



Halton Children's Trust: Minutes 14.3.19 Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy, Runcorn

Present:

Cllr Tom McInerney	Lead Member for Children's Services HBC (Chair)
Ann McIntyre	Operational Director, Children's Organisation and Provision, HBC
Tracey Coffey	Operational Director, Children & Families, HBC
Helen Whittick	North West Boroughs Halton, CAMHS
Richard Strachan	Independent Chair, HSCB
Phil McClure	Halton Young Addaction
Leah Priestley Black	Halton Youth Cabinet
Sheila McHale	NHS Halton CCG
Louise Cherrington	Cheshire Police
Emlyn Wright	HASH (Headteacher, OBA)
Peter Wills	Halton SEND Carers Forum
Andy Shakeshaft	Bridgewater Healthcare NHS Trust
Tracy Ryan	Assistant Policy Officer, People, HBC (Minutes)
Kelly Collier	Policy Officer, Children & Young People, HBC
Dorothy Roberts	Principal Policy Officer, People, HBC

Apologies:

Mil Vasic	Strategic Director People, HBC
Cllr Dave Cargill	Community Safety Police and Crime Panel
Eileen O'Meara	Director of Public Health for Halton
Denise Roberts	NHS Halton CCG
Jane Tetlow	Cheshire Police
Libby Evans	Bridgewater Healthcare NHS Trust
Mal Hampson	Halton Speak Out
Mary Murphy	Principal, Riverside College
Jessica Burton	Cheshire Fire & Rescue Service
Shélah Semoff	Partnership Officer, Policy, People, Performance & Efficiency, HBC
Sarah Jones	Participation and Inclusion Officer, HBC
Cleo Alonso	Vol Sector rep
Sharon Canavan-Daly	Foster Carer
Angela Woolfall	Foster Carer
David Baugh	HAPH (Headteacher, Pewithall Primary)

For Information:

David Parr	Chief Executive HBC
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Item	PART A - TOPIC DISCUSSION ITEM	Action	Deadline
1.0	<p>Got Your Back (Victims of crime, bullying, cyber-crime and hate crime)</p> <p>Elen Wonderley from Got Your Back (GYB) Halton attended to raise awareness of the new service, which has been commissioned by Cheshire’s Police and Crime Commissioner. Referrals into the service have been low to date.</p> <p>Members agreed that they were unaware of the service being more familiar with Kooth that is an online mental health and wellbeing service for platform for children and young people. This might explain the lack of referrals to GYB.</p> <p>Members thought the service could dovetail in Kooth, by providing the lower level support for young people with Kooth providing the more specialist support.</p> <p>Tracey Coffey advised Elen that they may wish to reconsider the terminology used on their publicity/website, which refers to young people as ‘victims’. This could deter access and/or self-referrals as experience suggests young people recognise themselves as being ‘survivors’.</p> <p>Members queried the referral process – this is either a self-referral by the young person or a professional/agency can make a referral, as long they have gained parental/guardian consent.</p> <p>To assist GYB in raising awareness with schools, members suggested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance at HASH; • Schools e-Circular article. <p>Emlyn agreed to circulate information to Secondary schools colleagues on receipt of promotional information.</p> <p>GYB contact details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freephone 0800 6406466, Text GYBMentor to 82228 • Email halton@gyb.org.uk • Website www.gyb.org.uk • Social media via the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Twitter @HaltonGYB ➤ Insta @HaltonGYB ➤ Facebook /HaltonGYB <p>GYB information/poster/referral process is on Halton’s Local Offer - Help, Advice and Support section in the drop-down box titled ‘Hate Crime, Anti-bullying’.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrange Got Your Back as HASH agenda item • Circulate presentation, poster to Members and Secondary school colleagues 	Ann Tracy/ Emlyn	ASAP ASAP

Item	PART B - BUSINESS ITEMS	Action	Deadline
2.0	<p>Minutes/Actions 6.12.18 Minutes were accepted as accurate.</p>		
2.1	<p>Children’s Trust Question Time Event and Feedback</p> <p>Ann provided an overview of the event, approximately 100 people attended, with the majority of these being young people (60+) from Secondary schools and the College. Presentation circulated following the meeting.</p> <p>A total of <u>44 questions</u> were received and answered, 28 at the event and Panel members actioned the remaining 16 through written responses which Tracy collated and issued to the schools to pass on to pupils.</p> <p>Feedback from young people/school teachers, parents/carers and Board members acknowledged that everyone agreed it was a fantastic event to engage young people – which should be repeated.</p> <p>Similar age-appropriate events for Primary school children and Post 16 students will be arranged over the year. We will work with David Baugh and Mary Murphy to plan these for the different age groups.</p> <p>Members recognise the value of these events and suggested more interactive ways to ensure meaningful two-way conversation using different formats e.g. workshops, ‘speed-dating’ and in-event online ‘polls’. Cheshire Police use ‘Slido’ an interactive polling tool or the Councils’ Customer Intelligence Unit has a ‘voting buttons’ polling facility.</p> <p>In terms of venue for ‘question time’ events, members liked the ‘tiered seating’ at OBA but also thought that young people may enjoy the formality of the Council Chamber at Runcorn Town Hall.</p> <p>From the feedback, the following volunteered to host future events and proposed timing options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wade Deacon (end of summer term); • Cronton College – Playhouse (December) • Cavendish (morning session preferred) • OBA (end of summer term or October/November time) <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use feedback and ideas above re ‘online polls’ to help plan/prepare future events; • Liase with volunteers above and diary in dates for Primary and Post 16 events; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mini task-group(s) to plan/prepare these. 	<p>} Policy Team</p>	<p>June- Dec ‘19</p>

<p>2.2</p>	<p>Halton Safer Children Partnership – New Local Safeguarding Arrangements</p> <p>Tracey presented an overview of the new local safeguarding arrangements.</p> <p>The Childrens and Social Work Act 2017 introduced changes on how local safeguarding arrangements should work and be delivered which is explained in the statutory guidance Working Together to Safeguard Children (2018). Three safeguarding partners now have equal and joint responsibility for leading the new arrangements - Halton Borough Council, Cheshire Police and Halton CCG.</p> <p>To fulfil this role, the three safeguarding partners must publish how they will work together and with any relevant agencies. Relevant Agencies have a legal duty to co-operate with the new arrangements and are those whose involvement the safeguarding partners consider will be required to safeguard and promote the welfare of children with regard to local need. Relevant agencies are named in the ‘List of Relevant Agencies’ and ‘List of Relevant Agencies – Organisational Responsibilities’ which are being finalised, the list is currently around 200+ agencies, including all schools.</p> <p>Relevant Agencies must specifically comply and co-operate with the published arrangements. However, all agencies who work with children still have a duty to co-operate under s11 of the Children Act 2004 to safeguard children.</p> <p>A range of legal documents, policies and procedures are being developed for publication for the introduction of these new arrangements. The new Board will be Halton Children and Young People Safeguarding Partnership (HCYPSP), which will replace Halton’s Local Safeguarding Childrens Board (HSCB). There will be a 3-month transitional phasing in period from 1 April ’19 to allow the existing HSCB to wind down, produce its’ Annual Report and hand-over to the new HCYPSP.</p> <p>The HCYPSP Launch Event will be held on Thursday 11 July ’19 for all named ‘Relevant Agencies’ to learn more about the new arrangements – invitations will be sent out to appropriate colleagues/senior leaders.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘Relevant Agencies’ members that are expected to attend the launch event will be sent an ‘official’ invite. 	<p>Members as Relevant Agencies</p>	<p>April ‘19</p>
<p>2.3</p>	<p>Review of Halton Children’s Trust Arrangements</p> <p>Tracy outlined how the Trust arrangements had evolved since the December 2015 annual review, moving from the ‘formal’ Board meeting format to the current interactive and participative</p>		

	<p>approach. Several inter-linked factors, had recently highlighted the need for Members to undertake another review of the Trust arrangements. For example, the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of the new local safeguarding arrangements; • Lack of young people attending; • Lack of Topic Discussion Items and Business Items coming forward for meeting agendas; • Number of member apologies each meeting; • Potential duplication - Halton Children's Trust was introduced back in 2008. In more recent years, several Strategic Boards/Groups have been established to drive key priority areas; • Success of the Question Time Event in engaging a high number of young people and schools at one event. <p>Members discussed these issues at length and agreed that there are now a lot of meetings which overlap. It was acknowledged that more clarification of the role/remit of these other Strategic Boards/Groups should be mapped out to take stock and go forward.</p> <p>Members felt it was of key importance to consider and collectively agree how as a Strategic Board, we get the voice of children and young people in moving forward with the future Trust meetings/arrangements. It was therefore agreed that these issues would be fully discussed by using the next Trust meeting as a 'Trust Development Session'.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Going forward and taking stock of the Trust arrangements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Map out Strategic Boards/Groups ○ Obtain Terms of Reference/contact details ○ Survey Members' for ideas/suggestion • Organise Trust Development Session-Members to attend 	<p>} Policy Team</p> <p>Policy Team ALL</p>	<p>April '19</p> <p>July '19</p>
	<p>PART C - INFORMATION ITEMS</p>		
<p>3.1</p>	<p>Key Partner Updates</p> <p>Halton SEND Carers Forum – Launch Events 25 & 28.3.19</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circulate Flyer for wider promotion e.g. Schools e-Circular • Members to share with services/families • Send to Woodview for promotion with parents/carers 	<p>Tracy</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>Andy</p>	<p>ASAP</p>
<p>3.2</p>	<p>Diversity Calendar</p> <p>Calendar produced by Matthew Walker (former Trust Member) with support from Halton Youth Cabinet and Halton Borough Council. Cllr. Tom McInerney and Board members thanked</p>		

	Matthew for producing the Diversity Calendar and sharing it with the Trust – well done, Matthew.		
3.3	Language that Cares Guide For information - guide is a useful toolkit for professionals to use.		
	Trust Development Session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday 11 July '19, Halton Stadium, Bridge Suite at 3.45-6pm <p><u>PLEASE NOTE CHANGE TO EARLIER TIME - 3.45PM</u></p>	ALL Members to attend	