

Note of last Children & Young People Board meeting

Title: Children & Young People Board
Date: Wednesday 25 March 2015
Venue: Westminster Suite, 8th Floor, Local Government House, Smith Square, London, SW1P 3HZ

Attendance

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

Item	Decisions and actions	Action
1	Welcome and Declarations of Interest The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting. No declarations of interest were made.	
2	Early Years and Childcare The Chairman welcomed Ellen Broome at Jill Rutter, from the Family and Childcare Trust, to the meeting. Ellen Broome introduced the Family and Childcare Trust and explained that their aim was to make the UK a more family friendly society. The Trust are putting together a roadmap for the incoming government that calls for wholesale reform of childcare funding. A number of plans towards a better childcare system, which is fit for purpose, have been identified. In the short term, there is a need to improve the flexibility and quality of provision. In the medium term, provision in deprived areas should be tackled alongside an exploration of social enterprise and chain childcare models. An independent funding review is seen as a long term plan for improvement. The Chair thanked Ellen Broome and Jill Rutter for their presentation and invited members to comment. In the discussion that followed, a number of points were raised, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A need to establish the goal of childcare. There is a need for affordable care that provides a good early education and sometimes these can be competing.• The transition from early years to primary education and Key Stage 1 outcomes.• The impact of austerity measures on provision.• The Marmot Review 2010 .• The need for fair funding around the country.• The SEND agenda and care for disabled children.• Workforce development and a possible National Accreditation.	

- The impact of the Dedicated Schools Grant.

Action

Officers to continue the work in this area, taking direction from members' views.

3 Child Sexual Exploitation

Ian Dean and Peter Rentell introduced the report which provided members with an update on national activity to tackle child sexual exploitation, including the findings of the Casey review into Rotherham council and the proposals presented as part of the government's response to the Jay Report. The report also updates members on progress with the LGA's child sexual exploitation action plan following January's high level CSE summit.

In the discussion that followed, members raised a number of points, including:

- The need for communication with councils and the sharing of good practice.
- The robustness of scrutiny in Rotherham and other public sector bodies.
- The role of individual councillors in tackling CSE.
- Possible prosecutions of those in public office for neglect.
- The LGA CSE Resource pack
- Information sharing, particularly across borders.
- The complexity of cases, especially where victims do not consider themselves victims.
- The need for action where intervention is considered risky.
- The need for training for and strong leadership from councillors on the issue.

Action

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4 Other Business Report

The Chairman introduced the Other Business report, which provided members with an update on Children and Adolescent Mental Health and the LGA campaign 'Investing in Our Nation's Future'.

Members discussed the need to promote and support the emotional wellbeing children and adolescents and the need for improvements to be made to the service as quickly as possible.

Decision

Members **noted** the report.

5 Note of the Previous Meeting

Members **agreed** the Minutes of the previous meeting on 8 January 2015.

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 Bob Cook	Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
	Cllr John Kent	Thurrock Council
	Cllr Jane Scott OBE	Wiltshire Council
	Cllr Patricia Bradwell	Lincolnshire County Council
	Cllr Liz Hackett Pain	Monmouthshire County Council
	Cllr Tony Hall	North Yorkshire County Council
	Cllr Paul Cullen	Richmondshire District Council
Apologies	Cllr Richard Watts	Islington Council
	Cllr Dora Dixon-Fyle MBE	Southwark Council
	Cllr Anne Burns	Cumbria County Council
	Cllr Paul McLain	Gloucestershire County Council
	Cllr Ivan Ould	Leicestershire County Council
	Cllr David Bellotti	Bath & North East Somerset Council
In Attendance	Alan Wood CBE	
	David Hoare	
	Debbie Jones	
	Kath O'Dwyer	
	Ellen Broome	
	Jill Rutter	