

## Note of last Children & Young People Board meeting

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**Title:** Children & Young People Board  
**Date:** Thursday 8 January 2015  
**Venue:** Smith Square 3&4, Ground Floor, Local Government House, Smith Square, London, SW1P 3HZ

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### Attendance

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

Item	Decisions and actions	Action
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome and Declarations of Interest</b>  Councillor David Simmonds welcomed Members to the meeting.  No declarations of interest were made.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Transfer of public health commissioning for 0-5 year olds</b>  Samantha Ramanah, Advisor – Community Wellbeing, introduced the report which provided an update on the transfer of the responsibility for the commissioning of public health commissioning for 0-5 year olds to Local Government from 1 October 2015.  The report detailed the progress that has been made and sought Members' views on what could improve progress and ensure a smooth transition.  Members discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The need for data upon which funding is to be based, particularly that from NHS Area Teams, to be up to date.</li><li>• The important role that Health Visitors can play in ensuring a smooth transition.</li><li>• The need for good communication to remove barriers to integration.</li><li>• The need to avoid a restricted programme for commissioning and to develop a system that values innovation and integration in new ways.</li><li>• The lessons learnt from the Public Health integration.</li><li>• The need for properly geared budgets that allow for a wide impact.</li><li>• The importance of workforce development in the sector.</li></ul>	

### Decision

Members **noted** the report.

### **3 Improvement and Intervention**

Ian Keating, Senior Adviser, introduced the report which detailed the LGA improvement offer for Children's Services and gave a picture of performance across the country.

Members discussed the importance of developing support for Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCBs). There should also be support with the contract tendering inspection framework.

They also discussed the need for continual checking and evaluation of the peer challenge process. Authorities should not be shocked by the outcome of an inspection that follows a peer challenge. Ofsted should use the output from the peer challenge process to understand the service that they are inspecting.

Edwina Grant, National Children's Improvement Adviser, discussed the good quality of training for Peer Challenge teams and the important nature of this work in the sector helping itself.

Children's Services Principle Advisers have been well received.

Inspectorates have raised standards and the Requires Improvement (RI) category is now extremely broad. It is essential that there is a dialogue about the RI category. A discussion followed on the use of members on inspection teams and their involvement in improvement seminars.

Members discussed changes to the appointment system for Improvement Board Chairs and the DfE tender process for adoption services.

#### **Decision**

Members **noted** the children's improvement work undertaken this year.

#### **Action**

Officers to develop the 2015/16 improvement offer in the light of member views.

### **4 Other Business Report**

Helen Johnston, Head of Programmes, introduced the report which provided updates on other business relevant to the Board.

Nick Porter, Senior Adviser, Children, discussed the review of Youth Offending Teams (YOTs) that has been announced by Andrew Selous MP. The Chair wrote to the Minister to emphasise the success of the YOT model, to ensure the review looks to understand and build on what has underpinned this success, and to call for the range of partners contributing to that success be involved in designing and leading the review.

Members discussed the success of the YOT model,

Members discussed the LGA response to the creation of a £20 million

national employer-led Careers and Enterprise Company to encourage collaboration between schools, colleges and employers. This is seen as a wasted opportunity to resolve the skills gap and is a response to pressure on the quality of careers advice.

Members also discussed the success of locally commissioned Hidden Talents programmes where there is more value for money.

#### **Decision**

Members **noted** the updates provided in the Other Business Report.

#### **Action**

Officers will share with members the correspondence between the Chairman and Andrew Selous MP regarding YOTs.

### **5 Note of the Previous Meeting**

Cllrs Burns, Cullen and Evans requested that the attendance record be amended to show that they were present at the meeting of 31 October 2014.

#### **Decision**

Members **approved** minutes of the previous meeting.

#### **Action**

**The attendance record be amended accordingly.**

### **6 Inspections**

### **7 Child Sexual Exploitation Update**

**Appendix A -Attendance**

Position/Role	Councillor	Authority
Chairman	Cllr David Simmonds	Hillingdon London Borough Council
Vice-Chairman	Cllr Nick Forbes	Newcastle upon Tyne City 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 Richard Watts	Islington Council
	Cllr Dora Dixon-Fyle MBE	Southwark Council
	Cllr Bob Cook	Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
	Cllr John Kent	Thurrock Council
	Cllr Anne Burns	Cumbria County 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	North Yorkshire County Council
	Cllr David Bellotti	Bath & North East Somerset Council
Cllr Paul Cullen	Richmondshire District Council	
In Attendance	Jonathan Bacon	