

Note of last Children & Young People Board meeting

Title: Children & Young People Board
Date: Friday 31 October 2014
Venue: Charter 3, Manchester Central - National Adult and Children's Services Conference

Attendance

An attendance list is attached as **Appendix A** to this note

Item	Decisions and actions	Action
1	<p>Welcome and Introduction to the Children and Young People Board</p> <p>Councillor David Simmonds welcomed Board members, Lead members from across the country and Edward Timpson MP to the meeting.</p>	
2	<p>Edward Timpson MP - Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Children and Families</p> <p>Edward Timpson MP thanked members for the invitation to speak at the meeting.</p> <p>The Minister noted the overwhelming role that Lead Members play in the leadership of Children's Services in their local area. Members are able to provide a clear steer and direction as to what makes a difference in their local area.</p> <p>The provision of the highest quality care to children and young people is achieved through a stable workforce who are well trained, reliable and have clear lines of accountability.</p> <p>There is a move towards multiagency inspection that reflects the fact that there is reliance upon other agencies, like health, in the provision of services.</p> <p>The Innovation Fund, and the bids submitted to it, give a greater account of the importance of Children's Services. The support that the fund has received from both Cabinets and Chief Executives has been excellent.</p> <p>The Minister welcomed feedback on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Barriers that stifle innovation• Local Safeguarding Children's Boards <p>Members discussed;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Protection of Children's Services budgets• Access to the Innovation Fund• Notification processes when children move into a new area	

- Mental health services for young people
- Regional foster networks
- The recruitment of social workers
- Improving parenting

Appendix A -Attendance

Position/Role	Councillor	Authority
Chairman	Cllr David Simmonds	Hillingdon London Borough Council
Deputy-chairman	Cllr Liz Green	Kingston upon Thames Royal Borough Council
	Cllr Helen Powell	Lincolnshire County Council
Members	Cllr John Merry CBE	Salford City Council
	Cllr Dora Dixon-Fyle MBE	Southwark Council
	Cllr Jane Scott OBE	Wiltshire Council
	Cllr Patricia Bradwell	Lincolnshire County Council
	Cllr Paul McLain	Gloucestershire County Council
	Cllr Ivan Ould	Leicestershire County Council
Apologies	Cllr Tony Hall	North Yorkshire CC
	Cllr Nick Forbes	Newcastle upon Tyne City Council
	Cllr Richard Watts	Islington Council
	Cllr Bob Cook	Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
	Cllr John Kent	Thurrock Council
	Cllr Liz Hackett Pain	Monmouthshire County Council
In Attendance	Cllr David Bellotti	Bath & North East Somerset Council
	Cllr Paul Cullen	Richmondshire District Council
In Attendance	Edward Timpson MP	