

## CYP VCS Representative's Feedback Report

Introduction:

Planned presentation by Ian Hancock did not take place and was deferred to a later meeting in the year. An additional agenda item on Area Based Grant funding was discussed at some length.

### 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

<b>Meeting Assessment - Please answer <math>\checkmark</math> or X</b>	<b><math>\checkmark</math> or X</b>
1. Were papers received 5 working days prior to the meeting?	Yes
2. Was an executive summary provided for documents over 15 pages?	N/A
3. Were all the papers in plain English, free from acronyms and jargon?	Yes
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?	Yes
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
9. Where papers were tabled did you have time to read them before decisions were made?	N/A
<b>Total score – out of 8 points</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Please tell us why you put X or any other comments:</b>	

<b>Name of Group: (eg: Parenting Implementing Change Group)</b>	<b>Name of Representative:</b>
<b>CYP Trust Board</b>	<b>Karen Wilson</b>
<b>Date of Strategic Meeting:</b>	<b>Ratified by Engagement Partnership? Y/N</b>
<b>Overview of Meeting: (agenda)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LAA Quarter 4/End of year performance</li> <li>• Area Based Grant funding</li> <li>• Review of governance arrangements</li> <li>• Enhanced joint working</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	
<b>Items for feedback / discussion relevant to the VCS:</b> <p>Area Based Grant commitments in light of need to find substantial in-year savings. CYP senior management team have identified the following criteria to ensure that most appropriate decisions are made. Similar to the list in the HM Treasury Spending Review Framework:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• closeness of strategic fit to the CYP Plan and its priorities;</li> <li>• whether or not the activity is a statutory requirement;</li> <li>• degree of significant unintended consequences of reductions;</li> <li>• long-term sustainability issues;</li> <li>• whether or not there are alternative delivery options;</li> <li>• significant impact on the most vulnerable</li> <li>• linkages with other activities and KPIs/LAA targets;</li> <li>• value for money.</li> </ul> <p>A list of all ABG activity funded through the CYP Strategic Block was circulated however there were no financial figures/allocations to support the one line headings. Types of areas that are funded through ABG include: CAMHS; VAST engagement with CYP and families; Family Support Strategy;</p>	

Integrated Youth Support Service (IYSS); school development grants; Stoke Challenge; Meir Family Intervention Project; Teenage Pregnancy; Poverty; Connexions; Stoke Speaks Out; Extended Services; 14-19 Flexible Funding. There was a recognition at the board meeting (as at Health & Wellbeing Partnership) that whilst it was never the intention of ABG funding to pick up mainstream activity the way that it came down in practice from central government means that there has been a degree of it propping up mainstream budgets.

The challenge to the CYP Trust Board was to consider the defined criteria and consider whether there were other considerations to be taken into account overall. So there was no line-by-line discussion which given the membership of the board and potential conflicts of interest was probably the appropriate way to take it forward - essentially we were being asked to sign off a list of principles.

Points raised/discussed:

- we're already almost at the end of quarter 1 and £1.9m needs to be made in year - time is of the essence therefore and the longer it takes to make the decisions the more difficult it becomes;
- cuts had already been made to CYPS so it was important to view the bigger picture;
- added value/additionality should be added to the criteria;
- impact on seconded staff where potentially no role to go back to within employing agency;
- need to minimise exist costs ie. cost of terminating staff, otherwise anticipated savings will not materialise;
- how do you measure Value for Money;
- volumes versus impact;
- proposal that activity on the lowest priorities is stopped rather than "salami slicing" and taking 15-20% across the board;
- recent financial modelling exercise doesn't necessarily add anything to the decision-making process - focused on medium-long term;
- need to reduce duplication and look at amalgamating some activity;
- try not to lose sight of prevention agenda;
- this year versus next year issue - service re-design unlikely to impact on short-term decisions due to onerous timescales.

It was agreed that an expanded list of ABG activity including financial allocations would be circulated within a week to CYP Trust Board members.

Multi-Agency Executive and separate Strategic Commissioning Group to merge from September into a new Strategic Commissioning Executive. The Champion for Children has a place on new group as Outcome Lead – Positive Contribution. In addition there is to be a Voluntary Sector Representative on the new group – appointment via VCS Engagement Partnership.

### **ACTION REQUIRED PRIOR TO NEXT MEETING**

No further actions required.

*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:**

**12<sup>th</sup> July 2010**

**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:**