



<b>MEETING VENUE</b>	<b>Child &amp; Family Support Forum MACC Meeting Room</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> August 2010</b>
<b>Attendees</b>	Janet Dexter (MCC), Lorna Bustard (Manchester BME Network), Khent Abraham (Family Action Young Carers), Jennifer Richardson (Routes Project), Pauline Clarke (MACC), Nicola Shanahan (MACC), Joanne Mcleod McKenzie (MACC), Patsy McKie (Mothers Against Violence), Karina Nyananyo (42 <sup>nd</sup> Street), Ross Grant (VYM), Brenda Norford (Family Action Young Carers) and Anita Frost (Action for Children Foundation)	<b>TIME</b>	<b>10am – 12 noon</b>
<b>Apologies</b>	Clare Kerfoot (Catholic Children's Rescue)		

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<b>1. Minutes of last meeting</b>				
1.1	The minutes were agreed as a true record.	Information		
<b>2. Young Carers Pathfinder in Manchester - Presentation</b>				
2.1	<p>Presentation by Brenda Norford from Family Action Young Carers). Information was given out prior to the presentation. A piece of research was carried out with young people (both carers and non-carers) and service practitioners in the North West district of Manchester. The research was conducted by Morris, Hargreaves, McIntyre. Questionnaires were also circulated and filled in by young people. It has been piloted in the North East and North West district. Pathfinder will be here until March 2010. After this date it will be re-evaluated and a report will be produced and forwarded to Nicola. Information and updates on Family Action will be sent to Nicola for circulation through email bulletins.</p> <p>Nicola to forward Child and Family Support Forum attendees email addresses to Family Action for circulation.</p>	Information		
<b>3. Children's Trust Arrangements</b>				

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3.1 The last board meeting was cancelled due to the holiday period. There is a Board meeting scheduled for this Thursday. Will keep you updated on any progress at the next CFSF meeting.	Information		
3.2 <b>Blueprint</b> - This has not moved on at all. MACC will be linking in with school clusters and GP's in September 2010 from the White Paper that came out from the NHS, GP's will be responsible for commissioning. We're trying to gain a stronger relationship in the neighbourhood.	Information		
3.3 <b>District Panel Briefings</b> – Nic to get an update for the next meeting. Youth Offer update – we continue to be in dialogue with the youth offer but most of it is taking place at district level with youth offer managers. We are currently in a position to go to a higher authority to try and engage more effectively eg. councillors.  Funding - PAYP funding is available which was previously connexions but will not be distributed out to the districts and there is a process that is kicking in from September, so we sent an email bulletin out about this outlining if you are interested in being part of the process you can contact the relevant district youth offer managers for more information.	Information		
<b>4. Commissioning</b>			
4.1 The last two Commissioning board meetings have been cancelled. MACC/VYM jointly held a commissioning event. We initially planned the event to set in line with the Children's services plan but this process had stalled and we went ahead with the event. The feedback was very positive. It is anticipated there will be cuts in funding after October and we held presentations around what organisations can do if they got a cut in funding. There were also presentations around partnerships. If anyone is interested in the presentations Nicola can circulate them. Nicola has also been feeding into the Commissioning process trying to make it fair and transparent. Nicola will be sending out requests for information from agencies to see what outcomes can be achieved or not.  The Parenting Family Support Fund and the Youth Offer funding is due to end	Information		

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	<p>next March. An evaluation has been done with recommendations and submitted to Children's services.</p> <p>Nicola asked the Forum how they all felt about the uncertainty around funding. There was a consensus of concern amongst the group/agencies.</p>			
<b>5. Safeguarding</b>				
5.1	<p>Safeguarding in Manchester has always been good. We have started pulling together a self audit tool for the voluntary sector for smaller groups, to look at their minimum standards around safeguarding which ties in with the safeguarding board. At the next Forum meeting we will be discussing safeguarding. There has been talk around serious case reviews and the costs involved in having these reviews, comments have been made to OFSTED to see how we can use the money more smartly.</p>	Information		
5.2	<p><b>Workforce Development tool</b> (online tool). This will be launched on 29<sup>th</sup> September at Gorton Monastery 10am – 3pm. All issues including commissioning will be discussed and has been designed specifically by the voluntary sector. Once it goes live on the MACC website, it will be offering examples of good practice and once its up and running, will be able to get bigger organisations on board for example NACVO.</p>	Information		
5.3	<p><b>Think Family Board</b> was cancelled and has now been disestablished but there is still the Steering group who will continue and who are accountable to the Children's Board. MACC will be doing a presentation to them in September and to the Children's Board.. Nicola will keep us updated.</p>	Information		
5.4	<p><b>Information Bulletin</b> has changed and will be produced jointly with VYM and CFSF who are now jointly working together. It's good that the two are combined. Nicola asked for feedback and some had said that there were too many links in the bulletin, other than that its very accessible and useful. . If there are any problems or ways that we could improve the bulletin please contact Nicola or Ross.</p>	Information		
<b>6. Information Sharing</b>				
6.1	<p>Action for Children funding will be finished in September. We will still be having a</p>	Information		

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	service but not sure about funding or venue as yet.			
6.2	Ross stated that VYM will be doing a Mapping of the Voluntary Youth Sector which will be a complete and thorough mapping of all youth services. Hopefully this will be completed this Autumn probably in October. We need all organisations to take part with this even ones we don't know about. Ross will keep us updated.	Information		
6.3	42 <sup>nd</sup> Street – business as usual and we are still taking referrals regarding young people but also keeping our eye on the ball in terms of funding.	Information		
<b>7. Date of Next Meeting – 5<sup>th</sup> October 10am – 12.00 at MACC offices</b>				