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## Minutes

### Children and Young People's Alliance Board

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at DY1, Stafford Street, Dudley, DY1

**3BZ**

Start time **1000** Finish time **1200**

#### Present

Tony Oakman, Deputy Chief Executive/Strategic Director – People

Andy Gray, Dudley Council for Voluntary Service

Liz Murphy, Independent Chair, DSCB

Emily Phelps, Barnardo's

Deanne Fishbourne, Dudley MBC

Linda Cropper, Dudley CCG

Bal Kaur, Dudley MBC

Debs Harkins, Dudley MBC

Richard Fisher, West Midlands Police

Mark Rodgers, Dudley MBC

Neil Thomas, Dudley College

Vicki Haines, Chamber of Commerce

Joy Gamble, Black Country Foundation Partnership Trust

Tim Horsburgh, CCG

Caroline Brunt, CCG

Jayne Emery, Healthwatch

Sue Butcher, Chief Officer for Children's Services

Nicki Burrows, Children and Families Development Officer

Councillor Anne Millward

#### 1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Suzanne Edwards, John Cunningham, Shelley Brooks, Neil Bucktin, Ann Becke, Karen Anderson, Ronan Tyrer and Samantha Samuels.

#### 2. Minutes of meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017 and matters arising

- The minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017 were agreed. In relation to agenda item of Employment and Training Tim Horsburgh stressed the importance of ensuring that support is provided to young people with SEN when transitioning into employment or training.

- **Action Tracker** – the action tracker was reviewed and updated.

## **Board Development**

### **3. Voice of the Child Young Person 2 years on**

- Nicki Burrows shared a video showing the amazing things that young people are doing in the Borough and how the voice of the child has developed over the last two years.
- Vicki Haynes outlined the work the Chamber of Commerce are doing to engage with young people in the borough.
- Three students from Holly Hall Academy talked to the meeting about their experiences in volunteering; participating in the Young Chambers Group and being involved in school leadership teams. Cllr. Millward congratulated students for taking part in the youth parliament for Dudley.
- A suggestion was made by Molly to approach other schools across the Borough to increase opportunities for more young people to be involved in volunteering. The Board agreed to commit to making this happen. Emily Phelps suggested promoting activities via the portal. It was agreed that Nicki Burrows and Julia Simmonds would support this through the development group. **Action: NB/JS**
- Cllr. Millward suggested that a young person could attend Community Forum meetings.

### **4. Dudley Childrens Safeguarding Report**

- Liz Murphy talked to the presentation on the Dudley Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2016-17. Discussion focussed on the progress to date and the priorities for 2017/18.
- She highlighted the key points that had come out of the Serious Case Reviews and it was agreed that these should be added to the agenda for the next meeting since further discussion was needed. **Action: JS to add to agenda.**

## **Board Priorities**

### **5. Early Help Progress Report**

- Helen Ellis talked to the presentation on Early Help outlining the improvements made since the launch of Early Help.

- It was highlighted the Early Help Strategy is two years old in December and will be reviewed early 2018.
- Sue Butcher stressed the importance of ensuring that there is a team approach to Early Help across all agencies. It is important that Board Members take a leading role in ensuring the full support of their staff in the implementation of the Early Help Strategy, particularly in terms of providing support to remove obstacles and resolve issues that arise.
- There was a discussion about the ongoing difficulties in engaging with schools at a strategic level and that representation from schools needed to be revisited. **Action: SB/AG/JS** to consider this prior to the next meeting.

#### **6. CYP Emotional Health and Wellbeing**

- It was agreed to defer this agenda item to the next meeting due to the lack of time **Action : JS**

#### **7. Any other business**

- **Review of the membership list** – Members to confirm with Stacey Thirlaway their organisations representative on the Board. **Action: All**
- **Frequency and length of meetings** – there was concern that the last few meetings had not been long enough to cover all the items on the agenda. It was agreed that future meetings should be either more frequent or longer. Presentations should be brief and pose 2 or 3 key questions to stimulate discussion. **Action: AG/JS/ST to review this prior to the next meeting.**

#### **8. Date of next meeting**

31<sup>st</sup> January 2018 – 09.30 – 12.00.