



Corporate Parenting Committee

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Corporate Parenting Committee held on Wednesday 22 September 2010 at 1.00 pm at Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB

PRESENT: Councillor Catherine McDonald (Chair)
Councillor Lisa Rajan
Councillor Patrick Diamond
Councillor Eliza Mann
Councillor Althea Smith

OFFICER SUPPORT: Rory Patterson (assistant director of specialist services & safeguarding, Chris Saunders (head of children looked after service), Beatrice Cooper (designated doctor for children looked after), Elizabeth Murphy (children's services), Shola Yemi-Akinyi, (nurse), Rachel Bartlett (Families Nurse Partnership) Sara Feasey (principal lawyer children's service), Bola Roberts (constitutional officer), Paula Thornton (constitutional officer).

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Catherine Bowman and Claire Hickson. Apologies for lateness were received from Councillor Patrick Diamond.

It was noted that Councillor Catherine Bowman had resigned her position on the committee.

2. CONFIRMATION OF VOTING MEMBERS

The members present were confirmed as the voting members.

3. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

There were no urgent items.

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no disclosures of interests or dispensations.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the open minutes of the meeting of 7 July 2010 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the chair.

6. DESIGNATED DOCTOR FOR CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER ANNUAL REPORT 2009/10

RESOLVED:

1. That the annual report from the Designated Doctor for Children Looked After be received and comments raised at the meeting be noted.
2. That formal representations be made to the health commissioners to ensure that the needs of children looked after continue to be met in the newly commissioned provider arm.
3. That in light of major structural changes, work is undertaken by the Primary Care Trust (PCT) and the local authority to ensure that adequate procedures and statutory duties are in place to provide timely health assessments for looked after children.
4. That the report on the intergenerational review and its results be brought back to the corporate parenting committee.
5. That the needs of looked after children remain front-of mind in priority-setting exercises.

7. DRAFT TEENAGE PREGNANCY STRATEGY

RESOLVED:

1. That the progress of Southwark's draft teenage pregnancy strategy and action plan for children in care be noted.
2. That the draft strategy is informed by and incorporated in the work of the new Teenage Pregnancy Commission .
3. That the report on the intergenerational review and its results be brought back to the corporate parenting committee which it was noted would include measures and education in place to address teenage pregnancy for children in care.

8. YOUNG PEOPLES SUBSTANCE MISUSE (YPSM) UPDATE COMMISSIONING

RESOLVED:

1. That the progress of the specialist young peoples substance misuse service, policy implications and strategic alignment of the work be noted.
2. That the committee contribute to the forthcoming needs assessment beginning in November 2010, which will inform the 2011-12 Peoples Substance Misuse (YPSM) Treatment Plan and so ensure that the needs of looked after children are specifically considered.
3. That the committee receive the draft 2011-12 Young Peoples Substance Misuse Commissioning Update (YPSM) Treatment Plan for comment prior to its' presentation to the Southwark's Children & Families Trust (formerly Young Southwark) and the Drug and Alcohol Action Team Board.

9. CARELINK- SOUTHWARK CHILD AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES (CAMHS) FOR LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN AGES 0-16 YEARS

RESOLVED:

1. That SLAM, the Primary Care Trust and the local authority bring forward proposals to the committee for meeting the needs of 16-18 year old young people in care. These proposals should also include financial costings and other relevant implications for extending the 16 plus transition phase in adult and mental health care services.
2. That the work with under 5's be continued and supported as this is predicted to be invaluable with early identification and prevention. The relevant bodies should provide financial costings/implications to mainstream more comprehensive work in this area.
3. That the recommendations be reported to Helen Naylor, the Children's Services Commissioner at Southwark.

10. CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER FINAL END OF YEAR 2009/10 PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT

RESOLVED:

1. That the report and measures adopted to address performance in relation to long-term stability be noted.
2. That the committee receive a report back setting out a more detailed analysis of three plus placements.

11. CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE - WORKPLAN 2010/2011

RESOLVED:

That the corporate parenting committee workplan for 2010-11 be noted.

The meeting ended at 3.00pm

CHAIR:

DATED: