



Children and Young People's Trust Executive Group Meeting
9 June 2017, from 09.30 – 12.30
Westgate Plaza Boardroom, Level 3, Room 3

Present

Core Members:

Brigid Reid (Chair)	Barnsley CCG, Chief Nurse
Cllr Tim Cheetham	Cabinet Member: People (Achieving Potential)
Gerry Foster-Wilson	Executive Headteacher representing Primary Schools
Mel John-Ross	BMBC, Service Director of Children's Social Care & Safeguarding
Margaret Libreri	BMBC, Service Director for Education, Early Start & Prevention
Alicia Marcroft	BMBC Head of Public Health, Children and Young People
Dave Ramsay	South West Yorkshire Partnership Foundation Trust (SWYPFT) Deputy Director of Operations

Deputy Members:

Adrian England	Barnsley Governors Association (for Margaret Gostelow)
Karen Markham	Barnsley College Director of Teaching & Learning (for Phil Briscoe)
Nik Dodsworth	South Yorkshire Police (for Scott Green)
Nick Bowen	Horizon CC Principal representing Secondary Schools

Advisor:

Richard Lynch	BMBC Head of Commissioning, Governance and Partnerships
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In Attendance:

Amy Booth	BMBC, Health and Wellbeing Officer (shadowing Alicia Marcroft)
Kathryn Wilkinson	Management Support Officer, Minute Taker

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1.	<u>Apologies</u> The following apologies were noted: Rachel Dickinson Bob Dyson Teresa Gibson Anna Turner Wendy Lowder Paul Hussey Margaret Gostelow Dr Jamie McInnes Phil Briscoe Scott Green Dave Whitaker	BMBC, Executive Director: People Barnsley Safeguarding Children Board Independent Chair Healthwatch Barnsley Manager BMBC School Models and Governor Development Manager BMBC Executive Director Communities Interim Service Director, Stronger, Safer and Healthier Communities Barnsley Governors Association Chair Barnsley Local Medical Committee GP representative Barnsley College Vice Principal Quality and Student Experience South Yorkshire Police Chief Superintendent Executive Headteacher representing Secondary Schools

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2.	<p><u>Feedback from the front line</u></p> <p>At this point in the meeting colleagues were given an opportunity to share examples of good practice or challenges on the front line.</p> <p>Gerry raised the issue of SEN pupils attending mainstream schools and the challenges that poses for schools regarding staffing resources as children with SEN either require 1:1 staffing or 2:1 staffing. Margaret stated that there are cost pressures around this and a report highlighting these issues is going to the next meeting of the Schools Forum. This could also be escalated to the SEND Strategy Group. Margaret will also pick this up with Sue Day (Interim Manager, Assessment and Review Team).</p> <p>It was noted that Barnsley received a Gold Award for young people's involvement following the work on national takeover day. Young people have attended a Cabinet meeting and the Safeguarding Children Board.</p>	ML
3.	<p><u>Identification of confidential reports and declarations of any conflict of interest</u></p> <p>It was noted that items 5, 6, 10 and 12 of the minutes are to be treated as confidential. There were no conflicts of interest declared.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Minutes of the Trust Executive Group meeting held on 28 April 2017</u></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as an accurate record, subject to the following amendments:</p> <p><u>Item 9 – Draft BSCB Minutes of 24 March 2017 highlights –</u> <i>Rachel reminded members that this important piece of work had been a response to David Cameron's call to action – after discussion it was agreed to delete <i>had been a response to David Cameron's call to action as that referred to the growth in Registered Health Visitors which pre dated the changes in the Public Health grant and subsequent work on 0-19 lead by BMBC which Rachel was referring to.</i></i></p> <p><u>TEG Work Programme Review</u> Brigid queried the point about adding a further column to the document – this to be considered later in the meeting.</p>	
4.1	<p><u>Action log / matters arising</u></p> <p>The following updates were noted:</p> <p><u>Actions from previous meeting</u></p> <p>Item 2.1 – Meeting with the Youth Council and Item 2.2 – CYP Plan amendments – these two points to be merged together to become one action.</p> <p>Richard stated that regarding follow up from the Youth Council, he is waiting for members to feed back the young people's comments. Pending receipt of feedback, work to be undertaken on the design of the CYP Plan.</p> <p><u>Actions from 28 April 2017</u></p> <p>Item 2 – Integrated Front Door, Worsbrough – Mel to take this forward.</p> <p>Item 13 – Healthy Weight Alliance (NCMP) – a meeting has been arranged to discuss. This action can now be closed.</p>	RL RL MJ-R

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	For discussion	
5.	<p><u>Keeping Children and Young People Safe (Mel John-Ross)</u></p> <p>5.1 • Managing risk for children in care placed outside the Borough Mel outlined that this report went to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 2 May 2017 and highlighted the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ One of the corporate indicators is that children should be placed in local authority care within 20 miles of their home address. 84.9% of children in Barnsley are placed within 20 miles of their home address. The aspirational figure is 92%, which has not been met, however Barnsley has achieved better than the national figure, which is 74%. Placing children within the borough helps to promote their identity and also their family relationships. Research shows that children perform better if these links are sustained and if they are placed locally that helps to meet their needs. ○ The report outlines the reasons why children are sometimes placed outside Barnsley. Barnsley has a relatively stable group of children in care with low numbers due to good permanence planning. Children perform well if they have placement stability. More foster placements are needed in Barnsley and a recruitment campaign has recently been carried out to try and attract more foster carers. More foster placements are required particularly to care for children on a long term basis and to care for teenagers. ○ The report contains figures of children placed more than 20 miles away from their family. ○ Section 3 shows educational, health and police support for children in care. Mel outlined the future challenges and priorities, which are around securing the right place for children. There is a placement sufficiency strategy in place and a Board that oversees the work, which is achieving the right outcome for children. <p>Brigid reported that a sharing the learning event had been held for Designated Nurses across South Yorkshire.</p> <p>Gerry asked what interface is there between foster carers and Social Care to find out what would help them in caring for children in their care.</p> <p>Mel responded that they had learned more after being part of the South Yorkshire Empower and Protect Programme when they recruited foster carers specifically to care for young people at risk of CSE. During the second year of the programme it was around caring for vulnerable adolescents. Foster carers have a fear and anxiety around being left with young people presenting with challenging and risky behaviour. The department treats foster carers as professionals and ensures they have a team around them supporting them and the children in their placement. The team needs professional advice from CAMHS and there is a need to ensure that foster carers do not feel alone and that they are provided with professional supervision. Foster carers all have their own social worker and they have the opportunity to access training and support and have a clear progression route.</p>	

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	<p>Regarding the recruitment of foster carers, Mel to use the report that went to ECG around this and share it with TEG members.</p> <p>It was noted that some foster carers leave Barnsley Local Authority and go to private fostering agencies.</p> <p>Richard stated that Barnsley performs well to avoid the need for children to go into residential care. 20-25 Barnsley children are placed in residential care, which equates to about 8% of the CiC population. It was acknowledged that residential care is sometimes needed for children in care in order to achieve best outcomes.</p> <p>Mel stated that people want to see real foster carers and real young people and a video has been made with young people showing how their lives have changed due to being in foster care. The placement sufficiency strategy and action plan deals with retention of foster carers as well as recruitment. In the recent Yorkshire and Humber ACDS self assessment placement sufficiency was one of the top focuses.</p> <p>It was asked if Overview and Scrutiny made any comments about the report at the meeting. Mel responded that the feedback was that there had been a robust discussion and challenge by members. Corporate Parenting Panel will oversee the work contained in this report.</p> <p>David stated that there is a cohort of young people in out of borough placements where there might be the potential for them to fall through the net regarding health issues. Brigid responded that progress has been made regarding provision and charging for Health Assessments and Reviews but that there remains a challenge, particularly around access to NHS therapeutic services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ofsted Common Inspection Framework for CSC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mel reported that this report has already been to the Safeguarding Children Board so some members of TEG will already have seen it. In June 2016, Ofsted launched a major consultation with stakeholders on its proposals for the future inspection of local authority children's services and children's social care settings. These proposals were aimed at establishing the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A set of principles to underpin social care inspections and which, firstly, focus on the issues which matter most to the lives of vulnerable children and, secondly, ensure consistency in Ofsted's expectations of providers. - A new more proportionate approach to the inspection of local authority children's services, following conclusion of the current single inspection framework. - A new common inspection framework for children's social care settings, which would include independent fostering agencies. <p>The report outlines a summary of proposals for the future inspection of Local Authority children's services. From January 2018 there will no longer be an assessment of the effectiveness of LSCBs. The Local Authority has a multi agency officer group that will lead the preparation for the inspection.</p>	MJ-R

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JTAIs of Child Protection Provision (for information) <p>This guidance is to assist inspectors from Ofsted, the Care Quality Commission (CQC), Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) and Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Probation (HMI Probation) when they conduct a joint targeted area inspection (JTAI) that includes a deep dive investigation of the response to children who are/or have been neglected.</p> <p>Mel stated that they had looked at CSE cases, children living with domestic abuse and children living with neglect and the teams have prepared for all those areas. Neglect is a real issue in Barnsley and for children subject to child protection plans the highest category is neglect.</p> <p>The Performance Audit and Quality Assurance Sub Committee (PAQA), which is a sub-committee of Barnsley Safeguarding Children Board has undertaken an audit of neglect cases. An audit was carried out on 10 cases of children who have been on child protection plans longer than two years and those who have been on repeat plans. Social care has completed a single agency audit of neglect cases. It was suggested that a partner be invited in to look at our auditing so we have external challenge.</p> <p>Mel drew colleagues' attention to the section of the Barnsley Safeguarding Children Board minutes dated 26 May 2017 which sets out the summary of the discussion around this at the Safeguarding Board.</p>	
6.	<p><u>Neglect Strategy</u> (Mel John-Ross)</p> <p>Mel outlined that the Neglect Strategy is a partnership strategy and is not a Barnsley MBC document. This Strategy will be launched during Safeguarding Week, which is the week commencing 3 July 2017.</p> <p>It was noted that it has been agreed that a sub committee of the Safeguarding Board would be set up to look at neglect. Further work to be highlighted through the sub committee acting on the identity of neglect cases and the levels of response.</p> <p>It was asked about children who are living in poverty but they may not be identified as living in poverty and how is that information passed on to social care so that something can be done following the neglect pathway. Mel responded that children who live in poverty are not always neglected and support for them would be around our early help offer. We need to ensure all agencies know the pathway to early help. Where a child is being abused or harmed, we are raising awareness among all professionals and partners around pathways and who to contact to escalate those concerns. Social care is involved where a child is suspected of being harmed or abused and their needs are neglected which results in significant harm to them. The signposting of where people can go if they suspect neglect could be embedded in the strategy.</p>	
7.	<p><u>Results of the peer challenge on children missing education - presentation</u> (Margaret Libreri)</p> <p>Margaret delivered a presentation on the results of the peer review on children missing education.</p>	

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	<p>It was agreed that a narrative is needed that shows the inter relation between TEG and the Alliance and what could TEG assist the Alliance with and vice versa and what can we as a partnership do to support the work that is happening.</p> <p>It was asked if TEG could see the work programme from the Alliance at the next TEG meeting. ML responded that the Alliance is accountable to TEG so we should bring reports from the Alliance to be presented to TEG. It was agreed that TEG needs more information around the work that the Alliance is involved with.</p> <p>It was asked if exclusion figures are higher in Barnsley than the national average. Margaret responded that permanent exclusions have gone up slightly but from a very low base so are not a significant problem. Fixed term exclusions in secondary are the highest regionally.</p> <p>Margaret stated that some schools are good at engaging and participating in initiatives and consequently have done well, whereas some schools do not engage with the support that is offered to them.</p> <p>It was highlighted that there is an issue around transition from primary to secondary school. It was agreed that as part of the action plan we consider transition and particularly around vulnerable children.</p>	ML
8.	<p><u>Information Sharing baseline position (Sara Hydon)</u></p> <p>A draft briefing note was presented to the meeting, outlining the information governance arrangements and system interoperability between the Council and Health.</p> <p>It was agreed that there is further work to do around the ethos of information sharing and discussions need to take place with colleagues about enacting the information sharing agreement.</p>	
9.	Stronger Communities Partnership Position Statement – for information	
Standard agenda items		
10.	<p>Continuous Service Improvement Plan – confidential (Julie Govan)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Members comments <p>Brigid stated that it would be useful to focus on four areas which are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Early Help 2. Neglect 3. Missing 4. Fostering <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Help is green. The self assessment that went to BSCB was discussed. Governance arrangements around Early Help assessment need to be strengthened. • Neglect - Julie stated that there is evidence of improvement but it has to shown as amber until it is signed off. It is a progress document as well as a monitoring document. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missing - Mel stated that there is a multi agency panel, which includes key partners and oversees our most vulnerable young people. Mel stated that she is taking the report on missing children from Barnsley to Corporate Parenting Panel. PAQA is undertaking an audit on our return to care interview. • Fostering - the judgement of amber would fit but there is still further work to do. <p>Julie highlighted a number of areas where there had been a change and asked if members were happy for the plan to be approved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Front Door overall progress has gone from amber to green. • Planning has an action which has moved to red as the number of children on a child protection plan over two years has increased. • CAMHS has an action which has moved to red as the baseline regarding average waiting time from referral to treatment has not been received. • PLO overall progress has moved to red. Mel explained that it refers to the national process around when preparations are made to go into public law care proceedings regarding a child and this is an action from when Ofsted carried out an inspection in 2014. It had been tackled by producing data to track our performance as care proceedings should be completed within 26 weeks so that children are not languishing before the court. It is about timely permanency. Barnsley's performance has dropped against the 26 weeks timescale. However, for some of the cases there might be a good reason for this. There needs to be information available to be able to track timely permanency. • Voice of the child and Care 4 Us. A challenge has been raised regarding the absence of a clear process with Care 4 Us Council and therefore should it be amber? Margaret and Mel have looked at the capacity of targeted youth support and social care providing support to Care 4 US meetings. The post of family support worker to support the Care 4 Us meetings is to be recruited to so that there is the right support for the Care 4 Us council and the meetings are coordinated and managed. It was agreed to move to amber. • For the next meeting it to be decided which areas we should be considering. It was asked if the dates of the Officer Group could be shared with TEG members and for them to also attend Officer Groups. The dates of the meetings of the officer Groups are held on a Thursday 8:30-10:30am at Gateway Plaza as follows: <p style="padding-left: 20px;">27 July 2017 7 September 2017 5 October 2017 9 November 2017 14 December 2017</p>	

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11.	<u>TEG work programme review</u> (Richard Lynch) The work programme is reviewed at every meeting. The way it is structured is in response to the priorities set out in the Children and Young People's Plan. It was noted that the three key areas for improvements should be lifted and stand above or link to the key actions to make it clearer. As the group likes to revisit individual items, we need to determine how we make it more aligned or dynamic. Richard to circulate a draft before the next meeting.	RL
12.	BSCB Minutes of 26 May 2017 (confidential) (For information)	
Proposed main agenda items for the next meeting on 21 July 2017		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BSCB Annual Report (Bob Dyson) • BSCB Minutes of 14 July 2017 – Highlights (Bob Dyson) • Improving staff skills to deliver quality services (Amanda Glew) – 45 minutes • Looked After Children Sufficiency Strategy/ Foster Carer Placements (Richard Lynch/ Jon Banwell) • Continuous Service Improvement Plan • TEG Work Programme 		

Dates of future meetings in 2017	Time	Venue
21 July (Friday)	09.30 – 12.30	Westgate Plaza Level 3, Room 3
28 September	14.00 – 17.00	Westgate Plaza Level 3, Room 3
13 November	13.30 – 16.30	Westgate Plaza Level 3, Room 3