



Children's Trusts  
in Lancashire

**Notes of the Meeting of the VCFS Children and Young People's Services  
Reference Group,  
1.30pm on 21 January 2015 at: Girl Guides North West England HQ - Preston**

VCFS Reps	Representing VCFS within Children's Trust	Organisation and email if provided for sharing/representation
<b>Present</b>		
Jim Cross	Lancs Participation Network	<a href="mailto:Jim.cross@younglancashire.org.uk">Jim.cross@younglancashire.org.uk</a> Young Lancashire
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Beverly Jenkinson	Burnley/Rosendale VCFS	<a href="mailto:beverly.jenkinson@bprcvcs.co.uk">beverly.jenkinson@bprcvcs.co.uk</a> Burnley, Pendle & Rosendale CVS
CathyTregove		<a href="mailto:cathy.tregove@barnardos.org.uk">cathy.tregove@barnardos.org.uk</a> Barnardo's
Simon Rothwell	LSCB Training Group	<a href="mailto:s.rothwell@addaction.org.uk">s.rothwell@addaction.org.uk</a> Young Addaction
Debbie Nolan-Plunkett	VCFS SEND Board Representative	<a href="mailto:debbie.nolan@barnardos.org.uk">debbie.nolan@barnardos.org.uk</a> Barnardo's
Graham Whalley	Workforce Reform Board Commissioners Group	<a href="mailto:grahamw@younglancashire.org.uk">grahamw@younglancashire.org.uk</a> ONE Lancs and Young Lancashire

**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 who reported they were stuck in the snow east and south of Preston. 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.	<b>Matters arising</b> None	
2	<b>CYP Reference Group 29 October 2014</b>  The notes of this meeting were received and noted, all actions completed	

3.	<p><b><u>Presentation regarding - Special Education Needs Disability (SEND) Reforms</u></b></p> <p>Debbie Nolan Plunket and Cathy Trengove of Barnardos discussed the new Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP), which are replacing “statements” and the Independent Advocates Scheme. This includes a combination of a “Local Offer” from the Council, and a programme of “conversion” of the 5000 Lancashire children and young people with current statements to the new EHCP plans over the next three years, as well as issuing new plans to those newly eligible.</p> <p>There will be a Mediation and Disagreement Resolution Service set up, and parent Partnerships will be set up as part of the LCC “Information, Advice and Support Service (IAS)”.</p> <p>The scope of the service is from age 0 to 25, but expires if the young person is in work. It includes those with a disability, provided they also have a learning disability. There will be no more Statements issued as from September 2014.</p> <p>Presentation details available via the following link:  <a href="http://www.younglancashire.org.uk/webfm_send/1518">www.younglancashire.org.uk/webfm_send/1518</a></p>	
4a.	<p><b><u>Children &amp; Young People’s Trust Board:</u></b></p> <p>Tim Keightley fed back details from the latest Preston Children’s Board Meeting, but no other representatives of Boards were present to feed back their updates.</p> <p><b><u>Feedback on the Training and Network Opportunities</u></b></p> <p>Graham fed back on the Safe networking training provision available across Lancashire over the next few months. It includes safeguarding sessions run by Safe for Trustees and on the new standards, as well as 3 “mini-sessions” run by Young Lancashire.</p> <p>Debbie Nola-Plunket recommended colleagues visit the following link to access some of Barnardos work on CSE and consent, available from:  <a href="http://www.barnardos.org.uk/get_involved/campaign/cse/spotthesigns.htm">http://www.barnardos.org.uk/get_involved/campaign/cse/spotthesigns.htm</a></p>	
5.	<p><b><u>Reports and Representation:</u></b></p> <p>Bev Jenkinson from Burnley, Pendle &amp; Rossendale CVS fed back from the Burnley Children’s Partnership on their initiative of establishing Boards made up of children and young people. The last meeting had 14 young people in attendance. The Rossendale group is still ongoing.</p>	

5b.	<p><b><u>Joint Commissioning Group</u></b></p> <p>Graham informed the group that the latest Joint Commissioning Group due to take place in February has been postponed, with no date fixed for the future.</p>	
5c.	<p><b><u>Local Safeguarding Children’s Board: VCFS CYP Representatives</u></b></p> <p>A verbal update was provided by Joanna Hunt, who had been unable to attend the meeting though the day’s inclement weather.</p> <p>CSE missing from home sub group is conducting an audit of all services, which provide CSE services, which is being led by DCI Tony Baxter. Responses to the audit need to be with Tony by 31 January.</p> <p>Training – Jo has arranged a meeting with Ane on Friday 23 Jan to share and discuss the sector’s concerns about the administration of safeguarding training.</p>	
6	<p><b><u>Date of next Meeting</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 18 March – Woodlands Conference Centre, Southport Road, Chorley.</li> </ul> <p><b>POST MEETING NOTE: THIS MEETING (18 March) IS POSTPONED TO...</b></p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY 22 APRIL, 1pm – 3pm at Woodlands Conference Centre (RM9)</b></p> <p><b>Future dates will be announced at this meeting.</b></p>	
7	<p><b><u>Any Other Business</u></b></p> <p>It was announced that most Children’s Trusts have access to £2,000 to pay for summer activities. Agencies encouraged to approach local trusts to access these resources.</p>	