



Notes of the Meeting of the VCFS CYP Services Reference Group

1.30pm on 22 April 2015 2015 at: Woodlands Conference Centre, Chorley

Present: A list of the people who attended this meeting is appended in a [separate file](#)

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; 320, to whom this information is issued and who might attend, apologies are not formally required or recorded.

Ref	Item	Who
1.	Matters arising: None	
2	<u>CYP Reference Group 21 January 2015</u> The notes of this meeting were received and noted, all actions completed	
3.	<u>Presentation regarding – Lancashire County Council Service Reforms</u> Richard Cooke explained the current position at the County Council; making saving of £300m by 2018; restructuring (reducing) the workforce from around 13,000 in two stages; phase one (senior posts) is now completed and phase two, affecting in the region of 12,600 employees, is about to commence. The new structure is available to see on the LCC website. Effectively the council will have two 'directorates' - one public facing (Operations and Delivery) which encompasses 'environment, children social care, adult social care and public health' the other 'back office directorate' which will encompass council functions such as legal, IT, and commissioning. The new commissioning teams will be aligned to the three life terms: "start well – live well – age well". Kathy Ashworth provided a presentation on the new Well-being Prevention Early Help Service (WPEH), which sits within Public Health. The Head of this New Service is Debbie Duffell, who reports to Lancashire's Director of Public Health Sakthi Karunanithi MD MPH FFPH. Other Directors (in the 'public facing directorate' are Bob Stott – Children, Tony Pounder – Adults, and Phil Barrett – Highways. The Executive Director for Operations and Delivery is Louise Taylor.	

4a.	<p><u>Children Trust Board:</u></p> <p>Jeff Marsh provided an update from the Children’s Trust Board. Richard Cooke, previously Lancashire’s Children’s Trust Manager explained that his new role will encompass four Partnership Boards; Community Safety, Health and Wellbeing, Road Safety and the Children’s Trust. Whilst each ‘partnership board may continue to exist individually, it is likely that the sector will need reconsider its engagement structures with the Council to see if further savings and efficiencies can be made. For example, bringing VCFS ‘health and children and young people groups together.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Reports and Representation:</u></p> <p>Reports from Debbie Nolan – Plunket (SEND), Claire Bennett (Burnley & Pendle CPB) are appended to the notes in the meetings store. Updates at the meeting were provided from Beverly Jenkinson, Cerys Smye-Rumsby and Nick, on behalf of Dona Hussain in relation to Chorley, South Ribble and West Lancs CPB.</p> <p><u>Vacancies Nominations Sought:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Preston Children’s Partnership Board (Tim has taken a new post in London) NHS Children and Young People’s Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health ‘Systems’ Board. Nomination Form. Request Information. Background. <p>Nomination forms for both these positions are appended to the notes in the Meetings Store, together with background papers re the NHS board. If you are interested in being nominated please complete the nomination form to be returned in both cases by 8 May, please, and given the Rep for the NHS Board needs to attend the inaugural meeting of the Board on 15 May, please make sure that, if interested, you will be free to attend, if selected.</p>	
5b.	<p><u>Joint Commissioning Group</u></p> <p>It’s assumed that this Group will no longer continue, given the new commissioning structures at LCC. Further information regarding the Start Well – Live Well – Age Well commissioning teams will be brought to a future meeting.</p>	
5c.	<p><u>Local Safeguarding Children’s Board: VCFS CYP Representatives</u></p> <p>No update</p>	
6	<p><u>Dates of next Meetings:</u> (all from 1pm - 3pm)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24 June 2015 Topic: CSE (Venue: to be confirmed) 16 September 2015 (Topic to be confirmed) Venue: Woodlands, Chorley 	

7	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <p>It was noted that the funding to support the VCFS CYP Ref Group, hosted by Young Lancashire, since 2009, and the local district VCFS CYP fora would not be extended as from of 31 March 2015.</p> <p>Young Lancashire has written to all district fora to let them know that their groups / engagement structures, if they should continue, will need to seek alternative resources.</p> <p>Young Lancashire has committed to run a further two County VCFS CYP Reference Group meetings (June and September) from existing resources, and will be meeting with Richard Cooke to work on a new plan and to identify (if possible) new funding to support a new engagement structure, hopefully one which Young Lancashire would host.</p> <p>Participants offered a vote of support for all that Young Lancashire has accomplished in managing and co-ordinating the VCFS CYP Reference Group since inception in 2009.</p>	
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