



## Notes of the Meeting of the VCFS CYP Services Reference Group

1 pm on 2 December 2015 at: Woodlands Conference Centre, Chorley

**Present:** A list of the people who attended this meeting is appended in a separate file visit: [http://www.younglancashire.org.uk/webfm\\_send/1617](http://www.younglancashire.org.uk/webfm_send/1617)

**Apologies:** Thanks to the many people who replied to say that they were not able to attend this open reference group meeting, in particular representatives for whom the meeting date clashed with half term holidays. As this meeting is an informal reference group to which attendance is open to all who are interested and given the large number of potential contacts; 273, to whom this information is issued and who might attend, apologies are not formally required or recorded.

Ref	Item	Who
1.	<b>Matters arising:</b> None	
2	<b><u>CYP Reference Group 16 September 2015</u></b>  The notes of this meeting were received and noted, all actions completed. For copies of presentations and papers please visit the hyperlink below. September 2015: <a href="http://www.younglancashire.org.uk/content/september-2015">http://www.younglancashire.org.uk/content/september-2015</a>	
3.	<b><u>Presentation Lancashire County Council “Commissioning Intentions”:</u></b>  Dave Carr Head of Service, Policy Information and Commissioning (Start Well) provided an overview of the County council's draft Corporate Strategy share the current position following council's recent budget decisions. Details of the presentation and contact information are available through the link below: Visit: <a href="http://www.younglancashire.org.uk/webfm_send/1615">http://www.younglancashire.org.uk/webfm_send/1615</a> Key points: Draft corporate strategy consists 27 priorities with a focus on delivery through neighbourhood plans based on indices of most need. A financial review indicate a shortfall of £262m in the years 2016/2017 – 2020/21 on current spending levels, and that with no change in spending, the council would run out of money (including spending its reserves) by April 2018. £65m of savings have been identified over the next two years. It was noted however that the Council had approved an investment of £5m to support Children's Social Care, in response to findings of the recent Ofsted inspection.	

4a.	<p><b><u>Children Trust Board:</u></b></p> <p>It was noted that the next CTB was scheduled to take place on 7 December and that papers are available through the following link:  <a href="http://www.lancashirechildrenstrust.org.uk/meetings/view.asp?calEvent=2692025">http://www.lancashirechildrenstrust.org.uk/meetings/view.asp?calEvent=2692025</a></p>	
4b.	<p><b><u>Training opportunities:</u></b></p> <p>The following event ‘Children and Domestic Abuse Awareness Event’ was noted under AOB:  Visit: <a href="http://www.younglancashire.org.uk/webfm_send/1610">http://www.younglancashire.org.uk/webfm_send/1610</a>  Visit: <a href="http://www.younglancashire.org.uk/webfm_send/1609">http://www.younglancashire.org.uk/webfm_send/1609</a></p>	
5.	<p><b><u>Reports and Representation:</u></b></p> <p>Graham provided an update on developments in the sector, notably:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Lancashire Post Inspection Improvement Board (PIIB), following a request from the Director of Children Services for VCFS Representation on the PIIB, in the knowledge of the Ofsted Report (published 27 November), a representative and substitute had been selected and arrangements for engagement with the sector will be put in place. See links below for details: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Letter from Jo Turton (LCC Chief Executive)  Visit: <a href="http://www.younglancashire.org.uk/webfm_send/1612">http://www.younglancashire.org.uk/webfm_send/1612</a></li> <li>b. Ofsted Report:  Visit: <a href="http://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/local-authorities/lancashire">http://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/local-authorities/lancashire</a></li> <li>c. VCFS CYP Representation:  Visit: <a href="http://www.younglancashire.org.uk/webfm_send/1616">http://www.younglancashire.org.uk/webfm_send/1616</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>ii) Sarah Swindley was now the sector’s representative on the Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board</li> <li>iii) Changes in the way health services are delivered in the future was being undertaken via a Healthier Lancashire Board</li> <li>iv) Discussion was taking place between local authorities, health services regarding the concept of devolution Lancashire and combined authority status across Lancashire.</li> <li>v) Developments between sector strategic boards, so that the sector may be best positioned within this emerging agenda, not yet fully resolved.</li> </ul> <p>Claire (PAC) provided an update from the Pendle Children’s Partnership Board. Louise (Lancashire Mind) reported that the Transformation plan for Young People’s Mental Health had been signed off. See link below.  Visit: <a href="http://www.younglancashire.org.uk/webfm_send/1614">http://www.younglancashire.org.uk/webfm_send/1614</a></p>	

5c	<p><b><u>Local Safeguarding Children’s Board: VCFS CYP Representatives</u></b></p> <p>Joanne Hunt provided a short report regarding the Lancashire Children Safeguarding Board, noting that the Board had a <b>new website</b> which contained a range of useful information for partners. See details below:</p> <p>Visit: <a href="http://www.lancashiresafeguarding.org.uk/">http://www.lancashiresafeguarding.org.uk/</a></p>	
6	<p><b>Dates of next Meetings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was noted that this was final meeting of the VCFS CYP Reference Group and Jeff Marsh proposed a vote of thanks to Young Lancashire for hosting the reference group for last 6 years.</li> <li>• It was noted that information will continue to be shared where appropriate and via representatives, see contact details below: VCFS CYP Representatives as at December 2015: <a href="http://www.younglancashire.org.uk/webfm_send/1619">http://www.younglancashire.org.uk/webfm_send/1619</a></li> <li>• That the subscribers list may be shared at a future date following a process to provide subscribers with an-opt out.</li> </ul>	
7	<p><b>AOB:</b></p> <p>Sandra Williams Deaf Children North West asked for information regarding any funding to help support the services which Deaf Children NW offer.</p> <p>Contact Sandra directly with any details: <a href="mailto:sandra@deafchildrennw.org.uk">sandra@deafchildrennw.org.uk</a></p> <p>Also visit: Young Lancashire funding page which is updated monthly: <a href="http://www.younglancashire.org.uk/category/content-subject/funding">www.younglancashire.org.uk/category/content-subject/funding</a></p> <p>Subscribe to Young Lancashire’s newsletter to receive regular news on funding: <a href="http://www.younglancashire.org.uk/civicrm/profile/edit&amp;gid=7&amp;reset=1?subber=sign-up">www.younglancashire.org.uk/civicrm/profile/edit&amp;gid=7&amp;reset=1?subber=sign-up</a></p>	