




**Kent Corporate Parenting Group  
Minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2015  
Billiard Room, Oakwood House**

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
Philip Segurola – Interim Director, Specialist Children’s Services	Lee-Anne Farach – Head of Quality Assurance
Martin Vye – Elected Member for Canterbury	Diana Robinson – Lead SEN Consultant
Rebecca Ransley – Interim Children and Young Person’s Service Manager, South Kent	Simon Bounds – Participation and Progression Officer
Nick Wilkinson – Manager, Youth Offending Service	Paul Brightwell – Children and Young Person’s Service Manager, Canterbury and Swale
Melissa Caslake – Assistant Director for Corporate Parenting	
Tony Doran – Head Teacher, Virtual School Kent	
Sue Clifton – County Manager 18+ Service	
Anne Nerva – Children and Young Person’s Service Manager, Thanet	
Nancy Sayer – Designated Nurse for Looked After Children	
Ian Davis – Interim Senior Associate, Vulnerable Children, NHS Commissioning Support Unit	
Ann Furminger – Service Delivery Director, CXK	
Sarah Skinner – Service Manager, Virtual School Kent	
Maureen Robinson – Manager, Management Information Unit	
Stephen Gray – CEO, Young Lives Foundation	
Andy Heather – Principal Educational Psychologist	
Sarah Whittaker – Children and Young Person’s Service Manager, North Kent	
Jo Rabbitte – Children and Young Person’s Service Manager, West Kent	
Dr Noreen Ahmed-Bhatti – Designated Doctor, East Kent Hospitals Trust	
Margaret Pike (Minutes)	

Item No	General Overview of discussion, followed by decisions and <b>actions in bold</b>	<b>Actions</b>
1.	<u>Welcome and Introductions</u>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Philip Segurola welcomed everyone to the meeting, introductions were made and apologies were noted.</li> </ul>	
2.	<p><u>Minutes and Matters Arising</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Page 2 – Care Leavers Charter – action remains outstanding. <b>Action – Ann Furminger to follow up with Sean Kearns</b></li> <li>Page 2 -Challenge cards – on the agenda</li> <li>Page 2 - Profiling Breakdowns –the initial breakdown has been completed but there was an issue with some of the reports – <b>Action - deferred to next meeting and Maureen Robinson to provide a further update</b></li> <li>Page 2 - Grading guidance – completed</li> <li>Page 2 -Reunification Planning - completed</li> <li>Page 2 – 0-4 Permanence – Maureen has amended the age range indicators and circulated the scorecard</li> <li>Page 2 - Care to Listen DVD – copies have been circulated as requested. <b>Action Sarah Skinner to send a copy to Dr Noreen Ahmed-Bhatti</b></li> <li>Page 3 – Pathway Plan – progress has been made, amendments made to Liberi and retrained 18+ staff. Hopeful this is now a more useful document – Care Leavers haven't seen yet</li> <li>Page 3 – Social Worker changes – There is a new performance measure for the scorecard for the number of children looked after for 18 months that have had the same Social Worker for at least 12 months – current figure is 39.7%. Benchmark target is 50% - area breakdown –Disabled Children just under 50%, East Kent 43.7%, North Kent 37.8%, South Kent 44.9% and West Kent 25.6%. Discussion around is 50% aspirational enough? There is no national average or regional benchmarking. <b>Action – Maureen Robinson to speak to SE Benchmark Group regarding their targets for this.</b></li> <li>Page 4 – CSE Thematic Inspection – <b>Action from Lee-Anne Farach outstanding. Action – Margaret Pike to follow this up with Lee-Anne.</b> Amendment to the previous minutes “Thanet is now one of the national Ending Gang and Youth Violence areas.” There is a capacity issue in police and East Kent has a big issue in delays in complete s.47. <b>Action – Nick Wilkinson to raise at CSE trafficking sub group.</b> Andy Pritchard is leading on a bidding document and there could be an interface with that. <b>Action – Philip Segurola to invite Andy to attend next meeting</b></li> <li>Page 5 - Leaving care offer – this is now live</li> <li>Page 6 –Lilac Assessment - on agenda</li> <li>Page 6 – Interface between KCPG, CPP and OYPC - on agenda</li> <li>Page 6 – Health Services Report – currently being re-written. Recommendations have been incorporated to Children in Care Strategy.</li> </ul>	<p><b>AF</b></p> <p><b>MR</b></p> <p><b>SS</b></p> <p><b>MR</b></p> <p><b>MP</b></p> <p><b>NW</b></p> <p><b>PS</b></p>
3.	<u>Corporate Parenting Framework</u>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paul Brightwell has written a paper on the use of challenge cards. <b>Action – Sarah Skinner to take this to the Children in Care Council and to visit one of the Local Authorities that uses challenge cards and feedback to the next meeting</b></li> <li>• Voice of the child report – raises some interesting points including the use of challenge cards</li> </ul>	<b>SS</b>
4.	<p><u>Lilac Assessment Final Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kent County Council has been awarded 4 lilac petals and there are no major changes to the initial report</li> <li>• First working group meeting following up on actions has taken place</li> <li>• One of the key themes is communication – the working group includes members of the Communications team</li> <li>• Another Local Authority has made contact regarding some of the work streams</li> <li>• Workshop also looked at mapping out the participation strategy and how good practice can be taken and replicated elsewhere</li> <li>• Recognition that communication can be difficult due to the geographic size of Kent and the use of social media is under utilised</li> <li>• Risk assessments and the understanding of risk regarding the use of apps and social media as tracking of predators is difficult in these forums</li> <li>• The methods of communication change rapidly and it is difficult to have a communications strategy that will keep up.</li> <li>• The IRO Service uses Liquid Drop to stay in touch with young people and it would be useful to see what usage that is getting</li> <li>• <b>Action – Sarah Skinner to update the next meeting</b></li> </ul>  <p>LILAC_Report_Kent_2014.pdf</p>	<b>SS</b>
5.	<p><u>Alignment of KCPG, CPP and OYPC</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was discussed at the last meeting that there needs to be more clarity on this group and the connection to CPP</li> <li>• It was agreed that a joint meeting between KCPG and CPP Members would be too large and unproductive</li> <li>• Young People and Foster Carers attend CPP and Martin Vye has updated CPP on issues raised at KCPG. Martin asked if it would be helpful if he had a brief slot on the agenda for any issues raised at CPP to come back to KCPG. <b>Action - Margaret Pike to add a regular slot on the agenda for Martin Vye and include the CPP minutes</b></li> <li>• KCPG Terms of Reference haven't been updated since 2011. Names of attendees need to be updated. Point 2 of Aims and Objectives needs to be</li> </ul>	<b>MP</b>

	<p>updated to include the Care Leavers Charter. Composition of the group should include Police and Foster Carers. <b>Action – Terms of Reference to be updated</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are no young people on the list of attendees; if KS4 young people were invited the time of the meeting would need to be changed and VSK apprentices attend CPP so would be restating the points made there. It was felt there are better means of capturing young people’s views rather than attendance at KCPG. Group discussed the possibility of holding a fun day where children and young people could have their say.</li> </ul>	<p><b>PS</b></p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><u>Data Reports</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maureen Robinson circulated the Children in Care Scorecard for December and the SCS measures for target setting</li> <li>• There will more analysis on the data circulated from next month</li> <li>• Identified performance framework need to be brought under 1 roof as there is currently adoption data, education, health etc. into one overarching performance framework</li> <li>• The group was asked if benchmark targets were sufficiently ambitious and if there are any measures that are missing</li> <li>• The numbers of children and young people open to Youth Offending Service are not included. <b>Action – Nick Wilkinson to send target to Maureen Robinson for inclusion.</b></li> <li>• The number of changes of social worker will be included on next scorecard</li> <li>• Under health and welling there is no measure for CAMHS. Performance information from CAMHS goes to commissioning. <b>Action - Maureen Robinson to add a baseline target for number (%) of CIC receiving service from CAMHS</b></li> <li>• Health – data different between health and MIU due to recording differences. MIU use the date seen on Initial Health Assessments and, health use 20 days after completed report returned. This is because the guidance differs between health and the Local Authority. <b>Action – Maureen Robinson to change the wording of the measure</b></li> <li>• No health histories for care leavers – Ofsted and CQC will want to see these</li> <li>• Education – more depth recording of KS5 outcomes needed. Tony Doran is working with Maureen Robinson on this</li> <li>• Missing children– there is a separate scorecard for missing children but can incorporate 3 or more episodes in 12 months onto this scorecard. This to be added</li> <li>• There is no measure on complaints from young people. This needs to be added</li> <li>• More Care Leavers measures to be added at a later stage</li> </ul>	<p><b>NW/MR</b></p> <p><b>MR</b></p> <p><b>MR</b></p> <p><b>MR</b></p>

7.	<p><u>Children in Care Strategy</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is a refresh of the strategy from 2011, which needs to be taken to the Children in Care Council</li> <li>• If a new strategy is drafted from 2016 going forward it should start with the children's voice</li> <li>• Priority 3 on academic outcomes needs to look at reducing fixed term exclusions and improving attendance</li> <li>• Early Help references on page 33-34 should be Early Help and Preventative Services</li> </ul>	<b>MC</b>
8.	<p><u>Development in LAC Health Services</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Document circulated to the group on the changes to strategic commissioning arrangements to the health services for Looked After Children</li> <li>• Commissioning group in place since July and leads on commissioning of health services. NHS Providers have a group parallel to this which have met twice so far made up of seniors managers and clinicians, the aim is for the Sussex partnership to join this group</li> <li>• KCHT undertakes initial health assessments in West and North Kent, whilst EKHT undertake them for East Kent. Review Health Assessments are undertaken by the nursing team. Assessments for Millbank are undertaken by St Stephens GP practice</li> <li>• Service performance – this is not enough information on performance so a set of measures are being put in place to address this</li> <li>• Currently Initial Health Assessment data stays on paper but will go onto a database. This can then be used by both health providers. Reports on this data won't be available for 1 year after system goes live so that the information is accurate and useful</li> <li>• Capacity in the nursing team is tight, there are 1800 looked after children and 5.6 FTE in the nursing service</li> <li>• Monitoring of services to be undertaken by CSU's contracts team for North and East Kent. North Kent has decommissioned it's Commissioning Support Unit and will be monitored by its own internal contracts team</li> <li>• Longer term aspirations to move to a more outcomes based understanding of what is needed</li> <li>• There is an intention to develop an integrated pathway between health and social care</li> <li>• The expectation is that health has to provide services for all children placed in Kent. Some Other Local Authorities send their nurses to complete health assessments</li> <li>• Where are the pinch points? There is an issue with UASC children in North Kent with a backlog of health assessments</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Child health team decommissioned by CCG so uncertain who will be here for the next meeting</li></ul>	
9.	<u>AOB</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• It would be helpful if once the data from health is agreed if this can be shared with MIU</li></ul>	
10.	<u>Date of Next Meeting</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 29<sup>th</sup> May at 9.30am, Billiard Room, Oakwood House</li></ul>	

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