

## Minutes

Meeting	<b>Supporting Children &amp; Strengthening Families</b>
Date	<b>4<sup>th</sup> December 2019</b>
Times	<b>10.00 am</b>
Venue	<b>DRAWING ROOM, BARROW TOWN HALL</b>



<p><b>Attendees:</b>          Cllr Anne Burns, CCC          Alison Meadows, CCC          Helen Wall, CCC          Tracey Ingham, CCC          Michelle Rigg, CCC          Derek Brook, BBC          Bev Morgan, BBC          Jonathon Taylor, CCC          Cath Corkill, Dropzone          Maxine Baron, ICC          Lorraine Thompson, CCC          Keith Johnson, BBC          Andy Travis, Cumbria Police          Liam Poole, Cumbria Police          Paul Kelly, Cumbria Police          Shane Parkinson, Fire          Linzi Stanway, Furness Academy          Caroline Kendall, BBC          Rachel Head, Brathay Trust          Trina Robson, Love Barrow Families          Rebecca Rawlings, Women's Community Matters          Lynne Murray, CCC          Sarah Cubiss, Brathay Trust          Cat Hawkes, Cumbria Youth Alliance          Cath Corkill, Drop Zone          Alysha Moore, Walney Community Trust          Natasha Slater, Cumbria Police</p>	<p><b>Apologies:</b>          Katie Clarke, CCC          Cllr Kevin Hamilton, CCC          Cllr Bill McEwan, CCC          Liz Strickland, NHS          Sarah Jackson, Cumbria Police          Michelle Doherty, Action for Children          David Proctor, Cumbria Police          Yvonne Rowlinson, CCC          Graham Bassett, CCC</p>
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Item No.	Discussion / Action
<b>1.</b>	<p><b>Introductions</b></p> <p>The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting and explained that the meeting was arranged as a follow up from the workshop held. Barrow Local Committee had agreed that the working group be refreshed with a new strategic approach looking at improving systems change, a revised membership and ensuring funding strategically allocated. The working group would be known as Supporting Children &amp; Strengthening Families.</p>
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>Apologies</b></p> <p>Apologies noted</p>

<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b>Presentation</b></p> <p>A presentation (attached) was given by Jonathan Taylor which highlighted areas of work responsible by Children’s Services. The key questions were what could be done differently and how the working group could help with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demand Management</li> <li>• Front Door</li> <li>• Babies</li> <li>• Adolescents</li> <li>• Step-downs</li> </ul> <p>What my service would look like if the vision was fully implemented?</p> <p>What would families say about the service they received as a result?</p> <p>What are the key areas that you can influence and how might you do this?</p> <p>Case studies were presented by Sergeant Andy Travis. The case studies highlighted early intervention, working differently and partnership working to achieve positive results to give young people the best opportunities.</p> <p>Key feedback from presentation and case studies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working group would like to understand the Open Cases data locations on a map. Information should be completed by January. More information on Early Help Assessment and Early Help Management processes.</li> <li>• Lack of communication and awareness between statutory and voluntary sectors working with young people and sharing information e.g. looked after children who were now in Local Authority Housing need to ensure they receive the right support.</li> <li>• Multi-agency working, identifying priorities and co-producing an action plan and an information sharing agreement using the same systems would enable more effective working. Funding could then be targeted according to need.</li> <li>• Work together with Schools more before getting to crisis point, need key people in Schools and need to access services earlier.</li> <li>• FEC keen to work together to support children withdrawn from mainstream school, as difficult to return into school mainstream.</li> <li>• Youth provision was required and talking with young people to identify what they need.</li> <li>• Look at Networking Event for statutory and third-sector to understand organisations, projects being delivered; avoid duplication to make best use of resources and funding.</li> </ul>
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>Membership</b></p> <p>Membership was discussed and highlighted that key people were required to ensure the effectiveness to system change. The working group were asked to think about the membership and feedback. Can the Foodbank be involved? Involve Arts Groups. Noted Sarah Jackson, Superintendent, Barrow Police would be attending the next meeting.</p>
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Areas of Focus</b></p> <p>This was discussed and would be agreed after feedback received.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teenagers - Looked After and Why?</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Local Safeguarding Hub – addressing referrals.</li><li>• Children not attending School/home schooling – look at policies, procedures.</li><li>• Lack of youth provision – Central/Hindpool wards. Identify suitable premises. Drop Zone acquired building in town centre and could be the pilot for Youth Hub.</li><li>• Our Town our Future to sit under Supporting Children, Strengthening Families Working Group. New project to tackle anti-social behaviour on a long-term basis over 3 years. Funding agreed for Year 1 looking at sport as a diversionary activity by Barrow AFC in partnership with Dropzone and other grassroots organisations. Early intervention running alongside with 4 Primary Schools to link into diversionary sporting activities focusing on life skills, emotional resilience etc.</li></ul>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Date time and venue of next meeting</b> Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2020, 10am, Nan Tait Centre.