1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

County Cllr Andrea Kay welcomed everyone to the meeting and informed the Board that Sean Bullen will be resigning after the March Board meeting. Following a request for another representative, the Deputy Headteacher at Millfield School will be taking over as Secondary School representative on the Board.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Apologies for absence were noted as above.

3. NOTES OF MEETING HELD 11 DECEMBER 2012 - ACCURACY AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the meeting on 11 December 2012 were approved as an accurate record. The following matters were noted:

- District Profiles will be available shortly.

The Wyre CYP Trust Board agreed:

- To identify key priorities for the next year’s action plan, following receipt of Wyre’s District Profile.

4. SELF-ASSESSMENT RESPONSES

A few responses had been received to the Partnership Self-Assessment. However, as there had not been a response from the majority of members on the Board, a discussion took place around Wyre CYP Trust Board’s response. The following issues were identified as areas for improvement:

- Representatives on the Board being able to determine resources of their organisation
- Sufficient time for relevant discussions and decision-making
- Active participation of children and young people across the Trust
- Taking account of the views of children and young people when making decisions
- Procedures for managing and monitoring pooled resources

It was also noted that stronger links are needed with Schools and wider engagement with children and young people, in addition to established links with the Youth Council.

The Wyre CYP Trust Board agreed:

- To confirm in writing Sean Bullen’s resignation and replacement of Secondary School representative by the Deputy Head at Millfield School
- To contact the McKee to confirm their representation on the Board
- To contact Ela Wort and confirm her role as Primary School representative on the Board and write to all Primary School Headteachers to seek a deputy representative
- To contact Primary Schools to link with the Pupil Parliaments and School Councils through the Youth Strategy

5. UNDERSTANDING SCHOOLS DATA

ACTION BY

Charlotte Delaney/All Members

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Celia Davies attended to provide a briefing on Performance Data for Schools in Wyre. The document, ‘Performance Data – Wyre 2012’, will be updated shortly to include attendance information and Key Stage 4 figures, as this data is not currently available. Secondary School attendance was an issue in the previous year’s data for Wyre, therefore when this information is available, the Board will need to consider this.

The overall picture in Wyre is positive, with outcomes often above Lancashire averages, but there is wide variation across Wyre. Celia highlighted the following key issues:

- The gender gap is starting earlier in early years.
- Although there are fewer eligible for free school meals (FSM) in Wyre, this has increased.
- The Pupil Premium is increasing from £600 this year to £900 next year and then £1200 the following year. The funding is not ringfenced, but there is increased accountability for schools in how they administer it. This is a key area for the Trust to consider, particularly if more children are falling into the poverty trap, including those outside of the Fleetwood area.
- At Key Stage 1, the gap in reading between pupils eligible for FSM and those not eligible has widened and is an issue for schools which may not previously have been set up to provide additional support.
- At Key Stage 2, the gender gap is one of the highest in Lancashire, but the gap between those eligible for FSM and those not eligible has reduced considerably.
- Exclusions at primary school has reduced.
- There has been an increase in the number of ethnic minorities moving in to Wyre, mainly from Eastern Europe.

Priority areas for Wyre are:

- The gap in attainment between boys and girls
- The gap in attainment between pupils eligible for free school meals and those not eligible – More support is needed for families, particularly those falling in to the poverty trap within schools which are not as used to dealing with this.

The Chair thanked Celia Davies for attending the Board and outlining the key issues within Education for Wyre.

6. SAFEGUARDING DATA AND CHILDREN IN CARE

Louise Storey and Bev Frank attended and circulated a report on ‘The Change in the number of Looked After Children: Wyre District’ (attached).
Wyre has seen the largest decrease in looked after children, compared to the rest of Lancashire. Therefore, the issue for Wyre is not about reducing the number of children in care. The following key issues were highlighted:

- There are no children coming into care under 1 year old. This is the age when the majority of children come in to care, as they are at their most vulnerable. There will be complex reasons for this and Louise Storey is looking at thresholds and also referrals, for example from Blackpool Vic Hospital to see if more should be coming in to care.

- Children are coming in to care too late in Wyre, at 7 – 11 years old and later for boys. These children are less likely to settle in care and more likely to have poor outcomes. Sarah Beattie commented that this is also reflected in more exceptional cases for specialist services.

- There is also a high number of adoption breakdowns, as the older children are coming in to care, the more damaged they are and the greater the attachment issues.

Louise Storey also informed the Board of a new central Edge of Care Service which aims to keep the number of older children coming in to care down. There are only 7 places for Fylde and Wyre and 3 have already been referred in.

There was a discussion about whether the focus should be on commissioning to address issues for older children coming in to care or to focus on the early years. It was agreed that identification of why young children are not coming in to care is key.

The Chair thanked Louise Storey and Bev Frank for attending the Board and outlining the key issues within Safeguarding and Children in Care.

7. EARLY SUPPORT

Jackie Gibson confirmed that funding from the Schools Forum has been agreed to aid the delivery of Early Support for families. As the new commissioning arrangements will be in place by September 2013, funding has been agreed at £40,000 to fund Early Support from April to September 2013. The Board had previously agreed at the December meeting to extend Barnardos contract to cover the interim period, until the new commissioning arrangements are in place.

The Wyre CYP Trust Board agreed:
- To arrange a meeting to agree the Board’s expectations of Barnardos in delivering the 6 month extension to their contract

Charlotte Delaney

8. SAFEGUARDING
Standing item. There were no issues to update the Board on.

9. **UPDATE ON YOUTH RELATED MATTERS**

Chris Ingham provided an updated on Youth related matters:
- The Summer Holidays Programme for 2013 will need to focus more on targeted activities.
- £60,000 has been approved for Milton Street, Wyre's Youth Zone, to create youth facilities. YOT will be the main partner, with other agencies having touch down facilities. The School will be leaving the upstairs of Milton Street in the summer. Tenders are starting to be looked at for the Youth Provision upstairs. Plans are available to see, if Board members are interested. YPS are currently working with young people to agree on the youth facilities downstairs.
- A list of partners has been developed for the Youth Strategy group.
- Young People’s participation has been considered by the Youth Council, following discussions with Charlotte Delaney. There were suggestions that the current Young People’s Question Time event is widened out to the Extended Partnership, but the Youth Council are concerned that they would lose the link with Wyre Councillors. It has, therefore, been suggested that a wider partnership meeting is held with the Youth Council twice a year, as they are keen to involve the CYP Trust.

10. **WYRE CYP TRUST ACTION PLAN 2012/13**

Updates to Action Plan as circulated.

11. **WORKING TOGETHER WITH FAMILIES UPDATE**

Information on the first claim to the Troubled Families Unit was circulated (attached). This claim shows good results for the North area overall. Wyre has made shown some positive results, especially considering the number of families to be worked with in Wyre is considerably lower than in Lancaster.

At the last Integrated Working Group meeting on 14 January, Lynne Smith, from the Via Partnership, attended to discuss referrals to the ESF Families Programme (a Department for Work and Pensions / ESF funded programme aimed at supporting individuals to overcome barriers which prevent them from going into or moving towards work). It is hoped that referrals will start to come in now. In Wyre, 41 families are currently being worked with or considered for action and a further 30 families has just been circulated to begin identifying what action is needed.
12. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

County Cllr Andrea Kay proposed changing the start time for meetings to 3.30pm in future.

**The Wyre CYP Trust Board agreed:**
- To change the start time for future Board meetings to 3.30 pm.

13. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

12 Mar 2013  3.30 pm  Committee Rm 1, Wyre Civic Centre