

# **VOCAL – Children, Young People and Families Forum**

A meeting for voluntary organisations, community groups and social enterprises (VCSE's) working with children, young people and families in Salford.



A VCSE forum facilitated by Salford CVS

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## **1. Children and Young People's Trust Board**

**Date of Meeting: 19<sup>th</sup> April**

**Name of Reps: Louise Murray and Phil East**

Presentations were received on the Salford Partnership Review and from HealthWatch and Salford Young Carers on [research with young people in Salford into their emotional health and well-being needs](#). The Board agreed to support the findings of the research and some of the findings have already been incorporated into the 0-25 emotional health and well-being pathway. Work is being developed to design accessible on-line information on emotional health and well-being and schools now have a linked CAMHS adviser.

Wiktorija Matuszewska and Charlotte Godfrey attended their first meeting representing the Youth Parliament. A Young Mayor's Employment Standards Charter was reviewed and will be launched shortly.

Priority Action Reports: The report on teenage conception rates noted that since 1998 the rates have fallen by 49.1% the best ever recorded. The Anti-Bullying survey findings show that fewer young people have experienced bullying and more young people feel safe from bullying in 2015 in comparison to the previous year. More organisations took part in the annual Anti-Bullying Conference which addressed the issue of online bullying.

The Trust's annual development session was scheduled for Tuesday 7 June but then postponed. The session will focus on refreshing the Priority Actions.

An update on education outcomes showed that Early Years outcomes are improving and KS1 and KS2 outcomes in primary schools are very strong. KS4 outcomes are a key concern and fall below the national average.

It was agreed that the Seldom Heard Young People Event will go ahead in October 2016.

From 1 May, the Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Inspection could take place. The Local Authority will receive five days' notice and the inspection will involve partners from Health, Social Care and Education.

The [Early Help and Neglect Summit](#) on 26 May and 8 June was promoted to all partners.

A public summary of the CYPT Board meeting is available [here](#)

## **2. Salford Safeguarding Children Board**

**Date of Meetings: 16<sup>th</sup> May**

**Name of Rep: Louise Murray**

An annual review of progress of the Family Nurse Partnership was presented. This service provides intensive home visiting support for young parents until their child is 2 years old and is specified by national government following an American model. There have been some strong outcomes and feedback from young parents. Progress on self-harm prevention was reviewed and as part of this a new provider, Odd Arts, were commissioned by Salford CCG to deliver self-harm workshops to schools in February and March 2016. The 'Spiralling Mind' drama was delivered to 2,040 predominantly year 9 students and was created and delivered by Odd Arts with assistance from young people from 42<sup>nd</sup> St. The performance focussed on coping methods for dealing with stress followed up by workshops and lesson plans for teachers.

An update on domestic abuse was provided which also includes a drama early intervention/prevention approach, [Black Eyes and Cottage Pie](#) about domestic abuse in intimate teenage relationships.

### **3. SSCB Coordination and Delivery Group**

**Date of Meeting: 18<sup>th</sup> April**

**Name of Rep: Shelley Lewis**

Apologies were sent to this meeting. Next meeting 20<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

### **4. SSCB Training Sub Group**

**Date of Meeting: 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

**Name of Reps: Alison Jones**

The Annual Training report 2015 – 2016 was on the agenda. There is a need to compare numbers from the voluntary sector attending SSCB courses with the previous year. There are no current free E learning licenses available through the SSCB. Alison fed back on the Designated Person Training which had been delivered with successful outcomes. A seminar on children affected by gang violence is being developed. SSCB Training is being categorised into levels, and CVS will need to identify where the SSCB verified training they deliver to the voluntary and community sector sits. The SSCB Basic Awareness course now covers adult safeguarding as well as children's safeguarding.

### **5. SSCB Neglect Strategy Task and Finish group**

**Date of Meeting: 25<sup>th</sup> April**

**Name of Rep: Shelley Lewis**

### **6. Anti-Bullying and e-safety**

**Date of Meeting:**

**Name of Reps: Paul Moran**

Apologies were sent to this meeting.

### **7. CSE Steering Group**

**Date of Meeting: 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

**Name of Reps: Wendy Priscott**

CSE Steering Group is now chaired by DCI Chris Walker. Salford will adopt the GM CSE Policy, however as this is quite generic there will be a Salford pathway/operational handbook developed alongside this. The handbook will include information and recommendations from the recent CSE audit as well as from voluntary sector, education, young people and parents. The handbook will be brought to the July Steering group meeting and further details of the Operational Handbook will be shared with VOCAL once it has been completed.

CSE training has been reduced from two days to one day, and a half day basic awareness seminar has also been introduced. Due to the demand and management of this, it is proposed that ½ day Overt and Protect seminars are included each quarter which will also include updating professionals and organisations regarding the Salford Profile/progress of CSE Strategy. It was felt that although many of the training days are over subscribed many attending did not need two days of training.

The need to increase CSE awareness within the community was identified within the CSE Salford audit. DCI Walker will review this with the Avert team and through meeting with Protect. An action plan around this area will be developed within the updated CSE strategy/action plan and further discussed at the CSE steering group re roles and responsibilities.

## **8. Emotional Health and Well-being Partnership**

**Date of Meeting: 14<sup>th</sup> June**

**Name of Rep: Lucy Sutcliffe** (Salford CVS 0-25 Project Research and Development Worker)

Lucy attended the EHWP Partnership meeting for the first time as the VOCAL CYPF Rep to this partnership. Amelia Lee from the Proud Trust gave a presentation of the draft report from the piece of work that has been looking into children and young people who are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or Transgender (LGBT) and how they have experienced the support and health services available in Salford. 42<sup>nd</sup> Street and the IYSS LGBT Youth Group at the Beacon centre were evidenced to be a very positive experience, GP and health services varied and CAMHS was mixed; more research will take place because it had been hard to engage the service. The recommendations so far were promising and the voice of LGBT youth was clear in the report so engagement with the service users was effective. One recommendation was to have more group work for emotional support- this would provide a good support while on a waiting list and may be enough for some needs. This reflects the 'early help' focus in the city.

The other main focus in the meeting was to input into and reflect on the Salford Ambitions for CYP EHWP - Gold Standard. One key part of this is that the LA has stated the ambition: "Voluntary and community sector capacity is developed and harnessed to support children's and young people's emotional health and wellbeing."

## **9. 0-25 Integrated Support Board**

**Date of Meeting: 10th June**

**Name of Rep: Louise Murray with back-up cover from Phil East**

The meeting focused on the Albion Locality pilot. A 'hackathon' event was held on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> April. This enabled students from Albion Academy to meet intensively with members of the business community to develop innovative projects. The hackathon was called 'FACT Salford' (Fuelling Ambitions Creatively Together) and was held at The Landing, MediaCityUK. As a result of the two days of intensive work, five small teams of young people are working with the business community to develop the following projects:

- *Team Zeon*. An app to enable young people to book and use leisure and recreation facilities during quiet periods at discounted rates.
- *Vindictive Gamers*. A social gaming business that would generate income from publishing video content on gaming.
- *Chosen Generation*. A 'pop-up' youth club concept, bringing together young people from different backgrounds and faiths to socialise and plan young people's activities in a safe space.
- *Digibodies*. An app that encourages a healthy lifestyle by showing other young people the harmful effects of an unhealthy lifestyle on the body
- *Jobs4U*. An app that would allow users to access work experience opportunities and to learn about different types of jobs, either through watching content on the app or through finding a real world work experience opportunity.

A film clip of the day can be viewed at <http://youtu.be/A92hdKa-c10> and you can follow the progress of the projects on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/FACTsalford](http://www.facebook.com/FACTsalford)

A number of issues and opportunities are already emerging from this project, including:

- Behavioural insights: how can the projects be used to change people in the medium and longer term so that there is less dependence on and need for services in the future?
- Parental involvement: how can parents be meaningfully involved in the projects so that there is a 'trickle down' through the wider community and to ensure positive messages and insights are reinforced at home?
- Entrepreneurship. Many young people show the latent capacities to be entrepreneurs in the future. However, we don't have a pathway that prepares young people to be entrepreneurs (rather than to enter further education or to get a job). How could this be changed?
- Relationships/ services. Many of our young people don't lack 'services' what they lack is the networks and relationships that enable them to get on and forge new opportunities
- Aspiration/ resilience. Many of our young people are already hugely aspirational. What they lack is the resilience or grit to keep going when circumstances are tough and challenging.

A draft of the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the briefing newsletter for professionals regarding the 0-25 transformation was presented and is due for distribution shortly.

## **10. Children's Commissioners**

**Date of Meeting: 13<sup>th</sup> April**

**Name of Rep: Louise Murray**

Louise gave an update to Childrens Commissioners on the Grants for Good campaign <https://www.dsc.org.uk/grants-for-good-2/> and there was a discussion about the value of grants as one part of a commissioning strategy. Commissioners were also updated on the [VOCAL Leaders Manifesto](#) which was launched at [Salford CVS's Brave New World Revisited Conference](#). Ongoing work is taking pace to clarify guidance for insurance requirements on providers with SCC contracts.

## **11. Voice of the Child**

**Date of Meeting: 25<sup>th</sup> May**

**Name of Rep: Graham Cooper**

Apologies were given to this meeting.

## **12. The Bridge Strategic Partnership Board**

**Date of Meeting: 17<sup>th</sup> June – meeting cancelled**

**Next Meeting: 29<sup>th</sup> July**

**Name of Rep: Phil East**

## **13. Youth Day Steering group**

**Dates of Meetings:**

**Name of Reps: Louise Murray**

**Salford Youth Day 2016 will be Friday 12 August** to coincide with International Youth Day. This year's Youth Day will be bigger and better than ever! **We are encouraging as many organisations as possible to brand their summer activities with young people under the Youth Day banner.** Youth

Day is on 12 August but we promote activity throughout the summer holidays. Remember that Youth Day is about celebrating young people's contributions to Salford (see aims below\*).

We would also like to promote your activities as part of Youth Day, including publicity online, press releases and so on. If you would like to take part in this we will need to hear from you by 11 July. Send your event information to [youthday@salford.gov.uk](mailto:youthday@salford.gov.uk). We need to know the name of the activity, date, start and finish time, venue including address and directions, and which group of young people you are targeting e.g. age, area ...



This year's **Youth Day Launch Party** is Thursday 11 August 6-8pm and if you have branded your event as a Youth Day event (and told us!) you will be able to bring a small group of young people to the party. This will include food, music and the premiere of the "Salford's Inspiring Young People" film. Please let us know if you would like an invite to the Youth Day Launch Party when you send us your event information.

*\*Aims of Youth Day 2016:*

- *Celebrate the positive contribution young people (11-25) make to life in Salford.*
- *Build a positive perception of young people in the eyes of the general public.*
- *Young people design and deliver and take leadership roles in key events for Salford.*

## **14. VOCAL CYPF Reps March 2016**

Following the ballot at the VOCAL meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> November all current VOCAL Reps were re - elected and in addition Hayley Berry, Independent Living Adviser with Penderels Trust was newly elected to the role. VOCAL - Children, Young people and Families now has 8 elected representatives and 2 staff from Salford CVS who represent at the following meetings:

### **Children's Trust Board**

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### **Helping Families/The Bridge Partnership Strategic Group**

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### **Emotional Health and Well Being Partnership**

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### **Children's' Commissioners**

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**SSCB Neglect Strategy**

Shelley Lewis, The Fed

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Graham Cooper, The Broughton Trust

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Tuesday 6th September	10am – 12 noon	St Sebastians Community Centre
Tuesday 15th November	10am – 12 noon	St Sebastians Community Centre