



Halton Children's Trust: Minutes 22.02.18
Riverside College, Widnes

Present:

Cllr Tom McInerney	Lead Member for Children's Services HBC (Chair)
Cllr Dave Cargill	Community Safety Police and Crime Panel
Ann McIntyre	Operational Director, Children's Organisation and Provision, HBC
Mil Vasic	Strategic Director People, HBC
Denise Roberts	NHS Halton CCG
Tracey Coffey	Operational Manager, Children & Families, HBC
Dorothy Roberts	Principal Policy Officer, People, HBC
Angela Woolfall	Foster Carer
Sharon Canavan-Daly	Foster Carer
Jane Tetlow	Cheshire Police
Anne Simmons	Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic College
Matthew Walker	Halton Youth Cabinet
Helen Young	Bridgewater Community HCT
Debbie Wright	Bridgewater Community HCT
Anne Doyle	Bridgewater Community HCT
Tisha Baynton	Health Improvement Team, HBC
Kelly Collier	Policy Officer, Children & Young People, HBC

Apologies:

Shélah Semoff	Partnership Officer, Policy, People, Performance & Efficiency, HBC
Tracy Ryan	Assistant Policy Officer, People, HBC (Minutes)
Alan Fairclough	Cheshire Police
Gareth Jones	Head of Service, Youth Justice Services
Mary Murphy	Principal, Riverside College
Eileen O'Meara	Director of Public Health for Halton
Libby Evans	Bridgewater Healthcare NHS Trust
Richard Strachan	Chair, Halton Safeguarding Children Board
Cleo Alonso	Vol Sector rep
Ewan Jago	UK Youth Parliament
Pat Hansen	Halton Housing Trust
Matthew Machell	Children in Care Council
Sarah Jones	Participation and Inclusion Officer, HBC
David Baugh	Head at Pewitt Hall Primary
Vicky Wrest	Cheshire Fire and Rescue
Susan Lythgoe	Job Centre Plus

For Information:

David Parr	Chief Executive HBC
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Item		Action	Deadline
1.0	<p>PART A - TOPIC ITEM</p> <p>E-Safety in Schools and Impact of Social Media on Young People Discussion</p> <p>Jane delivered the lively Topic Discussion session incorporating a quiz and video into the delivery. It was highlighted that in Halton:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technology is prevalent. Nearly all school aged children have a phone or have access to a phone. • Small portion of Facebook is communication between friends. • Always use non-descriptive profile pictures so as information cannot be gathered and used inappropriately. • Beware of internet slang e.g. PIR – Parent in Room • Draw up a contract between parent and child. The do's and don'ts of social media. • Be aware that through mobile phones children/young people have access to inappropriate video games, gangs online (Combat 18). Make sure this is monitored. • Indecent images on phone, if Police investigate and therefore confiscate the phone the phone will not be returned. • Snap chat – ghost mode hides your location. • Apps – beware they ask for access to camera, location etc. <p>Questions considered by members during the discussion were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do we need to have a system in place to monitor the use of mobile phones in school time? If so how could we manage this? 2. Do we feel that youths in our area are negatively affected by social media? How can we safeguard against this? <p>This item drew lots of engagement in discussion, particularly around mobile phones in schools and children, young people and parents being educated appropriately via curriculum delivery, and the effect this has on mental health.</p> <p>Parents are often adding to the problems of mobile phone usage in schools. Parents ring their child in the middle of the school day instead of ringing the school office.</p>		

	The Grange has a blanket ban on mobile phones. All phones are handed in at the beginning of the school day and collected at the end of the school day. Other schools incorporate phone usage into the session e.g. for research purposes.		
	PART B - BUSINESS ITEMS		
2.0	<p>Minutes/Actions 23.11.18</p> <p>Actions carried over:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mary Murphy noted that FE/Post-16 (Riverside College) do not have a Mental Health Link Worker which has been raised on several occasions with Halton CCG. Action: Sheila to follow up FE/Post-16 issue raised by Mary. Children’s Trust Question time panels to be arranged so pupils can put questions to Trust members. Action: Ann, Phil and Policy Team to make arrangements for the Question Time Panels in 2018. <p>Minutes accepted as accurate.</p>	<p>SMcH</p> <p>AMc/PMcC/ Policy Team</p>	<p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p>
2.2	<p>You Said, We Did – Smoking and Vaping</p> <p>Tisha cascaded the completed you said, we did template to the Trust. The following update was provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A smoke free and vapour free policy for schools has been developed and will shortly be distributed. The Tobacco Alliance is to be reformed. There are currently mixed messages within the media around e-cigs/vapouring. Halton do not supply or promote vapouring. The long –term effects are still unknown. Nationally there has been a 11% drop in smoking. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vaping is not promoted in the workplace within Halton. Anyone wishing to vapour must go outside along with those who smoke. <p>It was raised that vaping does occur on a particular school bus and is seen by young people as a trendy accessory. However in a confined space this can cause health issues particular where the young person is asthmatic. The jury is still out as to whether vaping is a gateway to smoking.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tisha to send Kelly the completed You Said, We Did template for circulation. Cllr Tom McInerney to enquire as to whether there are no vaping signs on buses, similar to that of no smoking, 		<p>TB 2.03.18</p> <p>TMcl 24.05.18</p>
2.3	<p>Pupil Premium Report and accompanying anonymised school website exemplification</p> <p>This report outlines the Pupil Premium provided to schools and the Local Authority and gives some examples of how the money can be used effectively to diminish the difference in attainment and progress for disadvantaged young people.</p> <p>Mark pulled out the following key messages within the report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupil Premium is for children who are least resilient and lack in confidence not necessary low achievers. Consistent excellent teaching is a must for all children but particularly for those children on Pupil Premium. Schools should be checking interventions are working on a termly basis. <p>At a previous Children’s Trust meeting the question was asked whether the whole £900 should be spent solely on the individual. Mark informed the Board that a school may choose, for example, to spend a significant amount of money on employing a Teacher in a specific subject area. As long as progress is being made and there is evidence of impact for that child that is fine. However if the evidence suggests there is no direct impact then there is an issue.</p>		
2.4	<p>CYPFP – Plan on a Page</p> <p>Kelly distributed the draft 2 page summary plan for comments. The Board were informed that information on the summary plan had been taken directly from the main plan.</p> <p>The Trust approved the summary plan.</p> <p>Action:</p>		<p>KC 24.05.18</p>

	<p>Over the last couple of meetings it has been noted that there had been dwindling representation from children and young people. This is partly down to representatives moving on. It was agreed that we need to look into inviting new children and young people to the Trust. Anne Simmons mentioned the relaunch of the student council at Sts. Peter and Paul as a possible avenue. Jane Tetlow also mentioned student safety officers within schools might also be interested. It was agreed that a meeting would be arranged, in the first instance, between Ann McIntyre and the Policy Team to explore options.</p> <p><u>Fond Farewell to Matthew Walker</u> This was Matthews's last Trust meeting as he leaves to pursue the next chapter in his life. He has been really committed and instrumental in progressing key agendas. Matthew has been a fantastic conduit between young people and HBC and will be sadly missed. Good luck Matthew!</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kelly to add Safeguarding Board Arrangements to the agenda for May's meeting. • Cllr Tom McInerney and Mil Vasic to invite Matthew to Runcorn Town Hall. • A meeting to be arranged between Ann and the Policy Team to look at young people representation on the Trust. 	<p>KC</p> <p>TMcl/ MV</p> <p>AMC/ Policy Team</p>	<p>5.03.18</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>5.03.18</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">2018 Meeting Dates/Time</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Riverside College, Kingsway Campus, 4.30-6.30pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thurs 24 May '18 – Classroom A8, Ground Floor • Thurs 13 September '18 • Thurs 22 November '18 		