

CYP VCS Representative's Feedback Report

Introduction:

The LSCB Policy and Procedure sub group; responsible for development and review of multi agency policy and procedures

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 - Please answer \checkmark or X	\checkmark or X
1. Were papers received 5 working days prior to the meeting?	/
2. Was an executive summary provided for documents over 15 pages?	x
3. Were all the papers in plain English, free from acronyms and jargon?	x
4. Was the time and venue of the meeting convenient?	/
5. Did the meeting start and finish on time, and last for under 2 hours?	/
6. Did you feel that the meeting was inclusive and respectful?	/
7. Did you feel that you had the opportunity to have your say?	/
8. Did you feel that you were able to have influence on decisions?	/
9. Where papers were tabled did you have time to read them before decisions were made?	x
Total score - out of 8 points	
Please tell us why you put X or any other comments:	
Some paperwork contains legislation which is never in plain English, papers tables at the meeting were deferred to the next meeting	

Name of Group: (eg: Parenting Implementing Change Group) Local Safeguarding Board: Policy and procedures	Name of Representative: Chris Pointon
Date of Strategic Meeting: 30TH June 09	Ratified by Engagement Partnership? Y
Overview of Meeting: (agenda) 1 Minutes and M. A. 2 Young People and Sexual Activity 3 Protocol between Young peoples Team and YOS - deferred 4 SCR's Haringay and Hackney –Procedure 5 Substance misuse matrix -waiting feedback form C+YP Trsut via E. Goldstraw 6 Terms of reference - agreed 7 Child Trafficking/Child sexual exploitation 8 Missing persons -amended wording of policy 9 Policies to be reviewed – deferred to next meeting 10 Risk/Resilience matrix re early pregnancies – meeting arranged for 16th July 11 Policy/procedure re prison -Ian Young met with probation- secure e-mail issue resolved 12 Multi agency referral form/consent form 13 High profile media cases task/finish group 14 Process for enhanced protection for victims of human trafficking 15 Disagreement with Managers Decision 16 Safeguarding children involved with prostitution .	
Items for feedback / discussion relevant to the VCS: Items 2,7 12 14 and 16 discussed as one item	

City has no mechanism for reporting under age sexual activity- acknowledged as important – a task and finish group is to be set up to look at developing a policy and procedure.

Any VCS orgs interested in joining this to contact Carol Preston -I suggested that Brighter Futures and others may be interested.

A report has been produced from the workshop attended by many VCS orgs re Child Trafficking and sexual exploitation. This made several recommendations to be considered by the LSCB and C+YP trust. The conclusion is that SARC building in Cobridge will be open for use in June 2011- until this time there is no opportunity or resources to develop a multi agency co located team/service. This is being taken off the policy/procedure sub group agenda until 2011 when it will be more relevant to develop procedures – the issue continues to be driven in other areas so that previous work is not lost.

Item 14 task and finish group to be set up, any VCS organisation interested in joining to contact Carol Preston

Item 12 – multi agency referral form/consent form – there is some confusion about which form is the most up to date and whether organisations need to get parents consent to refer to specialist services.

The form omits to ask many important questions especially with regard to parental mental health and specialist services may be making referral decisions without all the information needed.

Given the issues raised under item 4 there is an acknowledgement of the need for specialist services to be informed of any situation where there is parental mental health. The multi agency level 3 training was discussed and all services are recommended to access this for their frontline staff.

All organisations are urged to access the LSCB website on a regular basis to keep up to date with multi agency policy and procedures to ensure they are using the most up to date resources.

ACTION REQUIRED PRIOR TO NEXT MEETING

other VCS interested in joining task and finish work groups to contact Carol Preston

A document 'Safeguarding Children and Sexual Exploitation' will be e-mailed to me in the next couple of days, i will ask for this to be distributed to others for comments to be feedback to the sub group.

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:

Date circulated to Engagement Partnership Members:

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

Feedback received:

Date feedback provided to Representative: