

Children and Young People Board

Agenda

Friday, 31 October 2014
12.00 pm

Charter 3, Manchester Central - National
Adult and Children's Services Conference

To: Members of the Children and Young People Board
cc: Named officers for briefing purposes

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This meeting is



Children & Young People Board – Membership 2014/2015

Councillor	Authority
Labour (7)	
Cllr Nick Forbes (Vice-Chair)	Newcastle upon Tyne City Council
Cllr John Merry CBE	Salford City Council
Cllr Richard Watts	Islington Council
Cllr Dora Dixon-Fyle MBE	Southwark Council
Cllr Bob Cook	Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Cllr John Kent	Thurrock Council
Vacancy	
Substitutes	
Cllr Anne Burns	Cumbria County Council
Cllr Tim Cheetham	Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council
Conservative (7)	
Cllr David Simmonds (Chairman)	Hillingdon London Borough Council
Cllr Jane Scott OBE	Wiltshire Council
Cllr Patricia Bradwell	Lincolnshire County Council
Cllr Paul McLain	Gloucestershire County Council
Cllr Liz Hackett Pain	Monmouthshire County Council
Cllr Ivan Ould	Leicestershire County Council
Cllr Tony Hall	
Substitutes	
Cllr Ian Parry	Staffordshire County Council
Cllr Phillip Bicknell	Windsor & Maidenhead Royal Borough
Cllr Peter Evans	West Sussex County Council
Cllr Thomas Garrod	Norfolk County Council
Liberal Democrat (2)	
Cllr Liz Green (Deputy Chair)	Kingston upon Thames Royal Borough Council
Cllr David Bellotti	Bath & North East Somerset Council
Substitutes	
Cllr Peter Downes	Cambridgeshire County Council
Independent (2)	
Cllr Helen Powell (Deputy Chair)	Lincolnshire County Council
Cllr Paul Cullen	Richmondshire District Council
Substitutes	
Cllr Anne Hawkesworth	Bradford Metropolitan District Council
Cllr Adrian Naylor	Bradford Metropolitan District Council

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Welcome from Councillor David Simmonds – Chairman LGA Children and Young People Board.		
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A discussion of the current priorities and challenges in children's services.		

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, 8 January 2015, 11.00 am, Smith Square 3&4, Ground Floor, Local Government House, Smith Square, London, SW1P 3HZ

Useful Information for Delegates

Cloakroom

There is a cloakroom at the entrance hall of Manchester Central.

Please note on Friday morning there will be limited cloakroom space. If you are staying at a hotel adjacent to Manchester Central it would be helpful if you could use the hotel's cloakroom facilities for case storage.

If your hotel is not able to store luggage then some limited space is available in the reception area. No luggage for anyone can be stored in the conference office or the meeting spaces.

Conference Office

The conference office is located in Exchange Rooms 4 and 5.

The telephone number is: **0161 713 3065**.

Delegates with special needs

If you have any additional needs or enquiries, please contact staff at the registration/ information desk.

Evacuation Procedures

In the event of an emergency a voice will come over the tannoy giving directions to all personnel and delegates. Manchester Central Stewards will be on duty to assist.

Exhibition

The Exhibition will be open throughout the conference. Details of the Exhibitors are listed in the programme. All catering including lunches, teas and coffees will be provided in the Exhibition area. There will also be a drinks reception in the exhibition at the close of conference proceedings on Wednesday and Thursday evening.

First Aid Room

The First Aid Room will be staffed throughout the event. It is located on the lower ground floor near the main Auditorium.

Information / Registration Desk

The Information/Registration Desk is situated in the reception area near the main entrance doors. It will be staffed throughout the conference and staff will be pleased to provide information and assistance to delegates.

Staff

A number of stewards are on duty easily identified in their polo shirts. The local staff on duty will be particularly helpful to you in terms of providing information about Manchester.

Meals and Refreshments

These will be served in the Exhibition. Lunch will be a buffet. Limited seating will be available.

Policy / Innovation and Sub-Plenary Sessions

There will be no ticketing system for these sessions. Admission will be on a first come first served basis. This is a large venue with good breakout facilities and we are hopeful most delegates will be able to attend the session they wish to. Exhibitors are not permitted to attend conference sessions. Please arrive in good time for sessions. Late arrivals cause disruption to sessions and occasionally stewards will need to turn people away if there is insufficient space remaining.

Innovation Zone / Speakers Corner

This is a new venture for the NCAS Conference. It will be situated in the large gallery area between the break out rooms and the exhibition hall. 20 minute slots are available at set times over the three

Work of the LGA's Children and Young People's Board

Purpose

For information and discussion.

Summary

This report details the work priorities of the Children and Young People Board for 2014-15.

Recommendation/s

Members are asked to discuss the priorities raised in the report.

Action/s

Members are asked to note the report.

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Work of the LGA's Children and Young People Board

Education

1. The LGA has supported a strong, continuing role for councils in education as champions of local children and young people and their families.
2. Recent events in Birmingham have highlighted the confusing and overlapping system of accountability for local schools. The LGA will this year lead a campaign to reform accountability in the schools system to make sure that parents know that schools are being held strongly to account by councils who know local schools and understand the communities they serve.

Post 16 participation

3. Councils have statutory duties to ensure all young people up to 19, and up to 25 for those with learning difficulties, are engaged in high quality education and training. But councils have very few formal levers over provision to meet these duties, which has become increasingly centralised and fragmented.
4. The LGA's *Hidden Talents* programme has made the case for simplifying, joining up and devolving support for young people to ensure that it is locally coherent and meeting the needs of individuals and employers.
5. This year we are looking at youth skills and the council role in apprenticeships, commissioning independent research into the performance of the apprenticeship system, and leading debate on youth engagement and careers advice.

Children's social care

6. Keeping children safe is one of the most important jobs that councils do. The LGA will continue to support local work to ensure that help and support is available for children and families when they need it, and to improve the experience and life chances of children in local authority care.
7. The Children and Young People Board will co-ordinate cross-LGA policy, lobbying and improvement activity to ensure councils are seen as effectively tackling child sexual exploitation. This will include a full update of the current range of LGA training, resources and good practice guidance on CSE, corporate parenting, taxi licensing, regulation, whistle blowing and community cohesion.
8. We are supporting councils to drive further improvement to local adoption services, influencing the ongoing reform programme led through the national Adoption Leadership Board.

9. We will influence government proposals to implement more flexible models of children's social care delivery, including the Le Grand review of children's social care improvement capacity.
10. The Board will work to assess the effectiveness of current arrangements for the operation of local safeguarding children boards (LSCBs).
11. The LGA will be assessing the range of council responses to cases of suspected Female Genital Mutilation, and developing and piloting new models of service delivery to tackle this particularly complex form of child abuse.

Early years

12. Councils have a strong commitment to giving every child the best start in life and have a wide range of duties including securing free early education for all three and four year olds and disadvantaged two year olds. Councils also have a duty to secure sufficient childcare, as far as is practicable, for working parents and to ensure sufficient children's centres to meet local demand.
13. We want to see the funding system for early childhood services reformed and simplified for the benefit of councils and parents. As early years education is becoming more school-led we also want to ensure that councils continue to play a key role so that early years provision is an integral part of local education and school place planning and local accountability.

Improvement

14. The LGA is committed to using sector-led improvement to support councils in addressing the challenges that they face, including in delivering children's services; and research has shown that this approach works and is a success for the sector.
15. As part this we are working with councils who have gone through the new Ofsted single inspection framework to gather intelligence and learning on their experiences.
16. Following the success of the LGA *Leadership Academies* during 2013/14, we have developed three *Leadership Essentials* residential courses for CYP lead members to take place in 2014/15.
17. We are on a campaign to improve levels of social worker recruitment and, more importantly, retention.

Children's health

18. The LGA is supporting local authorities to fulfil their new public health responsibilities for children and young people aged 5-19.

19. Work is underway to manage a smooth transition for the transfer of responsibility for commissioning 0-5 public health from 2015. To support this we are holding a series of regional events with Public Health England and NHS England to support joint working at the local level.

20. We are working with partners to deliver a range of support tools for local authorities, to help them deliver better health and wellbeing outcomes for children and young people.

31 October 2014

Edward Timpson MP

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Children and Families

Purpose (11pt)

As background to the discussion.

Summary

This biography provides background information on Edward Timpson MP.

Recommendation/s

Members are asked to note the report.

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Edward Timpson MP

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Children and Families

Edward has been Member of Parliament for Crewe and Nantwich since May 2008.

Prior to entering Parliament Edward practised as a family law barrister in Cheshire courts, specialising in the cases of vulnerable children.

Edward is married to Julia and they have three children.

His parents have fostered 87 children over the last 30 years, many of whom Edward grew up with. He has two adopted brothers.

At Westminster, Edward sat on the Children Schools and Families Select Committee and the Joint Committee on Human Rights.

Until his Ministerial appointment he was also Chairman of the All Party Parliamentary Groups on Adoption & Fostering and Looked After Children & Care Leavers, Vice Chairman for the Runaway & Missing Children group.

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