

WOLVERHAMPTON CHILDREN'S TRUST
CHILDREN'S TRUST BOARD
 Minutes of meeting held on 1st December 2015
 Civic Centre

Item	Notes	<u>Action</u>
	<p>Present</p> <p>Councillor Val Gibson (Chair) – WCC Councillor Pete O’Neill Councillor Claire Darke Helena Kucharczyk– WCC Linda Sanders – WCC Lynn Law – Primary Representative, Wolverhampton School Improvement Partnership. Jeremy Vanes – RWT Chief Superintendent Simon Hyde – West Midlands Police Andrea Dill Russell– Wolverhampton College Emma Bennett – WCC Mary C Keelan – Secondary Representative, Wolverhampton School Improvement Partnership Cathy Higgins – Consultant Paediatrics Ian Darch - WVSC Julian Kramer – Director of Education Sarah Fellows - CCG</p> <p>Officers: Kush Patel – Children’s Commissioning</p>	
1.	<p>Welcome, Apologies, Introductions</p> <p>Apologies were received from: Steven Marshall (Vice – Chair) – CCG Ros Jervis – WCC, Public Health Lesley Writtle – Black Country Partnership Foundation Trust Gillian Ming - Safeguarding Board</p>	
2.	<p>Declarations of interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. 	
3.	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 17th December 2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed as a true record 	

4.	<p>Matters Arising No matters arising</p>	
5.	<p><u>CYP&F Performance Framework</u></p> <p>HK presented information in regards to the performance framework. The following was noted:</p> <p>Priority 1 –Child Poverty Cllr O’Neil: Questioned the use of deprived schools. Following discussions at the previous meeting, it was agreed that the term deprived will be taken out. Action. Emma Bennett to work with HK on rewording</p> <p>HK reported that despite improvements in attainment, Wolverhampton remains below England average, but is above West Midlands’ average. LS updated on the latest Ofsted ratings. Wolverhampton is ranked joint 81st, an improvement from the previous 108 ranking.</p> <p>KS4 data is not available yet. JK reported that 13 schools are in special measures. He is visiting schools with a view to offering recovery or peer support (school to school).</p> <p>The number of penalty notices for absence issued to parents has increased significantly since the introduction of new legislation. Cllr O Neil queried whether the recent court ruling on penalties has had an impact? MK and LL reported no change. LS said that David Simmons of LGA has expressed his support to the return of head teacher discretion.</p> <p>KP said that transition from primary school to secondary was identified as an action priority. KP has struggled to develop this work. MK offered to support with this. Action – KP and MK to progress the work</p> <p>Families in poverty live in better housing conditions The number of children and young people who are homeless or in temporary accommodation is generally increasing. It was agreed this is referred to the Housing Board for further analysis on the increase.</p> <p>Priority 2 – Education, Employment, Training Young children are well prepared when they start school The number of children accessing free nursery provision is increasing and attainment at EYFS continues to improve and is on a par with comparators. The percentage of childcare settings, early year’s settings and schools that are rated good or outstanding remains below comparators, although the situation is moving.</p> <p>KP reported that a task and finish group has been set up to look at school readiness, taking a holistic view. The group are working on a scheme of work to be piloted. An action plan is being developed.</p> <p>Priority 3 : Family Strengths</p>	<p>EB/HK</p> <p>KP/MK</p> <p>LS</p>

	<p>The numbers of Children in Need, children subject of Child Protection Plan and Looked after Children is reducing significantly and are the lowest that they have been for two years. The Board asked for an explanation about the reductions.</p> <p>Action – EB to circulate Briefing note to Keith Ireland on the reduction in LAC.</p> <p>Priority 4 – Health SF reported that the indicator on mental health and parents are new indicators. Black Country Foundation Partnership Trust will be reporting on this. Family care plans are defined as families that have children on a care plan. SF is looking at getting retrospective data. Children placed out of area – No local tier 4 provision which makes it difficult to collate data. Need to think about a meaningful measure. LS asked to for additional Headstart KPI’s to be considered in the performance framework ID – Headstart is at test and learn stage. Bit of nervousness before reporting starts here. VG –This information will be available with the next lottery submission.</p> <p>Action - Mental Health Well-being Board to review the statistics.</p> <p>HK asked how we add/amend indicators. She suggested that a paper is submitted to future meetings detailing the proposed indicators and the reason for adding it to the framework.</p> <p>EB felt that merging the performance framework and the action plan is complex. EB proposed that each priority lead will provide a verbal update going forward, with a spotlight on one priority at each CTB .</p> <p>Priority leads were confirmed as:</p> <p>Reducing Poverty – Ros Jervis , Emma Bennett, Ian Darch EET – Julian Kramer& Viv Griffith & Andrea Dill Russell Family strength – Emma Bennett Health – Ros Jervis, Viv Griffith , Steven Marshall , Lesley Writtle</p> <p>Future meetings will have themed reporting. The next meeting spotlight will be on Housing under Priority 1: Reducing Poverty.</p>	<p>EB</p> <p>VG</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Annual Stakeholders Event KP gave an overview on the proposed stakeholder event. The purpose of the event is to provide an update on progress, rather than a workshop event. KP suggested the voice of young people is part of the day. The discussion led onto inviting the Youth Council, Children in Care Council and Headstart forum. KP to consider a young people’s panel. ID said the City’s Board Working well week takes place in March (4 – 19 March) and asked that the event did not clash .</p>	

	The board agreed the proposals.	
7.	<p>Children Services Transformation EB provided a summary of the report circulated. The re-design is formally out to consultation.</p> <p>A number of stakeholder events are taking place. Cllr O’ Neill questioned the high reduction of front line staff in comparison to management. LS said 19 FTE posts will be lost. This redesign was about changing culture and not simply re-structuring. SH said there is a lot of synergy with the new proposals. ID – Feeling in Voluntary sector that they have a smaller role, lack of clarity of the third sector role. LS said she welcomes discussion on how to engage with Voluntary sector.</p> <p>Action EB to send out the transformation presentation. EB to circulate the stakeholder consultation dates. EB to meet with Stephen Dodd to discuss third sector involvement.</p>	<p>EB</p> <p>EB</p> <p>EB</p>
8.	<p>Safeguarding Board Annual Report The report circulated was in draft. The Board asked that the final report be circulated.</p> <p>Action KP to ask Gillian Ming for the final report</p>	<p>KP</p>
9.	<p>AOB</p> <p>SF reported that the CAMHS transformation funding has arrived into the CCG. A formal update will be provided at the next meeting. She is working on the transformation plan priorities to inform the 15/16 budget.</p> <p>ID – Announcement for Families in Poverty (4 CVS across Black country are the lead). ID to do a briefing note with a view to set up task and finish group. EB suggested the operational oversight can be with the Strengthening Families Board.</p> <p>LS – Discussed the issues with Kent. Working with LGA to look at dispersal mechanism on new arrival children’s. All authorities have been asked to contribute and the City of Wolverhampton will be supporting 2/3 children. 90% are boys aged 16/17.</p> <p>AR has worked with ESOL learners at college and offered support.</p>	
10.	<p>Date of Next Meeting:</p> <p>To be circulated due to potential changes.</p>	