

# CAMBRIDGESHIRE CHILDREN'S TRUST BOARD MEETING 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2010 REPORT FROM BRIDGET SMITH (Italics are used when the work of South Cambs DC is implicated)

## 1. MATTERS ARISING

The following items have been added to the work plan of the trust:-

- Transport and young people (YP)
- Mental health services for Children and YP
- Impact of the withdrawal of universal youth provision –*we need to keep an eye on this as it will mean the loss of youth clubs etc in our villages.*
- The LSCB annual report (Local safeguarding children's board) –South Cambridgeshire and City Area Partnership report on disaffection and deprivation in relation to gypsy and traveller children – *I shall be querying why the whole report is not being discussed*
- Areas of deprivation in otherwise affluent areas linked to the withdrawal of universal youth provision – *again this is most likely to relate to South Cambs.*

## 2. UPDATE FROM CAMBRIDGESHIRE LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD

The 2009 review of the LSCB was extremely critical and identified a lack of strategic direction and isolation from mainstream services. Its structure was seen to be overly complex and significant changes were needed to meet additional statutory requirements. They are currently awaiting reports from Ofsted on 4 of serious case reviews submitted in December 2009.

## 3. PARTICIPATION OF FAMILIES – CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE, PARENTS AND CARERS IN THE WORK OF THE TRUST.

B Smith and Cllr Clair Blair have been endorsed as Participation Champions on the board and will play a part in ensuring effective pathways between parent, carers and families through to the CTB and that service provision is meeting needs.

## 4. ANNUAL PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT

This is an independent report from the Director of Public Health. It describes key statistics relating to the area and makes 6 recommendations for maintaining and improving health.

Points that may be of interest:-

- The population of South Cambs is predicted to increase by 20.6% between 2008 and 2021 (13% for whole county).
- South Cambs residents' life expectancy is the highest in the county
- 56 000 people in Cambs (total popn 605 000) are known to suffer from depression (1 in 5/6) (and of those 45 000 began their illness before 18 – additional information from Prof Ian Goodyear)
- 77,000 people have high blood pressure, 22,000 diabetes, 19,000 coronary heart disease – all lifestyle conditions
- Only 15.5% of the population of Cambridgeshire adopt all 4 healthy lifestyle behaviours ( non smoking, drinking within recommended limits, 5 portions of fruit and veg, high physical activity)
- *A new recommendation states that – 'all public sector organisations should be actively involved in promoting them (4 healthy behaviours). This involves creating environments and workplaces which make it easy to choose these behaviours, as well as a more direct approach.' I suggest that this is discussed further by cabinet and council.*

## 5. CAMBRIDGESHIRE STRATEGY TO TACKLE HEALTH INEQUALITIES

This report also comes from the Director of Public Health. Tackling health inequalities is a national and local priority and is included in the LAA. The strategic aims are:-

- To decrease health inequalities in the most socio economically deprived areas of Cambs

- To decrease access inequalities that impact on health and wellbeing.
- *To decrease health inequalities experienced by vulnerable groups – this could mean that we need to revisit the issue of a transit site near to Addenbrookes.*
- *SCDC is referred to significantly in the Framework for Action especially in relation to 2.2 Access to a healthy Lifestyle, 2.3 improve access to information.*

## **6. ESTABLISHING A STRATEGIC COMMISSIONING APPROACH FOR THE CTB**

*I requested that budget priorities be determined early (August) so that we can set our own budgets to allow for them. The other local authorities agreed with this.*

## **7. EVERY DISABLED CHILD MATTERS PRIMARY CARE TRUST CHARTER**

The CTB agreed to sign up to this charter.

## **8. AGREEMENT OF CHILDREN'S WORKFORCE STRATEGY YEAR 2 ACTIONS**

*There was a lot of discussion about us and other DCs not joining the steering group of the CWS. I asked what the benefits were and the only one they could clarify was access to joint training opportunities. I suggest that this may not be a good enough reason and perhaps Cabinet might like to suggest that we access appropriate training from them without being on the board.*

## **9. REVIEW OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE PLAN**

There was too much information to detail here but note that there were a lot of amber and quite a few red areas.

*Of particular interest to SCAMBS:-*

*Areas of development for the trust:-*

- *Consistent support at both strategic and operational levels for play and positive activities would ensure effective progress can be made for C and YP, with comparable support from key partners such as district councils.*
- *Improve communication between the partners providing positive activities including sport and leisure in order to minimise duplication or competing demands.*
- *Build on the development work underway to secure reduced transport costs to help teenagers access positive activities.*
- *Consider how potential changes to partners' funding impacts on play and positive activities.*