

# Bury Children's Trust

## Minutes of the Trust Board meeting held on 14 May 2015

### Attendance:

Mark Carriline	Executive Director Children, Young People & Culture (Chair)
Charlie Deane	Principal Bury College (Deputy Chair)
Mick Fitzgerald	Headteacher Parrenthorn Specialist Technology College and Chair of Bury Assoc'n Secondary Heads (BASH)
Maxine Lomax	Designated Nurse for Safeguarding (C&A), Bury CCG
Sara Barnes	CAMHS Directorate Manager, Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust
Gaynor Hodson	CAMHS Operational Manager, Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust
CI Joanne Marshall	GM Police, Bury Division (Criminal Justice & Partnerships)
Wendy Thompson	Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust Community Services (on behalf of L Ganley)
Maria Worthington	Business Manager, Neighbourhoods, Six Town Housing
Kate Allam	IYSS Operational Manager, Bury Council CYP & Culture
Karen Whitehead	Strategic Lead Health/Families, Council CYP & Culture
Ann Noi	Bury Council, Communities & Wellbeing (on behalf of T Minshull)
Derek Burke	Chief Officer, B3SDA, representing Bury CYP Forum
Paul Cooke	Strategic Lead, Schools, Academies & Colleges, CYP & Culture (for item 5)
Carol Grunbaum	SEN Manager, CYP & Culture (for item 5)
Lindsay Dennis	Children's Trust Development Officer, Council CYP & Culture

### 1. Introductions and Apologies (M Carriline)

MC welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Pat Whitehead (JobCentre Plus), Cathy Trinick (Pennine Acute), Lesley Jones (Public Health), Jackie Gower (CYP&Culture) and Helen Chadwick (BAPH); and representatives attended as listed above.

### 2. March Minutes and Actions

March Minutes were approved.

In addition to information provided in the Summary of Actions, the following points were raised:

2.1 **Item 1:** School-based officers (JM). Nothing to report at present, awaiting update from Police & Crime Commissioner.

2.2 **Item 4:** Feedback from CYP Forum – funding risks to B3SDA – DB confirmed the difficulties in sourcing funding for an infrastructure organisation, and the loss of such organisations in other areas. MC once again stated his concern about the importance of an infrastructure organisation to a thriving Bury 3<sup>rd</sup> sector,

and the difficulty (for example) of coordinating volunteers in Bury without B3SDA. DB said that B3SDA are trying to align more closely with Health for future developments (eg social prescription) and funding potential.

2.3 **Item 6:** Ofsted Report – Early Help: whose responsibility; MC reported that the Working Together Guidance has been published but included very little on Early Help. Our focus remains on working together towards the Early Help Strategy.

2.4 **Item 7:** NHS Budget Devolution: it was noted that this is progressing at some speed and that Mike Owen will be lead Chief Executive for Finance. This will be kept on agenda for updates.

2.3 **Item 8:** Healthy Schools: e-mail update from Lesley Jones:  
*“Due to EU Procurement rules the council needs to go out to tender for both the Integrated Sexual Health Service, currently provided by Pennine Acute and Pennine Care and School Nursing currently provided by Pennine care. Formal notice has now been given to the providers with a termination date of end Feb 2016 for sexual health and end March 2016 for school health.”*

*We have entered into a collaborative commissioning arrangement for sexual health services with Rochdale and Oldham Councils with a single core specification plus elements tailored to each borough. The specification includes a specific offer for young people.*

*The School health specification is based largely on a GM specification which in turn is drawn from national guidance. The specification will also be aligned to our ambitions for a 'Healthy Schools' program.”*

2.4 **Transition Report** Update report provided by Sarah Thomason. With regard to final paragraph, p1, it was questioned whether the limited knowledge of finances, health services and accommodation amongst young people in settled foster care placements implies a training need for foster carers and what action will be taken.

**Action: LD to raise with ST**

### 3. **Items from Young People** (K Allam)

Primary Circles will be taking place on 7 July at the New Kershaw Centre, with a focus on transition for Year 6 pupils.

Secondary Circles will take place on 22 June at the Elizabethan Suite. 4 young people from Yr 9 in each school will ask decision makers questions about issues that are of concern to them (the topics are still being decided).

KA noted that Youth Cabinet has a new, enthusiastic leadership group, who are fairly young and will need Youth Service support to get established. They have been on a residential to learn about their roles and look at possible campaigns.

Youth Cabinet are involved in the 'Young Roots' project about the history of mental health treatment for young people and working towards an exhibition.

KA was pleased to tell Board members that Jamie Walker has been appointed as the youngest Bury Councillor, for Radcliffe North. JW is a passionate advocate for the Youth Service of which he has very positive experience and through which he became involved in Youth Cabinet and was elected to UK Youth Parliament. MF said that when JW came into Parrenthorn he was able to relate very well with the pupils and is a very good role model for Youth Cabinet.

With regard to the Participation Strategy, progress will be monitored via the What's Changed participation outcomes tool for which training will be included in the lunchtime training sessions being developed via the CT Ops Group. This aims to strengthen participative working as opposed to holding big consultation activities. 6-monthly progress report will be provided to the Board.

On 2 and 3 July, LILAC\* Assessors will visit Bury look at how the voice of looked after children and young people is sought and acted upon. In preparation, Social Care Teams have self-assessed, and young people trained to assess will be visiting the teams prior to July. \*LILAC – *Leading Improvement for Looked After Children*

#### **4. Children & Young People's Plan 2015-18 - meeting the Priorities**

##### **4.1 Future in Mind: Local Transformation Plan (Sara Barnes)**

SB gave a detailed presentation about the main implications of Future in Mind: the national driver for transforming mental health services over the next 5 years. See *attached presentation and executive summary*.

There is a strong move away from the Stepped Care Framework (an escalator model focusing on services within each tier) towards a Thrive model focusing on supporting young people and their families by preventative and promotion initiatives within the community, working with partner agencies and providing improved access to evidence-based programmes of support for those who have more complex difficulties when and where they need it. This is very much in-keeping with local CAMHS developments in Bury over the last 12 months towards a joined up approach to emotional and mental health and wellbeing.

There is a requirement to develop Local Transformation Plans, led by CCG's and working with local partners; and significant funding for the next 5 years, drawn down via the Local Transformation Plans.

MC noted that this is a huge opportunity and will be a major focus for the Children & Young People's Plan over the next 3 years. He noted the local experience that we can draw upon, eg the TAMHS project, and asked about the process for developing the Local Transformation Plan. SB advised that this will be led through the CCG (Dr Shryer) and that the mechanics are yet to be confirmed.

MC drew to the attention of the Board an e-mail that he has received from John Rowse (Dept of Health) recommending that in GM this be included in Devomanc, ie, pool the funding for GM Authorities and draw up a plan for Greater Manchester. It was agreed that this could be positive for Bury which has been underfunded compared to other areas; as long as we are able to ensure that local needs are met.

**Action: ML to forward e-mail to Margaret O'Dwyer, cc Stuart North**

There was discussion about whether a new Strategic Group be set up to drive this, or whether to 'piggy back' onto an existing group. MC recommended that the Children's Trust Operational Group which has already started on work to meet Priority 2 of the Children & Young People's Plan should drive this work and SB said she would try to arrange for a representative from the CCG to attend the next CT Operational Group.

**Action: SB**

#### 4.2 **Network Event Key Findings** (L Dennis)

Report provided

LD drew attention to the main recommended actions from the network event. Actions in relation to improving information and awareness of services to families, and improving professionals' knowledge and awareness of services are being included within the action planning by the Children's Trust Operational Group.

In addition, LD drew attention to the issue highlighted around 'fear of services' and a belief among some families and communities that when services get involved this means that their children may be taken into care. Linked to this, the event flagged up real concern about the 'branding' of early help which participants said has become seen as the last step before statutory social care intervention as opposed to universal support when and where it is needed (as per the Early Help strategy). Participants said that this was a barrier to families accepting early help and confusing for professionals.

It was agreed by the Board that this is a significant barrier to meeting the Priorities in the Children & Young People's Plan and should be the main agenda item for the next CT Board meeting, in order for the Board to look at how best to address this.

**Action: LD – main agenda item for July meeting**

#### 4.3 **Commissioning Principles**

Draft Principles provided

It was noted that further to the discussions at the last meeting, LD had drafted Commissioning Principles based on the Government's 8 Principles of Commissioning and including additional good practice to strengthen participation, early help, transition and a thriving third sector. Comments from Board members had been incorporated into the Principles.

Due to time constrictions, it was agreed to defer discussion about next steps to the July meeting. Board members were asked to send any comments about the draft Principles to LD.

**Action: LD – agenda item for July meeting**

#### 4.4 **Key Strategic Action**

Paper provided

It was noted that the development of the Children's Trust Operational Group means that much of the action planning to meet the Priorities in the CYPP is led through that group, with oversight via the Board. However, in order to meet the

Priorities, some underpinning strategic developments need to be led by the Board and it was agreed that over the next 12 months the focus should be on the Commissioning Principles; the Local Transformation Plan; the Early Help Offer and addressing the confusion around Early Help; and strengthening multi-agency (joint) working to provide early help (ie, as set out in paper provided to the Board).

There was some discussion about the Board's role in influencing and supporting development and delivery of the Joint Alcohol & Substance Strategy, in relation to the needs of children and young people.

In response to an enquiry from MC, Ann Noi advised that a final draft of the Strategy is due to the go to the Task & Finish Group responsible for its development; and that this is being driven by Team Bury with governance to the Health & Wellbeing Board. The Strategy has been developed over the last 2 years with extensive consultation and involvement from partners and public (including approx 500 responses from young people).

Ann Noi recommended that the Children's Trust Operational Sub Group would be the more appropriate group (than the Board) to be involved in developing and delivering the Strategy Action Plan as it has appropriate membership (some of whom have been involved in the development of the Strategy) and this will form part of the action planning to meet Priority 3 (alcohol & substance misuse). This was agreed.

#### **5. SEND Progress Report (Paul Cooke and Carol Grunbaum)**

Detailed progress report provided. There were a number of questions and discussion as follows;

MC asked how the Local Offer is progressing, and the main differences between the new EHC process (Education Health & Social Care) and the outgoing Statement process (p6 of the report) and where enquiries are coming from.

With regard to the Local Offer, PC explained that this has been developed working with adults aligned to the Bury Directory. This IT portal providing information, advice and guidance went on line for children on 1 September and Adults on 1 April. The portal can be analysed to better understand what help is required and to inform service developments. Based on the findings over the last 6 months, the first major upgrade it being commissioned. There some challenges around governance, for example although this is a **local** offer, nationally there are directives about what should be on it.

LD noted that the network event highlighted that the internet is not accessible to all families and asked if this is being addressed. PC advised that the Government thrust has been to develop an IT portal, but that locally they are looking at how to ensure that the information is accessible to all – what the barriers are and how to improve it. There is a focus on professionals using the portal as a way to support their clients. It was noted that there is a lunchtime briefing about this on 3 June.

With regard to EHC Plans as opposed to Statements, CG explained that EHC Plans are much more inclusive of the family and child. In line with national trends, Bury

are seeing more parental enquiries, but have had fewer requests for EHC Plans than for Statements in the same timeframe last year. It is likely that this is for a number of reasons: the high number of statements requested by schools prior to the introduction of EHC Plans; earlier support being provided and the effect of funding changes.

In response to an enquiry from WT, CG confirmed that 247 pupils should be transferred from a statement to an EHC Plan or support plan by the end of this academic year Sept 2014/July 2015. It was noted that this is huge undertaking.

ML asked if all children being transferred to the EHC Plan will need new information from Health and CG responded that the information provided in the annual review will be used and therefore it won't be necessary to provide new Health information for each Plan.

MC thanked PC and CG for the update on progress.

## **6. Open Forum**

**6.1 General Election results** (MC) With regard to the results of the General Election, MC noted that there was not a lot in the Conservative manifesto about children and young people, other than in relation to Academies and education, so at this stage there was nothing to report.

**6.2 Regularity of Board meetings** (MC/LD) – paper provided. As the Board now has the Children's Trust Operational Group, chaired by MC and taking responsibility for the Action Planning to meet the Priorities; it was suggested that the Board reduce regularity of meeting to three times per annum, with a focus on strategic issues (see 4.4). This will also allow more time for the CT Ops Group to progress the Action Plan between Board meetings. This was agreed. The next meeting will be in July and then every other meeting for 2015/16 will be cancelled, so that meetings will be held in November and March. LD will send out a new meeting schedule.

**Action: LD to send out new Schedule of Meetings**

## **7. Items for next meeting**

The main item for the next meeting will be about the 'rebranding' of Early Help. The next meeting will take place at 3pm on 2 July, in the ground floor conference room, 3 Knowsley Place.