



WIGAN SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD

3 July 2006

Present:

Representatives of Wigan MBC

Mr. G. Rowney (Chair)	Director of Children & Young People's Services
Ms. S. Carlick	Wigan Safeguarding Children's Board Training Manager
Mr D. Robert	Solicitor, Legal & Property Services
Mr S. Atkinson	Children and Young Peoples Services
Ms M. Banham	Children and Young Peoples Services
Councillor B. Wilson	Observer

Representatives of Other Agencies

Ms. M. Pickup	Wrightington, Wigan & Leigh NHS Trust
Mr J. Ramsbottom	Ince CE
Ms. S. Woolmore	NSPCC
Mr D. Khan	Deputy Governor, Hindley HMYOI
Superintendent P. McIver	Greater Manchester Police
Mr. P. Turner	Public Health Consultant
Mrs. J. Skorupka	CAFCASS
Mrs. A. Burt	Designated Nurse Child Protection

ACTION

11. Apologies for Absence: Apologies for absence were submitted by Mr J. Blott (Deputy Director of Adult Services), Dr Fallon (Primary Care Trust), Mr. G. Meehan (Deputy Director of Children & Young People's Services), Ms. K. Nelson (Assistant Director: Care and Inclusion, Children & Young People's Services), Ms C. Boyd (Probation Service), Mr J. Tankard (Associate Medical Director), Ms J. Barton (Director of Housing Needs).

12. Minutes: 11 May 2006: The Minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 2006 were approved as a correct record.

Matters Arising

Minute 4 (refers): Costing has now been received for the printing of the Business Plan and the Summary.

Resolved: The Members agreed:
To the initial printing of:

200 copies of the plan
500 copies of the summary

This will come out of the budget at a total cost of £2,000.00.

Summaries will go to practitioners, frontline staff and any person who requests.

Minute 8 (Refers): minutes of this meeting were sent to Cabinet on 15 June 2006 and Overview and Scrutiny on 19 June 2006. No comments were received.

Minute 9 (refers): A follow up ½ day with Tony Morrison took place on 21 June 2006 with the Chairs of the sub groups. This addressed the definition of the focus of the Board and its relationship to the CYPF as well as the sub group structure.

13. Threshold for Intervention (Revised documentation and implications for partners): Marlyn Banham outlined Level 3a and Level 3b and explained the necessity of the training process to make people aware where to go if and when a problem arose. A diagram from the Business Plan that had been developed by Tony Morrison and table of 'Thresholds for Intervention' were circulated at the meeting, highlighting how safeguarding will be addressed in practice.

The main point that arose from the meeting with Tony Morrison was the need of awareness by all involved that the system is not a linear system, a child may enter the process at any stage and not through a progression through levels. This document is currently a Work In Progress and is still a futuristic document and a covering letter will accompany it explaining the system which is not yet in place.

A colour copy of the document will be sent to print and copied to Sarah Carlick.

Each organisation will have slightly differing Thresholds reflecting their particular area of service, but this table will be used as a guide. Each agency will have their own designated trained personnel responsible for the correct implementation of this document. Each agency will clearly show who the designated personnel are for guidance purposes within their organisation structure and for members of the public.

Resolved: The Board:

- will request that Gerald Meehan co-ordinate a meeting for designated persons to discuss Thresholds, and request that colleagues give Gerald these names as soon as possible.
- agree that Wigan West should receive priority for training.

14. Sub Group Meeting Feedback: Minutes were circulated from the Sub Groups. The Policy and Procedure Sub Group Meeting minutes have not yet been distributed. Sarah Carlick, Vice-Chair of Training and Communications Sub Group informed the group that they will be meeting on 13 July 2006. Nominations were requested

for Sub Groups from the Police, Probation Services, Head Teachers/Schools and Five Borough Partnership. At present there are eight members of the Sub Group.

Resolved: The Members agreed that:

- The Police would receive Minutes from relevant Sub Group Meetings, but would not be expected to attend all these meetings.
- Other Authorities will be looked at with the intention of sharing/trading information, policies and procedures
- Instead of measuring the service, they will measure the difference the service makes to people's lives. This will be done via an information seeking process 2-3 years after the service has been used.
- Administrative support is needed for the Sub Groups.

15. Cases/Issues that meet MAPPA Criteria: Resolved: This is a standing item and will be discussed at the next meeting.

16. Training Documentation: Sean Atkinson outlined this item. This can be found on the Council's Intranet under 'Board'. Further information and a full report will be made available at the next meeting.

Resolved: Board Members note this item.

17. Summary of Consultation Exercise: The Board was given a brief Presentation by Sean Atkinson regarding the effective evaluation of the Sub-Groups. A draft sample of a Questionnaire for Agencies to Self Audit was circulated. Prior to this only parents and carers views were sought with minimal feedback, therefore, the views of agencies and professional bodies involved will now also be sought. In the evaluation fifty-six young people were looked at. The overall outcome of the exercise demonstrated that the results looked very positive; the only downside to the results was complacency. Any comments on this item should be emailed to: alison.burt@alwpcc.nhs.uk. Before the next meeting of the sub-group on 27 July 2006.

Resolved: The Board accepts the report.

18. Future Meeting Dates: a table of suggested future meeting dates was circulated at the meeting.

Resolved: The Board Members agree that:

- The next meeting will be held on 21 August 2006 at 2.00pm.
- Standing items for the agenda should be sent to the clerk of the meeting ten days prior to the meeting.
- Chairs of the Sub-Groups who are Board Members will be responsible for the distribution of the minutes of the Board Meeting to their members and will be responsible for cascading items discussed with personnel within their own Organizations.

An A and B Agenda may have to be created in the interests of privacy and confidentiality for service users.

19. Any Other Business:

- Board Members enquired if there was a need for CRB Checks to be done as they are responsible for making decisions concerning children and young people.
- A question was raised regarding the safe welfare of Social Workers when attending the homes of potentially violent individuals. The reply from the police was that there is a Violence Warnings List available to all personnel.
- Mr G. Meehan and Mr G. Rowney to visit Hindley prison which houses one hundred and ninety-two young offenders.
- An invoice for £7,500.00. It was agreed that half would be paid by Social Care and Inclusion Branch.
- The Board approved payment of an invoice from Mr T. Morrison.
- Mr G. Rowney will look into the payment request of £1800.00 from The National Children's Bureau, as he believes this may be covered under the Children and Young Peoples membership.

There were no further items.

CHAIR

Meeting started: 2.05 pm

Meeting ended: 4.35pm