



Commissioning - Young People and Families Partnership Commissioning Group Torbay Strategic Partnership – 15th March 2012

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Following changes to the strategic planning and commissioning framework under the Community Plan and Health and Well Being Plan a review was undertaken of the membership and business of two separate strategy and planning groups.
- 1.2 The Young person substance misuse and joint commissioning group which has been reporting to the Children's Trust to date with delegated authority to commission services. Children Trust has now been amalgamated in to the Health and Wellbeing Board
- 1.2 The housing strategy group (which focused on young people) which has been reporting to the Supporting People Commissioning Board with delegated authority to commission services.
- 1.3 Following the review a proposal was drawn up to merge the two groups which was supported by the Safer communities Joint commissioning executive and The Children's Trust executive. It is proposed that the newly merged group would report to the Supporting People commissioning Board and subsequently to the Health and Well Being Board.

2. Relationship to Community Plan

- 2.1 Merging the two groups will be beneficial for commissioners, partners and the Local Authority to streamline meeting attendance and improve commissioning processes and consistency with procurement, contract issue and management as well as a re focus on key priorities and actions in meeting those set out in the Community Plan and developing Health and Wellbeing priorities. for joint commissioning
- 2.1 The substance misuse commissioning group includes membership from DAAT, South Devon Healthcare Foundation Trust (A&E), Public Health, YOT (current provider & Commissioner), (third sector current provider), Checkpoint, Youth Service, Safer Communities, Children Services (commissioner & Schools Lead), Connexions and is chaired by Siobhan Grady (Public Health Manager)
- 2.2 The housing strategy group includes membership from Supporting People, third sector (Action for Children, The Children's Society), current Supporting People providers (Westcountry Housing, Independent Futures), Children's services safeguarding, locality and Care to Community teams, housing services, safer communities and Connexions. The group is Chaired by Julie Sharland (Strategic Housing Manager and lead for Child Poverty).
- 2.3 Discussion has been had with partner agencies on the viability of merging the two groups and ensuring the continuity and coverage of the relevant agendas and a revised Terms of Reference and proposed membership. We intend to appoint to the 2 places for voluntary sector representatives via a nomination process.
- 2.4 The aim will to hold the first meeting of the nearly merged group in May 2012.

3. Recommendation for decision

- 3.1 Health and Well Being Board agrees to the decision for accountability for children's substance misuse commissioning to be undertaken through a merged commissioning delivery group reporting to Supporting People Commissioning Board which in turn reports to the Health and Well Being Board.
- 3.2 Supporting People Commissioning Board to extend it's scope taking a broader remit to include children substance misuse issues.
- 3.3 Revised Terms of Reference to be approved. This includes name of group, Chair, membership and representation, agenda planning and process for performance management.
- 3.4 Proposed new arrangements and first meeting to be held May 2012
- 3.5 Monitor this arrangements for 9 months in order to make any further recommendations for further merger and streamlining of commissioning and planning groups and scope and remit to Supporting People Commissioning Board.

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