

## POST JAR ACTION PLANNING MONITORING GROUP

Tuesday 6 February 2007

2:00pm – 4:00pm

Committee Suite County Hall, Exeter

In attendance: Debbie Pritchard, Deborah Booth, Kevin Peers (item 2), Dave Slocombe, Tim Tod, Miles Hapgood, Martin Spragg, John Barnard, Chris Roberts, Sarah Aggett, Derek Moore, Shona Meek

Apologies: Liam Mcgrath, Colin Mackenzie, Roger Fetherston and Bryan Smith

### 1. Minutes of last meeting

- a. The minutes of the last meeting were amended – Item 3 Risk (to become Item 4) should read “No risk assessment has been received on recommendation 18 not 19”.

**Action: SM**

- b. Workshops for engaging children and young people – following the meeting it had been clarified that these were the usual meetings of the Shadow Scrutiny Committee and Liam would present on the CYPP refresh with them.

- c. No one has contacted Tim Tod re. engagement of children and young people. **Action: SM to follow up with Jessica.**

### 2. Monitoring Processes - Template

Dave Slocombe had developed the original monitoring matrix and put in what information was available from spar.net. This was patchy and not always accurate. The template used by Kevin’s team discussed at the previous meeting had had added outcomes. It had been very well received by the PAT (Performance Assessment Team) chaired by GOSW. It was agreed that Kevin’s template would be used but formatted, as appropriate, to suit the different recommendations. **Action: SM and all lead officers**

**3. Monitoring Process – milestones and outcomes.** Some frustration was expressed at the patchy information and attendance. It was agreed that people have to be accountable – they should either be in attendance, send a representative or submit a written report well in advance of the meeting. The group is not to monitor action by action but to look at exception reporting.

Recommendation One was discussed in some detail as a prototype. Data available showed deteriorating outcomes whilst all milestones were being met. The last data entry was 9/06 but recent returns indicated improvements.

**Action: KP and Debbie Ford to discuss.**

All recommendations were discussed with the following comments.

5d: **Action: KP and CM to discuss.**

The group agreed that the focus on performance indicators was not always helpful. It was necessary to develop proper ways of judging outcomes for children and young people. It was agreed that robust line management for some areas and that the development of a

joint response through the Axs pathways needed to build on this. Lessons can be learnt for the children and young people's plan in relation to clear indicators.

It was agreed that some adjustments may be required to dates. All Lead Officers need to look at their dates to make sure they are rational and make sense. Changes in dates will be reported back to the next meeting of JAR monitoring for agreement.

**Action: lead officers**

Chris Roberts suggested that the plan is not changed but that the last box of the monitoring template is changed to state the revised date of completion and the reasons for this.

It has been agreed that DAP will attend PAT meetings to discuss the progress on JAR recommendations but that sometimes the specialist for recommendations will be invited.

Recommendation 10 - Miles' name should be removed from recommendation 10 – Advocacy. Tenders went out today and this is therefore on track.

Recommendation 12 - Chris reported that the Lead Partner Agency should be DCC not the LSC. CR should be the accountable officer and the LO should be Mike Young. **Action: SM**

Recommendation 13: - **High risk**. The partnership agencies are considering cash or help in kind for the programme office. Discussions continue re. a business analyst from Devon PCT and a Project Lead for Joint Commissioning. It was expected that the office would include a range of skills covering a range of functions including the Joint Commissioning Unit. It was agreed that this needed communicating as there were misunderstandings.

**Action: Liam**

The concern remains about how quickly these posts are recruited to. The Children's Trust Governance is now out for consultation and is on the website. Feedback has been good but there are concerns over not reaching broad enough representation from minor interest stakeholders e.g. faith communities. The performance management framework is ambitious.

Recommendation 18: - **High risk** - It was understood that Pat Clewer could be picking up this area for the future. The District Council lead remains a challenge.

**Action: DAP and MS to meet to pursue.**

Recommendation 19: The draft communications strategy has been produced but not sure how far this has been circulated. The draft benefits management strategy and the risk and issues log have also been produced but not shared. It was not clear that these actions addressed the recommendation and there was discussion of what was meant and what could be reasonably managed given the plethora of pilots.

It was agreed that multi-agency pilots that are linked to the objectives of the Children and Young People's Plan are logged for evaluation and potential roll-out implications in order to achieve a strategic handle.

**Action: Liam**

#### 4. Resources

John Barnard reported that the CYPS base budget of £86.9million had had an additional £3.7million (the level of overspend at month 6) and £1million for JAR for carers breaks and direct payments. £4million had been removed for savings. CYPS budgets are down by 2%

across the board and will be year on year. It was expected that a saving of £1 ½ million will be made through reducing the demand for residential placements. Part of the overspend was created by direct payments.

No Lead Officers have yet contacted JPB to say that they have resource problems.

Miles reported that the latest public deficit for health is £10.45 million. The budget has not yet been agreed for the next financial year. JAR related growth bids have been submitted. The budget is precarious.

#### 5. Revision of CYPP

Liam's paper on the refresh on the Children and Young People's Plan was circulated prior to the meeting and noted.

#### Dates of Future Meetings:

28 February 2007 2:00pm – 4:00pm, Committee Suite at County Hall, Exeter

20 March 2007 2:00pm – 4:00pm, Larkbeare House, Topsham Road, Exeter

4 April 2007 10:00am - 12:00noon, Committee Suite at County Hall, Exeter

25 April 2007 2:00pm – 4:00pm, Committee Suite at County Hall, Exeter