



Minutes of the Children's Trust Commissioning Board

28 July 2011

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Members of the Partnership:

Siobhan Grady	Torbay Care Trust
Alli Grant	Torbay Council
Russell Knight	Torbay Council
John Skinner	Torbay Council
Richard Williams	Torbay Council
Gail Rogers	Torbay Council
Councillor Chris Lewis	Torbay Council
Liam McGrath	Community and Voluntary Action Torbay
Jim Nye	Devon and Cornwall Constabulary
Jeanie Lynch	Barnardos

Also present:

Councillor Julien Parrott (Torbay Council), Stuart Murray (Devon & Cornwall Constabulary) and Michelle Sleavens (Devon & Cornwall Constabulary)

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Debbie Stark and Annette Benny (Torbay Care Trust), Steve Swani (Devon & Cornwall Constabulary – represented by Jim Nye), and Liz Childs (South Devon Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust).

2. Minutes

The minutes of the Children's Trust Commissioning Board meeting held on 10 March 2011 were confirmed as a correct record.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes

The Board reviewed the actions arising from its last meeting.

4. Deep Dive Results (3.10 p.m.)

Richard Williams confirmed that the Deep Dive results had been presented to Members and senior officers and a report would be finalised next week and taken to the Safeguarding Improvement Board and relevant Policy Development Board before this. The CTCB would receive the report at its next meeting in October, which would include the Deep Dive results, way forward and progress to date.

CTCB stressed that this was just the beginning of the process, with the programme expected to last two years in order that a long-term response to be implemented.

Action:	By whom:	By when:
Deep Dive Report to next CTCB meeting.	Richard Williams/Sarah Forsyth	13 October 2011

5. Child & Adolescent Mental Health Annual Report (3.45 p.m.)

The Board noted a further iteration of the Torbay CAMHS Annual Report 2010, which provided an overview of the changes and work that had been undertaken by Torbay CAMHS over the last year, as well as highlighting areas of development.

The Board welcomed the report and stressed the need for further work to be done around the collection and use of data, along with integrated pathways.

6. Next Steps in implementing the strategy to improve the quality, accessibility and range of short breaks for children and young people with complex needs arising from disability (4.00 p.m.)

The Board noted the update report on the implementation of the strategy to improve the quality, accessibility and range of short breaks for children and young people with complex needs arising from disability, and discussed the procurement process which was underway in order to transfer services away from the John Parkes Unit as it was no longer able to care for the most complex of needs.

7. Adoption Agency Activity Report (4.15 p.m.)

The Board noted the report informing members of the activities of Torbay Children's Services Adoption Agency for the period 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011. The report had previously been taken to Council, and fulfilled the statutory obligation to outline adoption activities annually.

The Board noted in particular the increase in Adoption Plan approvals since the establishment of the Adoption Team in 2004, but recognised that the process can take several years to complete.

8. Attendance and Behaviour Hub (4.30 p.m.)

The Board noted the report, presented by Jane English, setting out the provisions that had been developed to enable challenging and vulnerable pupils to make good progress and achieve good outcomes in their education, through the amalgamation of good practice into a single Hub, creating a holistic approach across Torbay. The Board recognised that this was a concept rather than a specific location, and that it would be an evolving project. It was also noted that this could provide good opportunities for the CVA to be brought into the process.

9. Young Carers Memorandum of Understanding (4.45 p.m.)

The Board received the report and a presentation on the Young Carers Memorandum of Understanding. The Board noted that the document provided a local model for collaboration between the statutory directors for Children's Services and Adult Social Services, in order to actively protect young carers from excessive/inappropriate caring and supporting them in their parenting roles.

The Board ratified the Young Carers Memorandum of Understanding and noted that the Young Carers Strategy and Action Plan would be developed.

Action:	By whom:	By when:
Arrange for seminar to raise the profile of and launch the Strategy	Gail Rogers/James Drummond	January 2012
Young Carers Action Plan to be developed.	Gail Rogers	November 2011

10. Children's Trust Review (5.00 p.m.)

Richard Williams informed the Board that he would be preparing a report for consideration at the next meeting in October, outlining the options for taking the Children's Trust and Children and Young People's Plan forward.

11. Children's Trust Performance Report (5.15 p.m.)

The Board noted the report detailing Children's Services performance to May 2011. Alli Grant also informed the Board that the Children and Young People's Plan refresh would allow for agreement on the indicators to be monitored, and this would be included in the next meeting of the Board in October.

Action:	By whom:	By when:
Police data set to be reviewed	Jim Nye/Steve Swani	13 October 2011

Presentation of report to be reviewed for clarity.	Alli Grant	13 October 2011
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12. Future meeting date

The next meeting was scheduled to take place on Thursday 13 October at 2.00 p.m.

Chairman
