

## Lancashire County Council

### Corporate Parenting Board

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 30th July, 2015 at 1.30 pm in Cabinet Room 'D' - The Henry Bolingbroke 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 Sue Pryn (Chair)	- Lancashire County Council
Councillor Bernard Dawson	- Lancashire County Council
Jane Simpson	- representing Foster Carers
Catherine	- representing Adoption
Mark Twiname	- Fostering Forum
Callum	- LINX Representative
Natalie	- LINX Representative
Chloe	- LINX Representative
Sam	- LINX Representative
Gina	- LINX Representative
Bradley	- LINX Representative
Gavin	- LINX Representative
Mary-Beth	- LINX Representative
Billie-Jo	- LINX Representative
Marc	- LINX Representative
Charlotte	- LINX Representative

**Co-opted members**

Debbie Ross	- Designated Nurse for CLA, representing CCG
Diane Booth	- Children's Social Care
Kate Baggaley	- Barnardos
Debbie Nolan-Plunkett	- Barnardos
Laura Conrad	- Barnardos
Gareth Oates	- Barnardos
Rebecca Wilkinson	- Barnardos
Ionie Calderbank	- Barnardos
Cathy Trengove	- Barnardos
Audrey Swann	- Headteacher, Vulnerable and Looked After Children

## **Other Attendees**

Jane Hylton	- Children's Social Care
Sam Gorton (Clerk)	- Legal and Democratic Services
Rebecca McGeown	- East Lancashire CCG

### **1. Ice Breaker**

The Chairpersons, Sam and Bradley were introduced to the Board and led it through the ice breaker. Groups were asked to discuss what they had done since the last Corporate Parenting Board (CPB) meeting and feedback the top three most interesting to the rest of the Board.

### **2. What LINX Have Been Doing**

LINX then presented as attached what they had been involved with since the last CPB meeting.

A special mention was given to Mark who has had lots of exciting news – he has won National Barnardos Award for Young Volunteer of the Year, invited by Edward Timpson MP to attend the House of Commons on 20 July to take part in Education Orals after impressing the Children's Minister at the All Party Parliamentary Group Meeting for Looked After Children and Care Leavers that they both attended at Portcullis House in March this year where Mark spoke about LINX and his involvement with the Young Inspectors.

Finally Mark has been invited to attend a Labour Party candidacy test for the next general elections in April. The Board offered their huge congratulations to Mark on these achievements.

### **3. Education**

An activity around Pupil Premium and examples on what it can be spent on was given. The Board was then invited to discuss other ideas that it could be used for.

Groups' feedback on ways to improve educational outcomes for CLA and links between Children Looked After, designated teacher, education consultant and virtual head.

Education consultants –

- More 1:1 support
- Stability, keeping pupils in the same school
- Consultants working together with the young people and others to find out what their needs are
- Force schools to explain what they have spent the pupil premium on

Designated Teacher –

- Support for foster carers, family and guardians

Virtual Head –

- Every child/young person tracked and supported consistently
- Quality PEP, swift response to PEPSA requests
- Involve carers more, ensure they are aware of entitlements
- Update CLA website regularly with entitlements data
- Make sure school knows their responsibilities

Bob Stott, Director for Children's Services informed the Board that he had recently attended a Management Team meeting where they had discussed the predicted results for Children Looked After Year 11 young people with regard to their GCSE outcomes. It is hoped that around 20% of CLA will achieve 5A\*-C results. Management Team have now requested that they see the predicted levels of all CLA young people of secondary school age from Years 7-11 across the County. Once this information is available it will be shared with the CPB.

#### **4. Health**

Callum led this exercise and performed the rap he wrote about his carer.

The Board were then asked to write a rap on the importance of Staying Healthy and the ones that were performed are attached.

#### **5. Leaving Care**

The Board took part in a leaving care activity on accommodation which they had to decide whether they felt the statements given were appropriate/inappropriate/unsure and give their reasoning for the options they chose. Here are just a few of the examples given:

- 1 bedroom flat in perfect condition in a rural area, 5 miles from the nearest shop
- 3 bedroomed house with a garden in good condition
- Flat in excellent condition in an area where there are concerns of drug abuse

Following this, the Board were then asked what they thought the priorities were for accommodation that would make it suitable for care leavers. Comments received are attached.

#### **6. What Makes a Good Foster Carer**

The final activity led by LINX was around foster carers and what makes a good one and also what qualities/behaviours a young person would not expect from them. The Board were asked to list both spectrums and the results are attached.

These will help Barnardos design a training package for Barnardo's Foster Carers that they are hoping to deliver later in the year.

## **7. Evaluation**

Gavin and Mary-Beth performed a song "Feel the Love" by Rudimental and John Newman to close the meeting and the Board were asked to complete an evaluation.