

Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership

Combined Responsibilities of Children's Trust Board, Local Area Agreement, Partnership and Strategic Executive Group

1.0 Terms of reference

1.1 The Barnsley Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership will be accountable for -

- Leading and co-ordinating the strategic development of a fully comprehensive and integrated Children and Young People's Services Authority.
- Ensuring that the participation, voice and influence of children, young people and their families is embedded in the work of the CYPSP including strategy, planning, policy development, service delivery and review.
- Ensuring that all relevant partners participate willingly and fully in the strategic development of Children and Young People's Services. Relevant partners are those with a duty to co-operate and those agencies/organisations with responsibility to work in partnership (ref. Children Act 2004).
- Undertaking a needs analysis and developing and publishing the Children and Young People's Plan.
- Making recommendations for the allocation of funding and the commissioning of services to the Commissioning and Performance Group.
- Ensuring that standards for service delivery are in place and are met.
- Monitoring the progress, performance and outcomes of the Change for Children and Young People Programme.
- Ensuring that Barnsley is in a state of readiness for delivering Annual Performance Assessments and Joint Area Reviews.
- Establishing various task and strategy groups which will be responsible to carry out the strategic decisions of the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership.

2.0 Membership:

Barnsley Foundation Hospital Trust	1 representative
Connexions	1 representative
Education Directorate	2 representatives
Learning Skills Council	1 representative
Primary Care Trust	2 representatives
Probation Service	1 representative
Public Health	1 representative
Schools (Primary and Secondary)	2 representatives
Social Services Directorate	2 representatives
South Yorkshire Police (SYPA and SYP Local)	2 representatives
South Yorkshire Strategic Health Authority	1 representative
Voluntary/Community Sector	3 representatives
Children's Fund	1 representative
Youth Offending Team	1 representative
Chairperson, ACPC (Local Safeguarding Children Board when established)	
General Practitioners	1 representative

Professional support to the Board will be provided by the Programme Manager (Children and \Young People's Services) and the Lead Planning and Commissioning Officer.

3.0 Conduct of Business

- 3.1 The Chairperson will be the Executive Director, Social Services.
- 3.2 The Vice Chair will be the Executive Director, Education Services.
- 3.3 The Partnership will meet on a monthly basis.
- 3.4 The meeting will be open to members of the public and will be publicised accordingly.
- 3.5 Confidential agenda items will only be used in exceptional circumstances.
- 3.6 The CYPSP will adopt the principles of Hear by Right and ensure that Children and Young people are supported and encouraged to contribute to and influence the work of the CYPSP. Alternate meetings will be held at an appropriate time to enable children and young people to attend. Attendance will be supported by the Children's Fund, Youth Service, Barnsley Arena and other organisations where appropriate.

3.7 Expert advice/engagement will be sought from existing groups on matters such as parenting, voice and influence of young people, leisure, housing, etc.

3.8 Existing groups previously reporting through the Children and Young People's board will report to the CYPSP (e.g., Teenage Pregnancy, Strategy Group, NSF Standards, Disability Services, etc.).

3.9 Arrangements will be made to develop parent and carer participation, voice and influence in the work of the CYPSP.

3.10 New working arrangements to deliver the LAA at locality level will be established and will feed into the CYPSP.

3.11 The existing Children and Young People's Board will continue to work within the existing terms of reference, overseeing existing integrated commissioning and pooled budget arrangements.

3.12 The responsibilities of the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership and the Children and Young People's Board will be complementary to one another.

3.13 Changes to representation and deputies must be notified to the Programme Manager, Children and Young People's Services.

3.14 The arrangements for chairing the meeting and membership will be reviewed once a Director of Children's Services is appointed and a Lead Elected Member is in place.

4.0 Membership responsibilities

4.1 Members of the CYPSP are expected to –

- Represent their organisations at a senior level to deliver the requirements set out in the terms of reference of the CYPSP
- Ensure that decisions taken at the CYPSP are implemented within their organisation
- Prioritize attendance the meeting
- Appoint an official deputy who must be of a similar level of seniority.

4.2 A record of attendance will be maintained and reviewed on an annual basis by the Programme Manager and reported to the CYPSP.

4.3 Where members represent a number of organisations such as the voluntary and community sectors and service users and carers those representatives will be responsible to publicise and promote the work of the CYPSP within the sectors and facilitate communication from the sectors into the CYPSP.

5.0 Accountability

5.1 Responsibility for the delivery of Children Act Implementation in respect of developing partnerships and the establishment of the Children's Services Authority, rests with the Local Authority and One Barnsley.

5.2 Progress on all aspects of the Change Programme will be reported through the Cabinet of the Local Authority and where appropriate to One Barnsley.

5.3 Accountability for the elements of the programme falling within Partnership in Action will be reported through JAG.

5.4 Matters relating to the school improvement and standards will be reported to the Education Partnership Board.

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