

CYP VCS Representative's Feedback Report

Local Safeguarding Children Board held on 18th June 2009.

Introduction:

The Board oversees the work in Stoke-on-Trent to protect children from abuse and neglect. It co-ordinates the way in which statutory agencies, like the city council, police and health service, work together to protect children and young people from harm. The VCS have a representative from their Children and Young People's Engagement Partnership on that Board.

Standards of the VCS Engagement Partnership

- Representatives will be ratified by the Partnership to represent collective views.
- Child and young person centred focus on services.
- Equal Voices around the Table
- Engagement of the Voluntary and Community Sector in any public sector strategy from the outset
- Commitment to Cohesion, Equality and Diversity

| Meeting Assessment - | Y N or NA |
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| 1. Were papers received 5 working days prior to the meeting? | Y in the main |
| 2. Was an executive summary provided for documents over 15 pages? | Not always appropriate |
| 3. Were all the papers in plain English, free from acronyms and jargon? | No |
| 4. Was the time and venue of the meeting convenient? | yes |
| 5. Did the meeting start and finish on time, and last for under 2 hours? | Started and finished on time |
| 6. Did you feel that the meeting was inclusive and respectful? | yes |
| 7. Did you feel that you had the opportunity to have your say? | yes |
| 8. Did you feel that you were able to have influence on decisions? | Yes when appropriate |
| 9. Where papers were tabled did you have time to read them before decisions were made? | yes |
| Total score – out of 8 points | 6 |
| Please tell us why you put X or any other comments: | |
| <i>This particular meeting involves an immense amount of papers to be read and understood. In the main most are delivered in enough time to read in advance of the meeting. Most are only relevant to the statutory agencies, but it is always easy to ask for information or clarification.</i> | |

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| Name of Group: (eg: Parenting Implementing Change Group) Local Safeguarding Children Board | Name of Representative: Sue Thomas (deputising for Linda Thomas) |
| Date of Strategic Meeting: | Ratified by Engagement Partnership? Y |
| Overview of Meeting: (agenda) Agenda and minutes can be viewed on the LSCB Web site. www.safeguardingchildren.stoke.gov.uk | |
| Items for feedback / discussion relevant to the VCS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Annual Report was reviewed and will be published on the web site shortly. A paragraph will be inserted identifying the engagement of children, young people and parents in the development of the Board.</i> • <i>If your organisation were part of a 'dip' sample, are all your CRB checks up to date?</i> • <i>The Board is reviewing processes for the recruitment of lay members.</i> • <i>Community Health will have a place on the Board as the provider arm of the Health Services.</i> | |

- *It was agreed that Linda Thomas will be the VCS Engagement Partnership representative for the future and that I will be there in my role as Champion for Children. I will deputise for Linda if she is unable to attend.*

ACTION REQUIRED PRIOR TO NEXT MEETING

Circulate to the EP with a copy to Carole Preston for information.

Please return this within 7 working days following the meeting. If you have minutes available please attach even if they were from the previous meeting. Please let us know of any input you require for the next meeting.

To be completed by VAST support worker

Date Received:
22nd June 09

Date circulated to Engagement Partnership Members: 22.06.09

Details of other mechanism of communications – to be agreed with the Representative:

If you wish any further information please contact Sue@vast.org.uk.

Feedback received:

Date feedback provided to Representative: