

**MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL
CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

CENTRAL WEST DISTRICT PANEL BUSINESS MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday 14th January 2009

3.00pm – 5.00pm

Whalley Range Sure Start Centre

Present: Chris McLoughlin, CM (Chair) District Manager
Mumba Kafula, MK Project Officer
Ralph Corrigan RC MMAGS
Kim Watton KW Health- General Manager
Natasha Walsh NW Youth Support Officer
Barry Bate BB Youth Worker
Jane Dewar JD Connexions
David Thomas DT Manchester Drugs and Race
Unit

Nicola Robinson (minutes)

Apologies:

Patricia Adams
Sinead Oconnor
RECLAIM

<p>1. Introductions and Apologies</p> <p>Introductions and apologies noted above. David Thomas from the Manchester Drugs and Race unit was welcomed as a new member to the panel.</p> <p>Apologies received from RECLAIM due to an unforeseen circumstance there attendance as been postponed.</p>	
<p>2. Declaration of Interest</p> <p>No declaration.</p>	
<p>3. Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising</p> <p>CM had received the dates for the Head Teacher forum from Angela Schofield along with the schools corporate calendar. CM will share this information with MK.</p> <p>CM explained to the panel that the Head Teachers forum meet at Whalley Range High School, which she usually attends and Head Teachers are looking for a more formal process to consultation with Social Care. Three head teachers used to attend the panel regularly but one of these has retired recently and the other two struggle with competing demands. There is currently no secondary Head Teacher that attends any panel across any of the districts.</p> <p>MK has received the additional statistical information requested from Leo Wall relating to exclusions in the CW district. From this information received criteria has been set to decide what the TYS sub group will look at in regards to school exclusions in the district. The criteria will be specifically Moss Side students, fixed term exclusions rather than permanent. The subgroup will also concentrate on one school in the area. A proposal is currently being drafted and will be submitted to the appropriate school via the School Effectiveness Officer (SEO).</p> <p>MK explained that the CW district Service Directory is still an ongoing action.</p> <p>In the last meeting Gillian Baldwin agreed to distribute booklets to CW schools. MK to check that this happened. Gillian Baldwin was also planning to ask Beatrice Williams to attend the panel and to make contact with the CW DDM. CM will chase this up.</p>	<p>CM</p> <p>MK</p> <p>CM</p>
<p>4. David Thomas – Introduction to Manchester Drugs and Race Unit</p> <p>David Thomas, Manager delivered a presentation on the Manchester Drugs and Race Unit (MDRU). The presentation is to be sent out to all panel members.</p> <p>The main aspects of this service are to engage families and carers</p>	

<p>and support their knowledge and ability to find ways to challenge the misuse of drugs. MDRU provide skills training to community organisations towards competence to screen and refer on to treatment. MDRU work with a range of treatment services in Manchester.</p> <p>DT agreed to send MK information about the new service in development including the hotline number so she can distribute to the panel.</p>	<p>DT & MK</p>
<p>5. CWDP – Action Planning Updates/Discussions</p> <p>MK explained that the action planning model was discussed in the last meeting. It is for anything the panel members do that link in with national and local targets, so a service provision can be put together to improve co-ordination. When it is all collated the gaps can be looked at.</p> <p>JD talked through her completed action plan form representing Connexions.</p> <p>Currently there is a seconded Connexions Team Manager to the MAGGs team; her role in MMAGGs is regarding getting children, engaged, in employment or back into education. All staff have received training in regards to MAGGs.</p> <p>The PAYP team target young people at risk of gangs and crime using positive activities.</p> <p>Connexions receive information to target support for young people excluded in year 8 and upwards.</p> <p>For LDD there is a PA to secondary schools and specific schools. Federation schools used to have a PA that followed the young person, now they have a PA for the school.</p> <p>Connexions also attend a range of multi agency meetings regarding learning difficulties. They are a partner of “getting a life agency”.</p> <p>RC explained that he is currently trying to get together with all agencies under crime and disorder so everything will be included. RC will then compile all the C & D input on all three priorities and forward the information.</p> <p>BB explained that the Youth Service his contribution to LDD is small. For school exclusions there is not a pre E2E (Education to Employment) programme. This is an identified gap in provision for young people not in any formal education.</p> <p>For Guns and Gangs, there is training provided via Learning and Development. Evaluation of this will provide some guidance on</p>	<p>Everyone</p> <p>RC</p>

<p>immediate needs.</p> <p>CM commented that from a presentation at PBG this month crime reduction has out performed other districts. This gives added confidence at the start of the new year.</p> <p>All completed action plan forms need to sending to MK by 2nd February 2009</p> <p>Mumba will send out a deadline for this work to be in for and possibly organise a workshop instead of a meeting to work on this further.</p>	<p>Everyone</p> <p>MK</p>
<p>6. Chris Mcloughlin – Councilors/Services/DWLT/District Panel updates</p> <p>Postponed to a future meeting</p>	
<p>7. Any other business</p> <p>None</p>	
<p>Next District panel meeting Wednesday 25th February, Whalley Range Sure Start Centre.</p>	