

Children and Young People’s Partnership

1. PURPOSE, REPORTING LINES, LIMITATIONS AND REVIEW

*This section should set out in no more than a couple of sentences the specific **PURPOSE** of this group (**WHY** it was established). It should state **WHO** established this group (usually a parent body), its reporting and accountability lines to its parent body and whether it has any limitations placed on its work, or whether it is a group of influence/ advisory body to others. If it does have any delegated powers (e.g. spend) then to state **HOW** it has been given those powers (do not state what those powers are in this section).*

Regarding reporting back to the parent group then this section should state how this is done and if relevant by whom. It should also state how often the group will review the relevance and value of its work and its terms of reference. The terms of reference can only be changed by the body which set this group up.

The Blackpool Children's Trust was created in 2006 as part of the Children and Young People's Plan (Decision EX2/2006 refers). The Plan had at the heart of its delivery mechanism, the Children's Trust, with the intention to promote the integrated delivery of services by all relevant agencies, to fulfil the requirements of Section 10 of the Children Act 2004. This Partnership has developed from the Children’s Trust. From 31 October 2010 the Department for Education withdrew statutory guidance on Children’s Trusts, however the requirement for local authorities and partners to co-operate to improve children’s wellbeing, as set out in section 10 of the Children Act 2004, remains in force and this Partnership is the body which would co-ordinate that.

It is proposed that the Partnership will function as a sub-group of the Health and Wellbeing Board, reporting back to the Board with its recommendations, as appropriate.

Its purpose is to operate as the key strategic group with responsibility for overseeing and shaping the delivery of the children’s health and wellbeing agenda on behalf of the Health and Wellbeing Board and to influence relevant strategies to address wider issues around children’s outcomes.

2. KEY ROLES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES

This section should state its key roles (in brief), responsibilities and the duties assigned to it from the parent body. These key roles and duties should specifically relate back to the purpose of the group and not deviate away from it.

To provide strategic leadership with responsibility for overseeing the delivery of the children’s health and wellbeing agenda on behalf of the Health and Wellbeing Board

The Partnership is responsible for developing and overseeing delivery of a strategy for improving outcomes for children (Children and Young People’s Partnership Strategy 2016-19), taking account of priorities of the Health and Wellbeing Board and evidence in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

The Strategy will address the root causes of poor outcomes through an upstream approach to population change. This will primarily focus on cross-cutting factors which address the health, wellbeing and life chances of children, including poor dental health, factors leading to poor health outcomes, e.g. nutrition, exercise; child and adolescent mental health; poor educational attainment and the primary/secondary school transition; and development in the early years.

Influence relevant strategies to address wider issues around children's outcomes

In delivering the Children and Young People's Partnership Strategy, the role of the Partnership will be to:

- Align partner budgets towards work delivering the priorities;
- Influence the commissioning process;
- Reshape existing plans and services relating to children's outcomes to deliver the transition from downstream to upstream services;
- Ensure services are delivered in a more integrated and effective way.

There are a number of strategies which are planned or being implemented which the Children and Young People's Partnership will need to shape to bring in line with the CYPP Strategy; these are included in its review plan for 2014-16.

The Partnership will assess the scale and nature of impact on children of emerging strategies and bids and ensure that it has the opportunity to influence and make recommendations on these at the earliest stage.

Act as the strategic board for multi-agency co-ordination of partnership bids and projects around children

In order to deliver effectively, the Partnership will act as the strategic board for any national initiatives, projects or funding bids which have improving children's outcomes at their core. This initially includes Head Start and Better Start. Other multi-agency partnership projects will be added as they are developed.

Ensuring evidence-based decision-making and evaluation on children's projects and initiatives

The Children's Strategic Needs Assessment provides the evidence base for the selection of priorities and the Partnership has responsibility for ensuring that it is updated and used to inform priority setting and decision making. A public health approach requires that the actions implemented are proven, or where this is not possible, which have a scientific rationale.

Direct the transition to upstream services

The shift from resource intensive downstream services towards population-level upstream services needs careful oversight of the projects being delivered and the performance indicators identified as being relevant. The Partnership needs to shape the movement of investment between downstream and upstream interventions. Equally, it needs to be able to identify significant gaps in downstream service delivery which may need to be plugged pending the upstream approaches starting to make an impact.

Develop and oversee commissioning arrangements

The Partnership will develop an integrated commissioners' view of the change needed which will include looking at aligned or pooled budget arrangements, and ensuring that funding streams are targeted at initiatives which make the biggest long term impact on improving children's health and wellbeing and life chances.

3. MEMBERSHIP, APPOINTMENTS AND INTERESTS

This section should state who can be a member, how and when and by whom they are they appointed and the duration of the appointment. It should state if the membership of the group is open to anyone else and what the restriction on numbers are. There should be balanced representation from interested organisations and a nominated deputy to attend in the representative's place. If this is not set down then a reason should be stated for this difference.

Cabinet Member, Cabinet Member for School Improvement and Children's Safeguarding (Chairman)
Opposition Member, Vice-Chairman Resilient Communities Scrutiny Committee
Chairman, Safeguarding Children's Board
Director of Public Health, Blackpool Council
Deputy Chief Executive, Blackpool Council
Director of Children's Services, Blackpool Council
Chairman, Clinical Commissioning Group
Chief Operating Officer, Clinical Commissioning Group
Deputy Chief Executive, Blackpool Teaching Hospitals, NHS Foundation Trust
Chief Superintendent, Blackpool Police, Lancashire Constabulary
Director, Better Start
Primary School representative (or Chairman of Schools Forum)
Secondary School representative (or Chairman of Schools Forum)

4. CHAIRING ARRANGEMENTS, FREQUENCY OF AND PROCEDURES FOR THE MEETING AND GOVERNANCE SUPPORT

*This section should set down **WHO** the chairman is and whether they were pre-appointed by the parent body or whether this group appoints them. It should also set down their term of office, if this is set.*

*It should state the frequency of meetings, **HOW MANY** meetings will be held each year and **WHERE** will they be held. It should state brief arrangements for how reports for the agenda are co-ordinated and when the meeting papers will be circulated in advance of the meeting.*

Regarding the format of the meetings, then this section should state any rules of debate and voting arrangements (members or nominated deputies to vote) and whether the chairman has a casting vote. It should also state who will provide secretariat for the group.

The Chairman it is proposed will be the Cabinet Member for School Improvement and Children's Safeguarding by virtue of the Cabinet role. The term of office is not limited – the Chairman will always be the relevant Cabinet Member.

The Partnership meets approximately every two months, usually at the City Learning Centre, Bathurst Avenue, Blackpool, FY3 7RW.

Agenda setting meetings are usually held four weeks before a meeting with the Chairman, Director of People, Corporate Development, Policy and Research Manager and Senior Democratic Governance Adviser. The agenda is then sent out a week before the meeting by the Senior Democratic Services Adviser. There are no formal rules of debate, with the Partnership seeking to seek consensus on issues discussed. If any vote is required it would be by a simple majority vote, with the chairman having a casting vote.

Development of the Children and Young People's Partnership Strategy and Partnership work plan will be led by the Council's Corporate Development Team.

5. SHARING OF INFORMATION, CONFIDENTIALITY ISSUES

This section should state whether the meeting will be held in private or whether it will be open to the public to attend. It should state how group members will share information and resources (and any limitations on these). It should also state whether the papers are confidential and for what reason.

Meetings are not held in public. Papers are confidential, due to the nature of the issues discussed and consideration is also given to strategies in very early draft stage, presented for the Partnership's input before they are formally approved.

6. CONTEXT AND RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER GROUPS

This section will explain the environment to which the group belongs and it will also explain the links and relationships between associated groups and the reason for those relationships.

It is proposed that the Partnership will function as a sub-group of the Health and Wellbeing Board, with recommendations to the Health and Well Being Board.

In addition, Partnership members will take responsibility **within their organisations** for the following aspects of delivering the strategy:

- Provide strategic leadership on children's issues at an organisational and partnership level;
- Promote integrated working on children's initiatives through joined up commissioning plans;
- Ensure that the delivery of positive outcomes for children are considered and wherever appropriate built into the plans and strategies of their organisations;
- Work to ensure the support of their organisations for joint commissioning and pooled budget arrangements

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