelled for young people from 'quiet' and withdrawn to them standing up and speaking in front of their peers or decision makers. It's the change that you see from someone who doesn't join in discussions to someone who leads them. It's the confidence you see blossoming in children and young people who aren't used to being listened to and being given the opportunity to get involved in decision making. We want to celebrate and recognise all these skills and experiences gained through participating.

2. Enabling CYP to voice their opinions nationally and locally in decision making

Top level participation involves children and young people taking a lead and we have ample examples including Preston Youth Conference; the PROUD and Celebrate YOUth awards; and the inaugural young carers conference.

At Preston Youth Conference 120 young people attended and engaged in diverse conversations and debates about issues that matter to them. The PROUD awards was organised by adults and young people from LINX (Children in Care Council) and young women from Crestmoor Residential Unit. Over 115 looked after children and young people were nominated for the awards and over 50 shortlisted children and young people were invited to a 'glitz and glam' event. There are also plenty of other outstanding examples of decision makers putting children and young people at the centre of their decision making, building their participation into what they are doing. An example of this was the Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) conference in November which enabled 32 young people to explore CSE and feedback to senior decision makers.

Nationally, our children and young people have been causing quite a stir. The Member of Youth Parliament for Preston opened one of the UK Youth Parliament debates in the House of Commons. Members of POWAR (SEND forum) have been participating in EPIC – the Department of Education's advisory group around the Children and Families Bill reforms. Young people from LINX and POWAR have been representing on AMPLIFY – the advisory group for the Children's Commissioner for England. Members from LINX have also been advising the Care Quality Commission and attending the national care leaver's forum. Young people have been leading participatory research with UCLANs Centre for Participatory Research including national research on poverty and disability and Preston primary council carrying out action research. Children looked after and care leavers have engaged in the All Party Parliamentary commission for looked after children and care leavers and even invited the commission to come to Lancashire where they hosted a northern event on behalf of the commission.



David from POWAR speaking at the 18th Annual Conference for European Network for Ombudspersons for Children 2014

3. Takeover month



This year was even more successful than ever. 190 children and young people took part and well over 200 decision makers got involved including health, elected members, senior council managers, council services such as Young People's Service (YPS) and Integrated Health, the Lancashire Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) and the Children and Young People's Trust. We were particularly excited about the opportunity for children and young people to facilitate a debate with Children's Social Care called 'making social care better'. This is the first time **all** the managers of social care have met collectively with children and young people let alone that those children and young people would lead and facilitate the conversation. Diane, Head of Children's Social Care fed back: *'I have had over twenty emails and texts from my management team saying how much they enjoyed it'*.

LINX and POWAR Takeover Senior Leadership Team of Childrens Social Care, 2014

4. Lancashire Youth Council (LYC) and Make Your Mark ballot

We are delighted that the hard work of the Young Peoples Service and youth councillors has paid off as this year nearly every secondary school in Lancashire has elected representatives to sit on the district youth councils. The LYC Facebook page has a reach of 252 with 198 'likes' in February 2015. Lancashire also doubled the number of young people taking part in the Make Your Mark ballot and had the highest amount of online ballots in the UK. The percentage of the population involved has increased from 13.36% to 27.25%. Lancashire came 3rd out of the top 20 English shires/ counties (based on percentage turnout) and was 1st in the North West.



Lancashire Youth Councillors 2014

5. Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) consultation

Children and young people aged from 18 months to 25 years shared their ideas and opinions about Lancashire in a number of consultations events and also in their own services and settings. The methodology was designed and developed by colleagues and young people from the LPN. We hoped to particularly engage children and young people with SEND and to hear the voices of children under five. We also hoped that children and young people and the services/organisations that they work with would engage in a 'conversation' about the future plan for Lancashire. We are pleased that this was indeed the case. For example, four under-fives groups engaged in conversations about Lancashire focusing mainly on

healthy eating and teeth. A large number of SEND children and young people engaged in completing the questionnaire; in attending events; and also in discussions in their settings.

Over 2,000 children and young people responded to the CYPP consultation. We also enabled a group of young people to help us shape the film we made to communicate the messages of the CYPP. The group helped us develop a script; procure a production company to make the film; and participated in the filming.

The LPN also supports and enables services and organisations to consult with children and young people. This includes the consultations with young people about their views of sexual health services working with colleagues from public health and work with Trading Standards to consult and develop messages around energy drinks.

6. PULSE

This group have been working hard this year. We are particularly proud of the #lifesupsanddowns campaign (emotional health and wellbeing). This includes the actual flash mob at the Fishergate Centre in Preston and being shortlisted for a national award. To date, 20 settings have performed the flash mob and had follow on lessons and assemblies. The flash mobs have been viewed by over 4,500 people on YouTube. Over 2,500 CYP in settings have learnt about the #lifesupsanddowns messages through the flash mob; assemblies; follow on lessons; and displays around schools.

They have also been working on the Lancashire Young Film Makers Competition – at least 13 different settings have entered the competition with over 20 varied and creative submissions. Watch this space to hear about the winners and watch the films.



PULSE Flashmob, April 2014

7. LINX and Corporate Parenting Board (CPB)

The Corporate Parenting board has always worked closely with the LINX group but in the last year there have been some brilliant changes which have put looked after children and young people at the centre of discussions and decisions. Changes include that at every meeting members of LINX now lead on half the agenda. They also continue to lead one whole meeting a year – in this year's young people led meeting, the CPB made loom bands as an ice breaker and children as young as six years old participated. Children and young people from LINX also continue to regularly meet with the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People and the Director of Children's Services. These changes make a BIG difference as they hand over more responsibility to looked after children and young people and put them at the centre of decisions we make for and about them.

8. Young inspectors

Lancashire has aspired to have Young Inspectors in place and wonderfully we can now say we have not one, but three Young Inspectors groups. The CSI (Children's Services Investigation) team are the original group supported by the LSCB and the council to participate in multi-agency inspection processes and also carry out inspections of services which interest them. In the last year they have completed three inspections. Lancashire has also worked with Barnardos Participation Service to develop a LINX young inspectors group who have been inspecting both internal and external fostering and residential providers. The newest young inspectors group is the POWAR group who will be inspecting services for children and young people with SEND.

9. Awards



LINX members picking up their Diana award at Corporate Parenting Board summer 2014

We could not end this report without drawing attention to all the awards which, for us, are the chocolate flake and sprinkles on the top of our fantastic year! LINX and POWAR received a national Diana award and Barnardos North West were awarded the gold Hear by Right Standard and commended for their participation structures and systems – something Lancashire has played a big hand in. The Crewⁱ has been awarded the NHS England 'excellence in participation' national award and positive practice in mental health 'innovation in CAMHS'. Lastly, but by no means least, PULSE have been nominated and shortlisted for two national awards. Individual children and young people from all these groups have also been nominated for umpteen awards for their participation, campaigning, commitment and lobbying.

ⁱ The Crew: Lancashire wide young people and parents and carers (whose family use the service) who have previously used the acute inpatient mental health service (CAHMS tier 4). The group works in close partnership with management and commissioners in respect of service development and improvements.

Our vision for 2015-16

We want to increase the numberⁱⁱ of children and young people having an impact on decisions that affect their lives. Crucially this is particularly important for those children and young people who are most vulnerable and most need to be listened to. It's a big challenge but one we feel confident we can continue to have an impact on. Just look what we can achieve in one year!

ⁱⁱ See below: Numbers of young people participating through consultation and formal structures during 2014-15

Numbers consulted with 2014-2015

Consultation and participation	Numbers
Children and Young People's plan	2,000
Young People's views of sexual health services	120
Trading standards	3,471
YPS Annual user satisfaction (Jan 2014)	1,084
Children Society and Complaints and compliments service	110
Agency residential	44
Peer Support commission	46
ACERS YPS satisfaction survey	185
Young carers annual survey	154
Pupil attitude questionnaire	32,598 (2013-14 figures)
Child Sexual Exploitation event	32
Preston Youth Conference	120
Local democracy week	
Make Your Mark	32,887
Total:	72,851

Total numbers participating in formal structures:

Participation group	Numbers
Lancashire youth council	250
Young Carers	20
POWAR	99
LINX	67
PULSE	28
Total:	464

Join us in making children and young people's participation even more of a success in 2015/16. Visit the CYP Trust website to access a host of information and guidance around participation – including a selection of 'How to Guides'

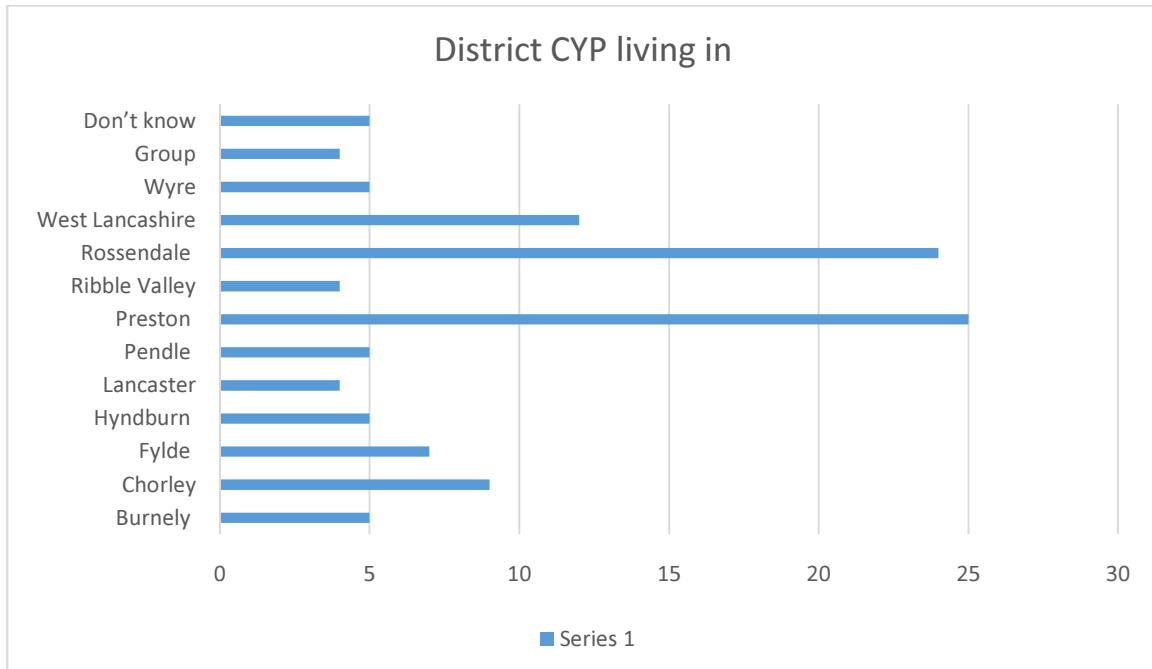
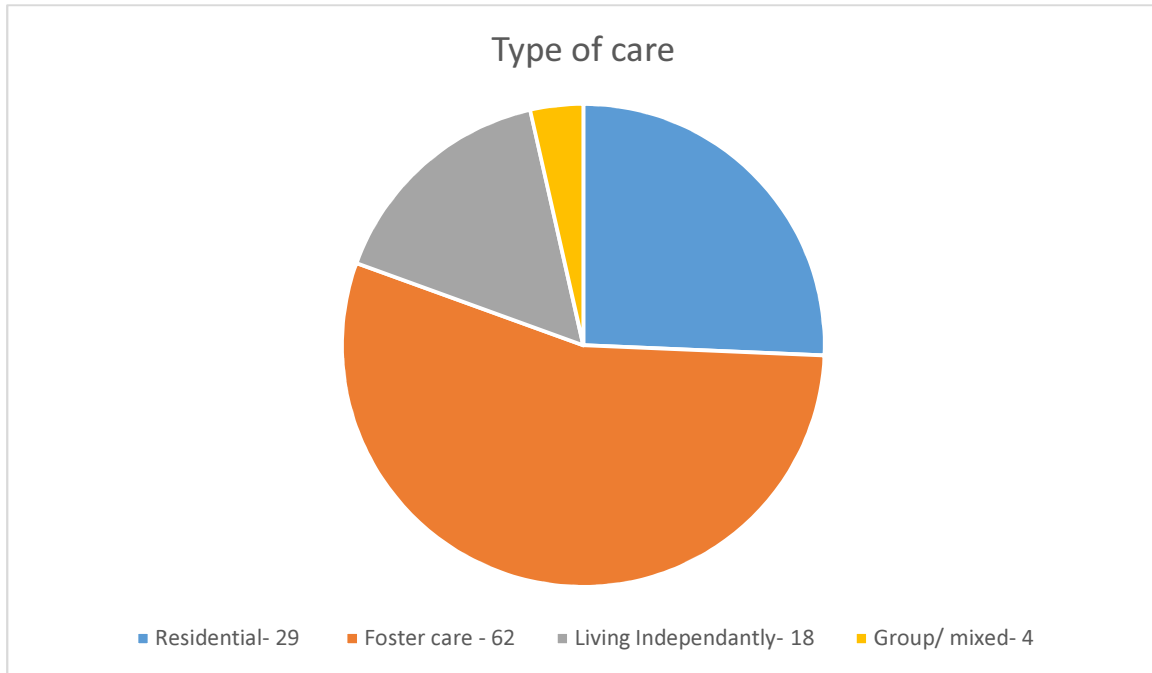
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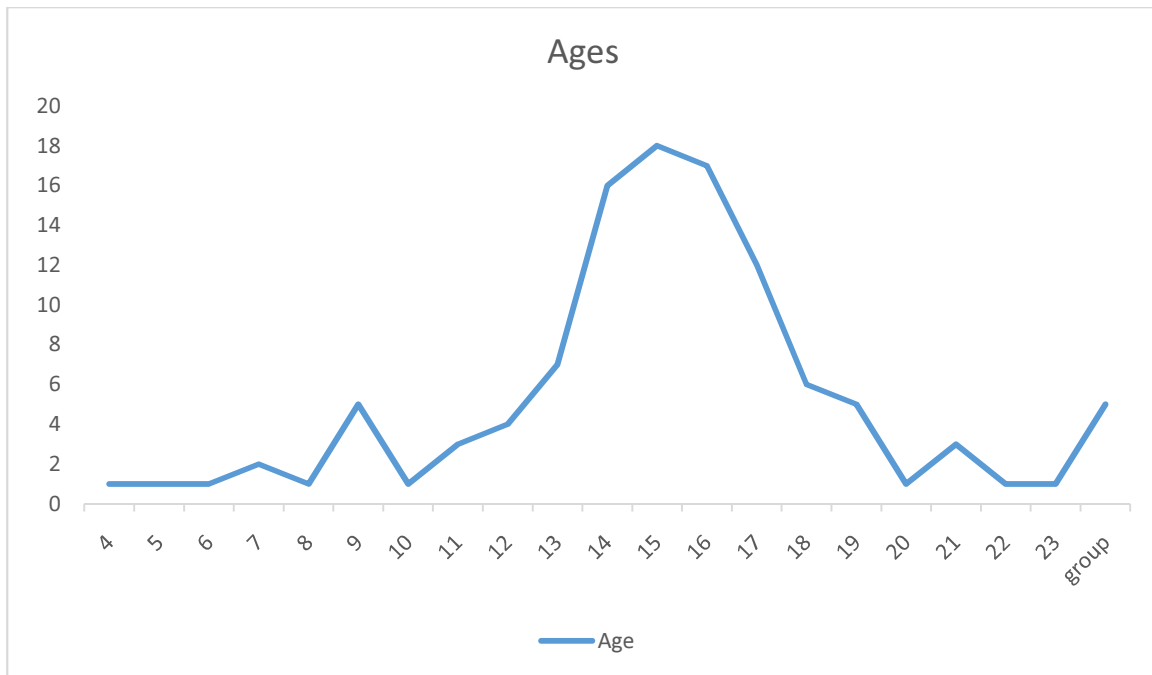
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PROUD 2015 ANALYSIS

113 nominations

96 individuals and groups





Who nominated?

LCC including:

General- 15

Residential services- 3

Social worker/ CSC:

General- 5

CLAST- 1

Joe Wiley- 2

Susan hawthorn- 2

Catherine Helm- 3

David Sutcliff- 3

Angela Switzer- 11

Catherine helm- 3

Virtual school- 2

VCFS:

The Children's Society in Lancashire- 2

Barnardos- 15

Schools:

Sir John Thursby College Burnley- 1

Millfield Science & Performing Arts College

Southlands High school, Chorley- 2

Alder Grange- 3

West Craven High School- 1

Private fostering and residential:

Foster carer- 3

Excel fostering- 4

Fostering solutions- 5
Fostering Outcomes- 1
SWIIS Foster Care- 14
Woodside House Care Ltd- 1
National Fostering agency- 1

Agenda Item 7

Following on from the CPB issues raised on 4 December 2014

Notes from CSE/Curriculum Meeting – 14 January 2015

Attendance: Bob Stott, Jonathan Hewitt, Paul Dyson-Knight, Sam Gorton

Curriculum

Writing Strategy

Arrange a meeting with Jonathan Hewitt, Bob Stott and CC Prynne around the writing strategy.

CSE

A discussion has been held with Bob, CC Prynne and the Police and CPB needs to know is to what extent are we assured that the curriculum model in PSHE focus' around CSE. CPB can be assured that staff in schools are given then right training.

What evidence can be brought to the table?

- The Prevent website is a good source that schools are recommended to use.
- Kate Piercy raised CSE with LASSH Exec.
- 27 February 2015 all school advisers will have access to attend a breakfast briefing. Hoping Police will attend so it will be multi-agency. Kate to let Jonathan know where the least take up is and if there is concern and Advisers can follow this up.
- Full programme on Healthy Relationships – materials can be shown if necessary at CPB.
- Kate is running three courses on CSE in conjunction with the Children's Society for schools, one was held in December and there are another two this term. This is free.
- Liaised with Alison Hartley at Senior Leaders Training for Deputy Heads.
- Jonathan to ask Kate Piercy to provide some good practise from the schools that buy into the Healthy Schools programme.
- Training for new Heads on PSHE is not currently happening, but can look into it.
- In terms of monitoring can look at Ofsted inspections in schools and monitor reports.
- Schools using Pupil Attitude questionnaire – can look at responses to self esteem and self confidence and work with the low figure responses.
- Do schools complete the CSE E Learning?
- Jonathan said he would talk to Mary and Governors re the crossover training for safeguarding and CSE. The wider aspect of safeguarding could be put on the Governors agenda.
- CSE item to be put on agenda for April CPB.
- It is being dealt with at Primary level but in a different way – around keeping safe.

Directors and Heads of Service

