

## **WIRRAL CHILDREN'S TRUST BOARD – 24<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2013**

### **WIRRAL CHILDREN'S TRUST MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND BOARD MEMBERSHIP ANNUAL REVIEW**

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#### **1.0 Background**

A Memorandum of Understanding was developed for Wirral Children's Trust in June 2009 to ensure that the structure and governance arrangements provide an effective and transparent framework and clarity of roles and responsibilities for partner organisations. The original memorandum was developed using Wirral Council Partnership Governance Framework, Audit Commission Children's Trusts tools and good practice in other areas. As defined in the memorandum the membership of the board and the memorandum itself are reviewed on an annual basis.

#### **2.0 Annual Review of the Memorandum of Understanding**

Wirral Children's Trust together with the Wirral Safeguarding Children Board provides a clear framework for partnership working for the benefit of Wirral's children, young people and families.

Positive joint working has progressed with the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB) discussions have been held regarding joint future development to ensure the optimisation of the integration of health and children's services and no duplication between the two structures.

The memorandum has been reviewed in light of national guidance and local changes. The protocol between the Trust and the Local Safeguarding Children Board remains embedded within the memorandum. This protocol has been reviewed by WSCB Manager and will be presented to the WSCB for review. The refreshed memorandum is now presented for endorsement by the board.

#### **3.0 Annual Review of the Membership of Wirral Children's Trust Board**

The membership of the Board is formally reviewed on an annual basis to ensure it remains relevant in line with local and national changes. In 2012-13 a number of changes of personnel have been approved as a result of organisational changes and restructures. As a result the membership of the board has been reviewed as requiring no necessary further change at this time.

As part of the development of the new Children and Young People's Plan 2013-16 the Children's Trust Executive and Strategy Groups reviewed and re-organised the structure and function of the Children's Trust sub-groups to ensure the foundations are in place to effectively deliver the new CYPP.

#### **4.0 Recommendations:**

4.1 That Wirral Children's Trust Board endorses the refreshed memorandum.

4.2 That Wirral Children's Trust Board agree the membership of the board and makes proposals if any additional further changes are deemed necessary.

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**Appendices:**

**Appendix 1 Wirral Children's Trust Memorandum of Understanding**