

## Note of last Children & Young People Board meeting

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

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### Attendance

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

| Item | Decisions and actions  | Action |
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| 1    | <p><b>Welcome and Introduction to the Children and Young People Board</b></p> <p>Councillor David Simmonds welcomed Board members, Lead members from across the country and Edward Timpson MP to the meeting.</p>  |        |
| 2    | <p><b>Edward Timpson MP - Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Children and Families</b></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"><li>• Barriers that stifle innovation</li><li>• Local Safeguarding Children's Boards</li></ul> <p>Members discussed;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Protection of Children's Services budgets</li><li>• Access to the Innovation Fund</li><li>• Notification processes when children move into a new area</li></ul> |        |

- 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             |
|                 | Edward Timpson MP        |  |