

## Lancashire County Council

### Corporate Parenting Board

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 11th September, 2014 at 6.00 pm  
in Assembly Hall - County Hall Preston**

**Present: Members**

County Councillor Margaret Brindle	- Lancashire County Council
County Councillor Ian Brown	- Lancashire County Council
County Councillor Chris Henig	- Lancashire County Council
County Councillor Sue Pryn (Chair)	- Lancashire County Council
County Councillor Miss Kim Snape	- Lancashire County Council
Catherine Bob Stott	- representing Adoption - Director of Permanence, Protection and Schools
Bradley Mark	- LINX Representative
Sam	- LINX Representative
Gavin	- LINX Representative
Kristal	- LINX Representative
Anthony	- LINX Representative
Gina	- LINX Representative

**Co-opted members**

Marc Bentley	- Ambassador for Children and Young People
Katherine Ashworth	- Young People's Service, Lancashire County Council
Mark Hudson	- Independent Reviewing Officers
Nicola Bamford	- Designated Doctor and Consultant Paediatrician, representing CCG
Diane Booth	- Children's Social Care
Kate Baggaley	- Barnardos
Gareth Oates	- Barnardos
Louise Burton	- CCG (on behalf of Debbie Ross)

**Other Attendees**

Annette McNeil	- Integrated Health Service
Sam Gorton (Clerk)	- Governance Officer
Louise Storey	- Children's Social Care

Jane Gray	- Adoption Services
Sally Allen	- Safeguarding
Sarah Frankland	- ACERS
Brendan Lee	- Residential Services
John Simpson	- ACERS

### **1. Introductions and Apologies**

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

County Councillors Beavers and Lord, Sue Parr, Caroline Beswick and Debbie Ross.

### **2. Notes of the Meetings and Matters Arising from 19 June 2014 and 24 July 2014**

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

### **3. What our Elected Members have been doing**

County Councillor (CC) Prynne informed the Board that she had met with the Chair of the Lancashire Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB), along with Bob Stott, Director for Permanence, Protection and Schools and Sam Gorton, Clerk to the Corporate Parenting Board (CPB) and discussed how we can work more collaboratively with them. It was agreed that they would meet again in six months time and that the annual report from the CPB would be presented to the LSCB meeting on 14 November 2014. There have been meetings held with the adoption rep from the CPB and the Head of Youth Offending Team, Fostering and Adoption regarding activity days. A meeting had been held regarding Out of Borough placements for CLA where a piece of work has been initiated to inform Directors of Children's Services in other Authorities around support offered should a child be placed within Lancashire.

CC Prynne reported that the issue regarding emails and communication with young people was still ongoing and regular updates will be reported as appropriate.

Regulation 22 visits had been carried out by various Elected Members to the following LCC and Independent establishments:

LCC - The Bungalow, Maplewood, Bowerham Road, Warwick Avenue, Belvedere House, Chorley Hall Road, Marsden Hall Road and Crestmoor.

Independent – Ashdene, Rowling House and Pier House.

The reports from these visits have been passed to relevant colleagues and issues raised will be addressed.

CC Pryn timeranked the Elected Members for carrying out these visits especially during the holiday period and requested that at least one, possibly more be carried out prior to the next CPB.

It was also noted that County Councillors have expressed an interest in becoming more involved with CPB issues in between meetings and CC Pryn timer will look at setting up Task and Finish Groups for pertinent topics and present these to the Board at the next meeting. If there is any specific area a County Councillor would like to get involved with, please inform CC Pryn timer.

#### **4. LINX (Lancashire's Children in Care Council)**

Marc Bentley was introduced by CC Pryn timer to this item and indicated that this was going to be his last meeting as Ambassador for Children and Young People. He was thanked on behalf of the Board for all the work he has undertaken as a member over the years.

Marc led the Board through a leaving care activity which is attached to the minutes for reference.

A Care Leavers Bed and Breakfast Expose [video](#) was shown and Diane Booth confirmed that in the last year, nine care leavers had had to use hotels however for no longer than two nights which is better than the previous year. LCC do not use B&Bs, only hotels in an emergency. This continues to be addressed with housing as there should be no CLA in B&Bs or hotels.

The next activity was a group work session, where groups were asked to state in order of importance what they feel makes suitable accommodation for care leavers.

The results are attached. It was noted that the number one criteria was to feel safe and that access to TVs and phones was quite a low priority.

LINX then gave feedback on what they had been doing since the last CPB meeting. Attached is the powerpoint showing all their activities.

The Performance Report is attached with comments from LINX following their discussion prior to the meeting of which they raised with the Board.

**Action:** It was agreed that Diane Booth will visit LINX to discuss their comments further.

Mark was congratulated on his GCSE results.

#### **5. Activity Day**

CC Pryn timer informed the Board that prior to the next activity day on 5 October 2014, she is requesting that two County Councillors and a young person attend.

Prior to the day a debrief will be held by officers for those attending on behalf of the CPB.

**Action:** County Councillors and Barnardos to inform CC Prynne who wishes to attend.

Following the day, CC Prynne requested that a report be brought back to the CPB on the outcomes.

**Action:** Diane Booth agreed to speak to LINX about the day.

## **6. Service 6**

The Board were given the presentation (attached) on Service 6. They were informed that officers had visited LINX introducing them to the new service, which they found extremely useful.

It was noted that they were looking at setting up further Hubs and that information should be sent to GP surgeries and to include in the letter that is being sent to other Authorities with regards Out of Borough placements to advertise the service being offered.

## **7. IRO Annual Report**

Sally Allen and Mark Hudson gave a brief outline of the report which was attached to the agenda and encouraged all to read it as this document is the eyes and ears of the young people.

It was reported that the Missing Protocol was being presented to the LSCB on 17 September 2014 for approval.

The attached Then and Now quiz was tabled, however as time was running out, it was agreed that LINX take this away and work on it and bring back to the next meeting.

**Action:** LINX to report back on the quiz at the next meeting.

## **8. Any Other Business**

### **Fusion Social Network Group**

Bradley informed everybody about a group he had set up and if anybody would like to attend to contact him. Further information is attached.

### **Marc Bentley**

Marc gave a speech saying what a pleasure it had been to be involved with the CPB over the last six years. He has felt it has continually changed for the better over the years and the work that the young people carry out on behalf of all CLA

in Lancashire is amazing and that they are an inspiration to everyone. Marc's sentiments were echoed.

**9. Meeting Schedule 2015**

The meeting schedule attached to the agenda with the proposed dates for 2015 were agreed. The venue was also confirmed as "The Duke of Lancaster Room" (former Cabinet Room 'C').

**10. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Thursday, 4 December 2014 at 6.00pm in the Duke of Lancaster Room (former Cabinet Room 'C'), County Hall, Preston, PR1 8RJ.