

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

November 2016 Partnerships Update

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1. Children and Young People's Trust Board

Date of Meeting: 20th September 2016

Name of Rep: Phil East

Members of the Youth Council attended to update us on their plans for this year's **Seldom Heard Event** which was due to take place on Thursday 20 October at Eccles College. This year the target audience was years 6 and 7 pupils. Six high schools and their feeder primary schools had been chosen to attend. To support and strengthen the pledges that were to be made by the City Leaders the young people involved would create a community manifesto. Once again, Paul Moran was taking the lead role in co-ordinating this event, on behalf of VOCAL.

Youth Day took place for the fifth year on 12 August and was a huge success. We heard about events that took place within the community and how the day was well supported via social media. We agreed that an evaluation report will come to our next meeting.

We heard an update on a series of workshops being developed by the Youth Council as part of the national campaign '**Don't Hate Educate**'. The workshops will look at Lesbian Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT), religion, racism and prejudice and will be offered to our secondary schools.

We noted an update on **Early Help**. A new 0-19 Health Service is being developed to integrate Health Visiting, Family Nurse Partnership (FNP) and School Nurses. We also noted the statistics for the Family Nurse Partnership programme.

The 0-25 **Emotional Health and Wellbeing** Test Case continues to progress. We heard about a Community Eating Disorder Service that is being developed that will go live next April, the creation of dedicated web pages to support young people will be hosted on the **WUU2 site** and will go live at the end of September and the **Emotional Health Directory** has been launched via the partnership site.

We noted progress with the Youth Partnership Group; a paper is currently being drafted and will be circulated to partners. Councillor Lisa Stone will chair the meeting. We want to ensure we continue to work together to provide the best possible youth provision. Historically, this has been a 'hot topic' for our sector.

The annual **Development Session** was due to take place on Tuesday 18 October. This has now been rescheduled for 22nd November. We will look at what is going well, where we need to improve and review our priorities. After discussion with VOCAL Reps, Louise Murray and Phil East have sent a written submission on our sector's priorities for children and young people to Cllr Stone. Louise and Phil are also meeting with Cllr Stone on 29th November.

A public summary of the meeting can be found here:

[http://www.partnersinsalford.org/documents/Salford_CYP_Trust - 20 September 2016 - Summary of September meeting.pdf](http://www.partnersinsalford.org/documents/Salford_CYP_Trust_-_20_September_2016_-_Summary_of_September_meeting.pdf)

2. Salford Safeguarding Children Board

Date of Meeting: 17th October

Name of Rep: Louise Murray

The **Salford Safeguarding Standards** have been revised to include standards for working with vulnerable adults. A report summarising the Standards was presented to the SSCB for approval at this meeting with a proposal to pilot and gather feedback from VCSE's over a 12 month period. This was agreed.

The theme of this Board meeting was Domestic Abuse.

Between 12 and 16 September 2016, Ofsted, the Care Quality Commission (CQC), HMI Constabulary (HMIC) and HMI Probation (HMI Probation) undertook a **joint inspection of the multi-agency response to abuse and neglect in Salford**. The board received feedback on the Joint Targeted Area Inspection and noted that there was strong feedback on strengths and that an 'areas for improvement plan' will drive further changes. Extracts from the published report highlight that:

"This inspection included a 'deep dive' focus on the response to children living with domestic abuse. **A strong, committed multi-agency partnership in Salford prioritises children living with domestic abuse and promotes a culture of continuous improvement.** There is a good understanding of the prevalence of domestic abuse in Salford and this informs strategic thinking. The partnership has a very positive approach to developing initiatives locally to maximise their benefit to children and families within Salford. The Community Safety Partnership (CSP) supported by the Salford Safeguarding Children Board (SSCB) rigorously promotes, coordinates and prioritises the work of all statutory partners around domestic abuse. Improvements to training and learning opportunities are evident, but these have not yet had the intended impact. There remain inconsistencies in decision making and practice by staff across the partnership when working with children living with domestic abuse. In all agencies we found that staff are not consistently confident or sufficiently skilled and knowledgeable in this challenging area of practice. The partnership is committed to evaluating the quality of multi-agency work, but the performance monitoring arrangements are not yet sufficiently robust and therefore the partnership is not able to understand fully the quality of frontline practice. This leads to a gap between strategic intent and the quality of frontline practice in some critical areas. Effective responses were seen through the use of

early help interventions to meet the needs of some children and their families. Some excellent work was seen in gathering the views of children and young people in children's social care and in early help services. However, deficits in practice were seen in children in need and child protection cases. A lack of effective information sharing and comprehensive assessment of risk meant that the day-to-day experience of the child was not consistently understood by professionals in all cases."

The full published report can be accessed here:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/563376/Joint_targeted_aea_inspection_of_the_multi-agency_response_to_abuse_and_neglect_in_Salford.pdf

The SSCB noted that the OPCC has launched a Sitting Right with You Campaign to address domestic abuse <http://www.sittingrightwithyou.co.uk/>

Printed posters are not available but posters can be downloaded and printed:



Domestic Abuse -
A4 Poster - VICTIMS

The **Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP) annual report** was presented to the meeting. There were 22 child deaths in Salford during the previous year with 57% of these amongst children from the most deprived quintile. Modifiable factors included: co-sleeping, mothers who smoked in pregnancy, low birth weight. Improvements to address these issues are being led by Public Health across the North West and a local action planning meeting will target improvements for Salford.

Kay Davidson presented a report on **Young People and Custody in Salford**. There has been a reduction in the numbers of young people in Salford being taken into police custody and improved arrangements are in place for appropriate adults which have had a positive impact. It was noted that some of the Salford young people in custody have committed very serious crimes and have therefore got more lengthy sentences.

Information about the SSCB is available here:

<http://www.partnersinsalford.org/sscb/abouttheboard.htm>

3. CSE Steering Group

Date of Meeting: 5th October

Name of Rep: Wendy Priscott

No major decisions were made at the meeting as due to a late change of times there was minimal attendance at the meeting. Final changes are being made to 1 minute guide and Salford pathways/operational handbook. CSE champions/key leads have been requested from statutory agencies. Dates of meetings will be changed to coincide with performance data meetings. Performance management data on Child Sexual Exploitation will then be used to inform the work of the group. E learning on CSE is now available on Salford Safeguarding Childrens Board website:

<http://www.partnersinsalford.org/sscb/externalelearningcourses.htm>

4. 0-25 Pilot (West): Model for Integrating VCSE's

This was presented to the last VOCAL meeting and aims to provide a model for Locality Teams to integrate with voluntary organisations, community groups and social enterprises (VCSE's) as part of the 0-25 transformation. Progress since then has included the delivery of a successful community open day

on 9th November at the Little Hulton Childrens Centre. This was well attended and has received positive feedback. Work swaps and use of the Joint Working Protocol will continue to be rolled out as part of the pilot. Please contact Louise Murray at Salford CVS if your organisation would like to be involved.

Timescale:

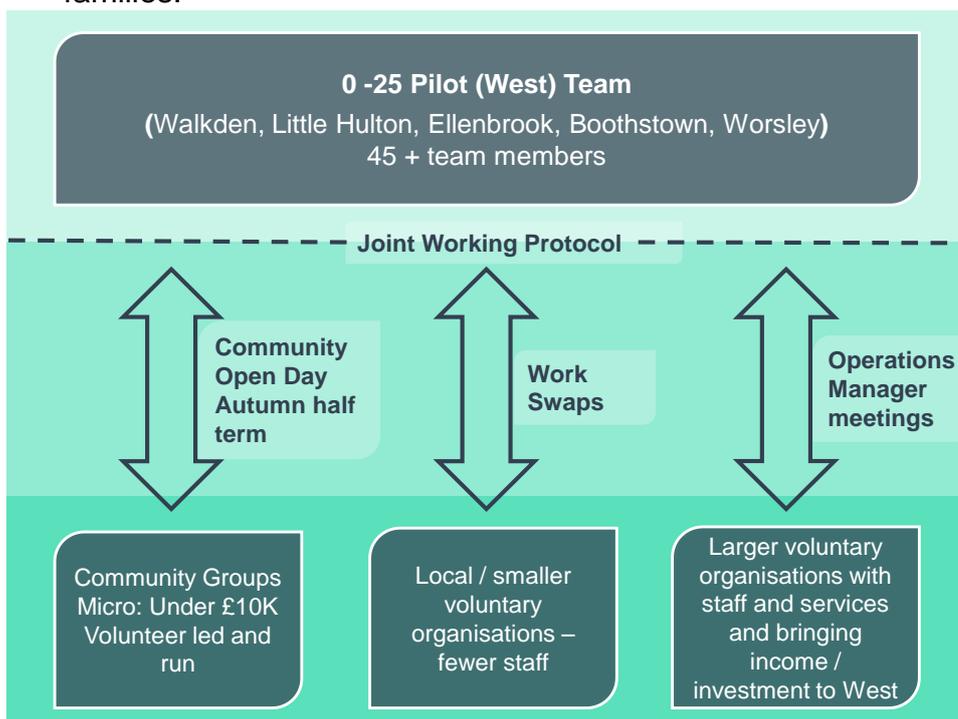
- Agree model July – August 2016
- Launch to VCSEs and 0-25 Pilot (West) Team – September 2016
- Roll out – September-December 2016
- Evaluate – January-February 2017

Locality Team will:

1. Develop relationships with local VCSEs working with children, young people and families
2. Understand the community offer¹, identify how to support it and link into it
3. Identify any potential gaps in the local VCSE offer to children/ young people and families

Community Groups, Voluntary Organisations and Social Enterprises will:

1. Have the opportunity to promote their activities
2. Understand the work of the 0-25 Team (West) and how to link into it
3. Have the opportunity for further training and development e.g. safeguarding, family assessment and team around the child(TAC)
4. Be able to access informal advice from 0-25 Team regarding the support of families/ children/ young people
5. Help identify potential gaps in the 0-25 Team offer to children/ young people and families.



¹The community offer refers to the activities and services that are available to Salford families from community groups, voluntary organisations and social enterprises

5. VOCAL CYPF Reps November 2016

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6. VOCAL CYPF Meetings 2017

Dates to be confirmed.

Proposal to meet Tuesday mornings, 10am – 12 noon, St Sebastians Community Centre.

March, June, September, November
