

Minutes

Children's Integrated Commissioning Group

Weds 4th March 2009

Meeting Room, Level 10, Oldham Civic Centre

Present:	Alan Lee (Chair)	Oldham Council
	Neil Stott	Oldham Council - Finance
	Ed Francis	Oldham Council
	Jane Hughes	Oldham HUB
	Shirley Allen	Oldham Partnership Support Team
	Mark Connolly	Action for Children
	Anne Nikolaou	Oldham Council
	Simone Spray	Oldham Council

Apologies:
K. McCabe L.Nelson
T.Broadbent J. Beaumont

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1. Minutes of Last Meeting 6thrd February and Matters Arising.

Young Carers Tender. Mark Connolly left the room whilst Shirley updated the group on the fact that there were three organisations who had tendered for the project.

Localities/ Neighbourhoods. Following the circulation of the paper presented by Maria Greenwood at CfC Strategy Group, there was group discussion about where the CYP agenda sat within overall Council strategy. Bruce Penhale was working on an overarching strategy which should set the direction of travel.

2. Area Based Grant 2008/9.

The latest financial data was considered. The biggest area of concern was a projected £63,000 underspend against school workforce. There was consideration of what was legitimate to claim against this money and whether next year there should be a reduced allocation. **Shirley and Neil to look at spend against this budget.**

Other underspends highlighted were:-

Care Matters – to be uplifted next year, Mark confirmed that the LAC Service Delivery Partnership were working on a spend profile.

Child Death Review – dependant on number of reviews held.

School Travel – approval to carry forward underspend.

Alan queried where we were up to on the new Children's Fund funded posts. Ed confirmed they were in the system (freeze panel) for filling.

3. Area Based Grant Allocations 2009/10 and 2010/11.

Ed outlined that at the next meeting, detailed consideration was needed in relation to project/activity allocations for the next two years.

Issues such as outturn from this year, emerging priorities, new bids etc were to be considered alongside already committed expenditure and available resources.

It was confirmed that Shirley could formally confirm funding of VCS projects based on decisions made at previous ICG's. In respect of funding within the Council, managers had been informed that for planning purposes they should assume twelve months funding at this year's level. Final allocations could be determined after next month's ICG.

Ed circulated a list of known potential areas of spend against ABG for information – these would be considered more fully next time.

Shirley and Team to issue confirmatory letters to VCS funded projects.

Shirley flagged up the consultation around LAA Reward Grant, to which we were invited to contribute.

4. Early Childhood Services Funding.

Ed reminded the group of the proposal for the allocation and spend against the Sure Start, Early Years and Childcare Grant to be overseen by the ICG as part of the governance arrangements agreed with Maria Greenwood. He gave a printout showing details of funding for 2009/10 so that the group could see areas of spend. It was agreed that Maria could report into the group on a half yearly basis.

Ed to confirm reporting arrangements with Maria.

5. Commissioning for Child Health.

Ed had previously circulated the DCSF/DOH documents around children and young people's health including the document relating to world class commissioning. This would be incorporated into the work being done to update the Integrated Commissioning Framework.

6. Any Other Business.

Jane Hughes confirmed that Adrian Ball would be taking up the other available place on the group for the HUB.

Date of Next Meeting – Weds 1st April 2009, 1 – 3 pm.