

NORTH YORKSHIRE CHILDREN'S TRUST BOARD

Key Messages from a meeting held on 17th May 2010

The Children's Trust Board met on 17th May 2010 at County Hall, Northallerton.

A series of papers were presented on **Children's Trust Financial Matters**, detailing work to collate financial information relating to the Children's Trust in order to assess the current financial position and to enable a combined view of the way forward. Although information would need to be updated during the course of the year, it was agreed that partners would continue to support the process and continue to share information prior to the development day in September 2010. A further progress report would be presented to the Board in autumn 2010.

The Board received a report outlining the recent development of the **NHS North Yorkshire and York Strategic Plan**. The 5 year document retained its focus and commitment to Vital Signs, LAA targets and priorities for children and young people and provided further details about the strategic approach to be undertaken by Health partners. It was agreed that multi-agency work would continue to ensure appropriate links between the document and the Children and Young People's Plan and more detailed priority setting across Children's Trust partners.

The **LAC Health Strategy** was presented to the Board for endorsement and included a detailed Action Plan to enable this work to be driven forward. The Strategy would be co-ordinated by the MALAP and regular progress reports would be presented to the Children's Trust in the future. The Board were also provided with an overview of progress relating to the work of the **MALAP** (Multi-agency Looked After Partnership), which focused on a summary of recently released guidance materials and implications for the Children's Trust and of positive progress against a number of MALAP work priorities.

A report on **Teenage Pregnancy** was presented which focused on the headline findings from a recently conducted review of sexual health services. A more detailed report on the review would be presented to the Board in July 2010, along with a set of recommendations for future action.

A report was presented on **Private Fostering** which provided an overview of recent guidance and changes to this subject and the Board were informed of the implications for their work. A number of opportunities to raise awareness of private fostering requirements were discussed and it was agreed that the Board would receive a further report on progress later in the year.

The Board were provided with a progress report on the **Post-Inspection Action Plan**, which showed that progress against all recommendations within the plan

was at an advanced stage, with many of the tasks now completed. Ongoing work to embed and monitor activity would be translated into a new implementation plan and the Children's Trust Board would continue to receive progress reports at future meetings.

A presentation from the Young People's Development Workers provided details of a recent **assessment of Integrated Youth Support Hubs** across North Yorkshire, which had collated the opinions of 128 young people on the Hubs and their services. The Board were presented with detailed findings from the evaluation and subsequent recommendations for further improvements.

An overview of activity relating to **Machinery of Government** changes was then presented, which outlined the recent work of the 14-19 Strategy Advisory Group and included details of the successful transfer of LSC staff to the County Council. It was agreed that an update report would be presented later in the year and that 14-19 priority areas would be integrated into the refresh of the Children and Young People's Plan.

A report on **LDD – Transitions** then followed, which briefly updated the Board on progress made to improve transitions for young people in North Yorkshire and, in particular, shared details on the newly endorsed Joint Policy and Procedure for Transitions. The meeting concluded with a **progress report from the LSCB**, which provided the Children's Trust Board with details on a number of aspects of their work.

Partners were also reminded that the revised Children's Trust Governance Arrangements had been circulated for comments and/or amendments. Any final revisions and/or comments were to be sent to **Dave Chapman** by Friday 28th May, after which the document would come into force.

Dates for the Diary:

Children's Trust meetings:

- Monday 19th July, 1.00 pm, County Hall, Northallerton
- Monday 20th September – Development Day & Meeting
- Venue / schedule to be confirmed

For further information about these key messages and the wider work of the North Yorkshire Children's Trust, please contact:

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The papers for this meeting are available on the Children's Trust website:

<http://www.nysp.org.uk/html/thematic-partnerships/children-and-young-people>