



Minutes of the Children and Young People's Trust Executive Group Meeting Held on 6 October 2016

Present:

Core Members:

Rachel Dickinson (Chair)	BMBC, Executive Director: People
Cllr Margaret Bruff	Cabinet Member: People (Safeguarding)
Julia Burrows	BMBC, Director of Public Health
Bob Dyson	Independent Chair of the Barnsley Safeguarding Children Board
Margaret Libreri	BMBC, Service Director for Education, Early Start and Prevention
Sean Rayner	SWYPFT District Director Barnsley/ Wakefield
Amanda Glew	BMBC Organisation Development Manager
Dave Whitaker	Executive Headteacher representing Secondary Schools

Deputy Members:

Jakkie Hardy	South Yorkshire Police Chief Inspector (for Tim Innes)
Paul Hussey	BMBC Interim Service Director, Stronger, Safer and Healthier Communities (for Wendy Lowder)
Sharon Galvin	Barnsley CCG Designated Nurse for Safeguarding/ Looked After Children (for Brigid Reid)
Debbie Mercer	BMBC Head of Service Children and Family Social Care (for Mel John-Ross)

Advisers

Richard Lynch	BMBC, Head of Commissioning, Governance and Partnerships
Julie Green	BMBC, Strategic Lead, Procurement and Partnerships Manager

In attendance

Andrea Hoyland	Strategy Lead Early Intervention and Prevention: Healthier Communities (for item 10)
Julie Govan	BMBC Children's Social Care and Safeguarding Improvement Programme Manager (for item 13)
Denise Brown	BMBC, Partnerships and Projects Officer

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1.	<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Brigid Reid Barnsley CCG, Chief Nurse</p> <p>Mel John-Ross BMBC, Service Director of Children's Social Care and Safeguarding</p> <p>Jenny Miccoli Barnsley College, Vice Principal Teaching, Learning and Student Support</p> <p>Gerry Foster-Wilson Executive Headteacher representing Primary Schools</p> <p>Tim Innes South Yorkshire Police Chief Superintendent</p> <p>Anna Turner BMBC School Models and Governor Development Manager</p> <p>Susan Gibson Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust</p> <p>Wendy Lowder BMBC, Service Director for Stronger, Safer and Healthier Communities</p> <p>Tim Cheetham Cabinet Member: People (Achieving Potential)</p>	

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	<p><u>Change to the agenda</u></p> <p>Item 6 on the agenda, vulnerable children with SEN, was withdrawn and deferred to January's meeting.</p> <p><u>School Governor representation</u></p> <p>Rachel stated that a challenge had been received regarding School Governor representation on the Trust Executive Group and the process for communicating back to School Governors. Richard responded that by the end of this term a process would be in place. This had been conveyed to the person concerned who had been satisfied with the response.</p>	<p>Margaret Libreri</p> <p>Richard</p>
2.	<p><u>Shared experiences from the front line</u></p> <p>Rachel had accompanied a social worker from Future Directions on a visit to a young woman who is a care leaver. Rachel was very impressed by the strong relationship that existed between the young woman, her social worker and carers. The young woman had a disability and was struggling to find an appropriate apprenticeship, which is a continuing challenge.</p> <p>Cllr Margaret Bruff had visited a young man leaving care who is very confident, positive about himself, wanted to work and knew what he wanted to do. He had had a number of jobs and was always looking for new opportunities.</p> <p>Margaret Libreri had attended the BSARC open day, and found it a very good and informative event; was impressed by the building and the friendly staff.</p> <p>Julia reported that the 0-19 Service had joined the council and despite some teething problems, including some issues which IT were working on, staff members were positive about the move.</p> <p>Paul had attended the Barnsley in Bloom event and had been impressed by the number of schools and young people involved. Awards were handed out and there were dedicated categories for young people and the contribution they are making. It was also encouraging to see young people working with older people on shared projects.</p> <p>Rachel thanked everyone for their contributions and commented that it is pleasing to note the evident commitment to children and young people.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Identification of confidential reports and declarations of any conflict of interest</u></p> <p>The following reports are to be treated as confidential: Item 12, Barnsley Safeguarding Children Board Minutes of 9 September 2016, and item 13, Continuous Service Improvement Plan.</p> <p>There were no conflicts of interest declared.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Minutes of the previous TEG meeting held on 4 August 2016</u></p> <p>The minutes were approved as an accurate record of the meeting subject to an amendment on page 11, item 14. The second to last paragraph should read: 'After reviewing the plan it was agreed that Margaret Libreri would be asked to review the outcomes for vulnerable children with SEN for consideration at the January TEG meeting.'</p>	

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4.1	<p><u>Action log</u></p> <p>9 – Denise to confirm with Paul and Wendy what this action is about. <i>[Following the meeting an e-mail was sent to Paul who undertook to discuss this action further with Jayne Hollowell]</i></p> <p>5(ii) –Improving outcomes for care leavers; uptake of pupil premium and connectivity with the Barnsley Alliance. Margaret Libreri had attended the Anti-poverty Delivery Group where it was identified where this work links with the Alliance Board. A number of action points were identified including more of a focus on the uptake of pupil premium, identifying young people eligible for school meals, and a focus on vulnerable groups such as those with special educational needs. Follow up groups were identified including teen parents and those with mental health issues. Margaret had undertaken to attend the next meeting to follow up on the actions identified.</p> <p>5(iii) – Use of the Family Star Assessment Tool. Paul confirmed that the Think Family programme is using the Family Star Assessment Tool and that it is being promoted to current commissioners. Those using the tool are finding it very useful.</p> <p>6(i) Early Help – Rachel expressed concern that whilst there is now an Early Help Action Plan there is no Strategy in place. It was noted that work needs to take place to develop an all age strategy.</p> <p>6(ii) – Findings and key deliverables of universal information and advice across all partnerships to be considered at a future TEG meeting. Denise to be advised when to schedule this for. Paul undertook to follow up this action.</p> <p>9(ii) – Daily Mile programme. Margaret stated that as the Alliance Board agenda had been full this item had been presented to the Primary Headteachers meeting. Information would be circulated via the e-bulletin in the hope of getting a better response. The programme had not been to Secondary Schools yet. Rachel requested an update around Easter time regarding the number of schools that had signed up to the programme.</p> <p>11 – Rachel asked Richard to contact the Children Society to obtain written confirmation that it had been made clear in their report that the case study used is not a young person from Barnsley.</p> <p>14 – As agreed earlier, the review of vulnerable children with SEN would be considered at the TEG meeting in January.</p>	<p>Paul</p> <p>Paul</p> <p>Margaret</p> <p>Richard</p>
5.1	<p><u>2016 Education Outcomes and draft Barnsley Alliance Improving Education Strategy 2016-18</u></p> <p>The report provided an overview of 2016 education outcomes for children and young people aged 5-18 in educational settings in Barnsley and, where applicable, the progress made from 2015 final results. It was noted that the results are subject to change when final validated results are published in January 2017.</p> <p>Overall there was an improving picture, however, there are also some problematic areas, particularly around certain groups of children, that need to be addressed. The following points were highlighted:</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The rate of improvement for disadvantaged pupils (pupil premium) is lower than for non-disadvantaged pupils, and the gap for pupils with SEN has widened since 2015.• The Barnsley Alliance Board had undertaken to get the data to provide an analysis about those schools that are not closing the pupil premium gap. The effective use of pupil premium is important.• Dave pointed out that moving away from modular examinations had had a negative impact on SEN pupils and that there had been a national dip for that reason.• The significant gap at KS4 between pupil premium and non-pupil premium is also linked to persistent absence and exclusions. The bar has been raised in terms of acceptable behaviour which has resulted in more exclusions, particularly for SEN pupils. There needs to be a strong link into the Troubled Families Programme in relation to poor attendance.• There has been an increase in the number of applications for home education, and an article is to be published in the Barnsley Chronicle on 7th October.• At the BSCB Meeting it had been suggested that there be a peer review on children missing education.• A third of children are not ready for school, and everything possible needs to be done to improve this. Earlier identification and intervention is vital, as is the integrated two year old check-up. It was agreed that an update would be provided on how well that is working.• Outcomes for reading and writing are particularly low for each key stage and it was suggested that a campaign be championed to get Barnsley reading. It is also important that parents be encouraged to interact with their children and talk to them more. <p>The Trust Executive Group agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Challenge the Barnsley Alliance Board to address the areas of concern in terms of finance, exclusions and SEN progress. It was agreed that it would be helpful to undertake a deep dive in relation to exclusions of pupil premium pupils and those with SEN and that the results would be presented to the January TEG meeting.• Challenge Secondary Schools to engage more with the early help offer. It is important that children and young people with complex needs are identified and that they have access to the right services earlier to prevent more complex issues from developing.• Challenge the Early Help Action Group to ensure that everything is being done to identify and support under achieving young people as early as possible, and to gain a deeper understanding of what is happening to cause increased fixed term exclusions for 14-15 year olds.• Receive an update from the BSCB in terms of a peer review on children missing education.• Consider championing a campaign to get Barnsley reading. <p>Margaret stated that the Barnsley Alliance Improving Education Strategy 2016-18 that had been circulated with the agenda is due to go to White Cabinet next week. Rachel asked that the next version of the strategy be re-circulated.</p>	<p>Margaret Libreri</p> <p>Margaret Libreri</p>

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6.	<p><u>Vulnerable children with SEN</u></p> <p>This item was withdrawn from the agenda and deferred to the meeting in January 2017.</p>	
7.	<p><u>CYP Plan Strategic Priorities</u></p> <p>Julie stated that meetings are progressing with TEG Champions to finalise the monitoring schedule which should be available for the next TEG meeting.</p> <p>No performance highlights or risks were raised for escalation.</p>	Julie Green
8.	<p><u>Stronger Communities Partnership update</u></p> <p>The Stronger Communities Partnership (SCP) is a sub-group of Barnsley's Health and Wellbeing Board, reporting via the Senior Strategic Development Group (SSDG).</p> <p>The report lists the performance measures the SCP is seeking to influence and sets out key areas of activity and achievements so far. The Partnership's quarterly meetings have an in-depth focus on a relevant topic, and to date these have included: Social Prescribing; Falls Prevention; and Universal Information & Advice.</p> <p>The SCP would like to establish whether or not the information provided in the report chimes with members understanding of the role of the SCP; whether there is an opportunity to build an evidence base regarding what is working, what isn't and why, and what can be done about it; and whether it is possible to co-design some of the solutions.</p> <p>The following comments were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There needs to be more pace around provision of good information, advice and guidance, benefitting the Early Help agenda. Information is being garnered into one system to give timely access to key information and advice. It was hoped that the pace of that activity would speed up and that a solution would be in place by next financial year. • The Community Safety Partnership is working closely with South Yorkshire Police in relation to domestic violence. • Rachel queried whether there was enough of a focus on local area coordination, including GPs? Paul stated that they are moving in that direction to help shape the local offer and identify the right families to work with, and that there is good representation from health and primary care providers. There needs to be further discussion to ensure that all the different workstreams are linked into this work. • It was acknowledged that there is a lot of activity at a community level commissioned through area councils that is not currently reflected in the SCP programme, and which the Children's Trust should be sighted on. • Most area councils have commissioned some enforcement with private landlords. <p>It was agreed that it is important for the SCP to establish an ongoing relationship with the TEG and to provide updates to future meetings.</p> <p>Further comments to be sent to Paul Hussey via e-mail: PaulHussey@barnsley.gov.uk</p>	Work programme

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<p>9.</p> <p>9.1</p>	<p><u>Public Health Strategic Priorities to support children, young people and families to make healthy lifestyle choices</u></p> <p><u>Smoke Free Barnsley</u> (Kaye Mann)</p> <p>The presentation given highlighted the following statistics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barnsley is nearly the worst in the region with 10.7% of 15 year olds being smokers • 17.6% of pregnant women were smoking at the time of delivery • 32% of households with a smoker in Barnsley fall below the poverty line. If these smokers were to quit, 2140 households would be lifted out of poverty. <p>It was noted that the key objectives of the Smoke Free Barnsley Action Plan 2016-18 had been signed off by the Health and Wellbeing Board.</p> <p>It was felt that the best approach was to change social norms and to make smoking 'invisible' to young people. A Smoke Free Barnsley Programme, approved by both the Health and Wellbeing Board and Cabinet, will introduce designated smoke free areas in Barnsley including: hospital grounds; outside school gates; town centre zones; and selected play parks. The ban will be voluntary and not enforceable by law.</p> <p>A Tobacco Enforcement Officer is working to stop the sale of fake cigarettes in Barnsley, and is also working with trading standards to try and prevent a Shisha facility from opening in the town centre by making sure that they are compliant with a number of regulations.</p> <p>It was suggested that a leaflet designed by children to encourage parents to stop smoking would carry a powerful message. It was also suggested that young people in the Youth Council be encouraged to start a group to lobby against smoking.</p> <p>An update on progress would be presented to a future TEG meeting.</p>	<p>Kaye/ work programme</p>
<p>9.2</p>	<p><u>Oral Health</u> (Anita Dobson)</p> <p>Anita provided a verbal update on progress and the following points were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At its meeting on 9 August, the Health and Wellbeing Board had ratified the Oral Health Action Plan. • Anita had met with Public Health England to discuss improving the offer and take up of fluoride varnish on children's teeth when they visit the Dentist. Although it is part of the offer it is unclear whether Dentists are offering the treatment, whether take-up of the offer is being recorded, or whether parents are refusing it. • A discussion had been held at the Health and Wellbeing Board in relation to fluoridating the water supply. This is not part of the action plan but a meeting is being held with Yorkshire Water to discuss this option further. It was noted that there is a massive anti fluoridation lobby group. • Work is underway with 6th Form College media students to write and perform a short play to promote oral health on U-tube. • Family Centres across Barnsley will be equipped to run tooth brushing clubs. The community shop in the Dearne has been encouraged to promote tooth brushes and tooth paste. These are also included in food parcels provided through foodbanks. 	

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10.	<p><u>Think Family/ Troubled Families</u> (Andrea Hoyland)</p> <p>The report provided an update on Barnsley's Think Family Programme which is the local delivery mechanism for the Government's national Phase 2 Expanded Troubled Families Programme 2015-20. The report set out the five year delivery requirements, progress to date, and future plans. Also attached was a presentation 'Qualitative Evaluation of the new Troubled Families programme' by Ipsos Mori with a summary of 'wave 1' findings for Barnsley.</p> <p>The aim is to ensure that in meeting the programme delivery objectives the funded work supports local strategic developments for targeted early intervention that take a whole family and integrated working approach, to deliver better outcomes for children, young people and families.</p> <p>The data in the report shows that the required milestones in the programme are being met, and there is good feedback from the frontline.</p> <p>Funding is available to 2020, and anything commissioned or developed needs to be sustainable to continue beyond the life of the programme. A key outcome is the ability to be more focused on resources at our disposal in terms of early help. Need to expand the support offer; develop IT solutions; and look at sustainability planning. It is important to ensure that this is not a one-off piece of work and that every opportunity is used to invest in wider solutions. The Police and other local partners are working in partnership to explore this further, including the development of an IT solution. Sean Rayner suggested that family members who smoke should be referred to 'stop smoking' support.</p> <p>Andrea stated that early work is also taking place with Education Welfare to develop a business case for earlier intervention in terms of attendance issues.</p>	
11.	<p><u>Children's Workforce Development</u> (Amanda Glew)</p> <p>The attached update was provided in respect of workforce development, highlighting work that had been undertaken as a result of suggestions made at previous TEG meetings. The following points were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The development of the programme for 2017-2018 is progressing well with more than 80 courses planned and booked, including 'hearing the voice of the child', which had been requested by TEG at a previous meeting. • The new programme focuses on the Early Help agenda, and the impact of the programme will be evaluated through the Early Help Steering Group audits. • The multi-agency programme will include a new suite of domestic abuse courses, including more advanced training for staff who would like to become Domestic Abuse Champions within their own agency. • A Toxic Trio conference is being held on 13 October, and another one is being planned to take place in July 2017. • A programme of safeguarding awareness training is currently being delivered to a variety of employees, and there are plans to reinstate Safeguarding Children and Adults Champions. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A charging policy is now in place, including a charge for non-attendance. Training continues are free for Barnsley agencies working with children and young people who contribute financially or deliver training for Barnsley MBC. Further details of the policy are available on request. • Following a previous TEG meeting work is underway to identify how the workforce can be developed to have a greater understanding of child poverty and actions that can be taken to address this. • Progress continues to be made against improving staff skills in relation to the priorities of the Children and Young People's Plan. The Workforce Management and Development Group will be working to develop key performance indicators to evidence progress and impact as a result of the plan. <p>Rachel thanked Amanda for the helpful update and was encouraged by the amount of activity, particularly in relation to early help. Performance data would be welcomed when available.</p> <p>It was noted that South Yorkshire Police staff are unaware of the training available and it was agreed that Jakkie and Amanda would discuss this further outside the meeting.</p> <p>Amanda stated that following a presentation at a previous TEG meeting from the Barnsley Carers and Parents Forum around personalised budgets, she had tried unsuccessfully to contact the group to get an understanding of the particular issues in order to ensure that intervention is targeted at the right people and at the right level. Richard agreed to support Amanda to take this action forward.</p>	<p>Jakkie/ Amanda</p> <p>Amanda/ Richard</p>
12.	<p><u>Barnsley Safeguarding Children's Board Meeting held on 9 September 2016 - confidential</u></p> <p>The minutes of the above meeting had been circulated for information, and the following points were highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan Foster from Greenacre School is now the Headteacher Representative on the BSC Board. • Schools had been invited to sign up to the Anti Bullying Charter and whilst there had been a lot of interest from primary schools only one secondary school had expressed an interest. • Operation Make Safe works with private businesses whose staff may witness child sexual exploitation or safeguarding concerns. It was noted that this role no longer exists in the Police, and Chief Superintendent Tim Innes had undertaken to commission a review of the programme to determine how it might be delivered locally, and would provide the Board with an update at their next meeting. • In the performance report it was noted that the proportion of contacts progressing to referral is stable at 26% in Quarter 1. This suggests that over 70% of contacts could potentially have been better addressed through the Early Help pathway. Bob commented that it would be good to see assessments being closed as well. • Barnsley has a high level of domestic violence and member agencies have been asked to undertake a self-assessment by the end of September. • It was agreed that the next Peer Review would be undertaken on Children Missing from Education, including children educated at 	

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	<p>home, and children on part-time timetables. It was noted that an article is due to appear in the Barnsley Chronicle on 7th October regarding the increase in the number of home-schooled pupils in Barnsley. Rachel confirmed that the Trust Executive Group formally agreed with the proposal that a peer challenge be undertaken on children missing from education.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The BSCB meeting had been held at Holy Trinity School, followed by a meeting with 15 young people from the school. They all had a very good general awareness of safeguarding issues, they reported feeling safe, and were not aware of any issues of bullying in the school. They spoke positively about school and there was no lack of aspiration. They highlighted the benefits of having the same form teacher all through school. This provided continuity and enabled them to build a good relationship with the form teacher. 	
13.	<p><u>Continuous Service Improvement Plan</u> (Julie Govan)</p> <p>Comments from the last TEG meeting have been incorporated into the revised version of the CSI Plan.</p> <p>An evaluation is being undertaken of the plan to ensure that it is up-to-date and to confirm whether or not the 'completed' actions are still complete. There are some areas where the RAG rating is out of date, e.g. domestic abuse, care leavers and SEND. The review will be an opportunity to focus on different areas where there are emerging issues.</p> <p>Rachel issued a challenge to Debbie to shift the current amber rating for 'increased timeliness of LAC and CP statutory visits and audit effectiveness' (Voice of Child, page 14)</p> <p>The next version of the plan is due at the end of October and will be discussed at the joint TEG and BSCB meeting on 18 November.</p> <p>Evidence is also being gathered to prepare for the Ofsted inspection.</p>	
14.	<p><u>TEG Work Programme</u> (Richard Lynch)</p> <p>The work programme and future agenda items were considered and it was agreed that the Public Health items would be deferred to a later meeting.</p> <p>The update on the review of paediatric services to be considered by the Executive Commissioning Group.</p> <p>Members confirmed that, subject to the agreed amendments, they are comfortable with the work programme.</p>	Denise
15.	<p><u>TEG Terms of Reference – annual review</u> (Richard Lynch)</p> <p>The TEG Terms of Reference were last approved by the Board in July 2015, and states that the Vice-Chair needs to be appointed on an annual basis in September. It was noted that currently the role of Vice-Chair is shared between Bob Dyson and Brigid Reid. Bob confirmed his acceptance of the role of Vice-Chair to the TEG and, following the meeting, Brigid did likewise.</p> <p>The following amendments were agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Barnsley Health and Wellbeing Board Strategy to be updated with 	

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	<p>the latest version as soon as it is available, as will the JSNA and Joint Commissioning Framework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Barnsley Alliance Strategy; SEND Strategy and BSCB Business Plan to be added to the list of key documents. • Membership: It was noted that Sue Gibson, Head of Midwifery for Barnsley Hospital, was leaving and Rachel undertook to follow up Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust representation at TEG. • LMC representation needs to be followed up as it was noted that Clare Bannon had not attended TEG since June. • Representation of School Governors to be addressed. Margaret suggested that the person representing School Governors on the Barnsley Alliance Board be asked to also attend TEG, which would improve the connections between TEG and the Barnsley Alliance Board, and this was agreed. • TEG minutes are sent to the Health and Wellbeing Board and also the Barnsley Alliance Board for comment/ information. • In relation to the appendix 1, partnership arrangements, it was noted that the Anti-Poverty Board still meets. • Stronger Communities Partnership to be added alongside the Community Safety Partnership. • In relation to appendix 2, The Ofsted Improvement Board is now the Ofsted Officer Group; Child Health Programme Board to be deleted and also the Think Family Programme Board. <p>The Terms of Reference to be amended as agreed.</p>	<p>Rachel</p> <p>Denise</p> <p>Margaret</p> <p>Denise</p>
16.	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Margaret Libreri circulated posters at the meeting, highlighting the importance of good school attendance and punctuality. These will be displayed at schools; GPs Surgeries; libraries; Alhambra Centre; Interchange; Barnsley Market, etc. • Safeguarding Week is being held in Bradford from 17 – 21 October. • A 'Playing Out' Pilot event took place on 24 September where designated streets were closed to allow children to play out in safety, and was reported to have gone really well. A short paper is being prepared for SMT. 	