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**Minutes of Portsmouth Alliance  
8 May 2007  
10am – 12pm The Cornelius Centre**

**Present:**

Charlie Adie – Motiv8  
June Christie – Mencap  
Karen Drayton – Connors Toy Library  
Dan Ferris - Relate  
Sue Ganter – Interfusion  
Christie Holbrook – Releasing Potential  
Katherine Marsden-Broad - PUEF  
Richard Soutar – CP Centre  
Mary Wishart – Community Network

**Apologies:**

Brenda Cairns – Homestart  
Adam Court – Diocese of Portsmouth  
Sue George – Barnados  
Ben Mizen – Diocese of Portsmouth

**1 Welcome and introductions**

1.1 Christie and Dan were welcomed to the meeting. It was agreed to move the agenda around slightly to allow Dan to give his presentation as he had to attend another meeting after this one.

**2 Relate Big Lottery Fund ‘Learn & Thrive’ project**

2.1 Dan gave an overview of the project which aims to help young people aged 10-16, who are at risk of not benefiting fully from their education as a result of bullying or lack of confidence so they can enjoy their learning and thrive.

The project is a continuation of the existing BIG funded project which established the existing needs of these young people. Funding has been secured for 3 years; the project begins May 2007 and will run to April 2010.

Please see the attached project brief for a more detailed explanation of the project.

Discussion around how the project fits with existing projects i.e. the SEAL programme and how it will be explained to schools and parents. It was advised that the work is different to other projects and Relate will be working collaboratively with schools to deliver.

Partnerships between CIP managers, Primary Care Managers and interagency working were discussed to ensure the right families are being

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engaged with. If Social Services are involved with a child then this is not recommended.

It was asked which priority of CYPP the project relates to. Whilst this couldn't be answered at this meeting, Jackie Buckley from Relate sits on the steering group so is linked in.

Monitoring will be carried out in three ways – through young people, schools and teachers and families.

Any further information can be obtained by contacting Dan Ferris on 023 9286 5051 or email [dan.ferris@relateportsmouth.org.uk](mailto:dan.ferris@relateportsmouth.org.uk)

### **3 Launch briefing session**

There was discussion on how the session should run. It was agreed that it would be Alliance led, with support from other partners. The order of the agenda was suggested as follows:

- 1) Welcome and aims of session
- 2) Overview of Alliance
- 3) Overview of CIPs
- 4) Information sharing session
- 5) Mapping of service provision in city

Ideas that were discussed were using maps of the city to actually show service provision; an ideas board to capture thoughts; a 'market place' area for groups to bring literature and publicity to share and promote.

There was discussion around whether we should structure discussions around the Children & Young People's Plan but this was decided as perhaps being the next stage for us.

It was agreed that we need to ask attendees what they want out of the Alliance and try and get topics for future briefings at the session. The issue about democratically electing the steering group also should be raised.

### **4 Previous minutes and action points**

The minutes of the meeting from 2 April 2007 were agreed with some minor amends.

### **5 Connexions briefing feedback**

The additional consultation organised on 2 May with Mike Fowler was not as well attended as it could have been, but there were sufficient attendees to make it a useful session.

Feedback from VCS colleagues stated that relationships with Connexions were generally good though there was a difference in delivery around the work of Personal Advisors.

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It was felt that the VCS could have a real role to play in the future if services were to be commissioned.

More information will be released by the end of May 2007.

## **6 Workforce development**

This item was postponed from today to June's meeting as the working group had yet to meet. This is scheduled for 10 May 2007 2-4pm, JC will be attending and will report back to June meeting.

**Action: Item to go on June's meeting agenda to be led by JC**

KMB sits on the Common Induction and Training Group. A pact is being developed with ties in with the Common Core Aims. A draft will be circulated for consultation and will come out of Every Child Matters.

**Action: KMB to circulate when available,**

**Action: JC to find out who sits on Strategic Group looking at Priority 13 of ECM**

Adolescent Health Steering Group is responding to Priority 1 of ECM. Charlotte Bemaud has produced booklet of all the training opportunities available across the city for workers.

**Action: CA to forward details of this.**

## **7 AOB**

7.1 CA informed that a paper regarding the next phase of CIPs has been written by Andrew Olive, Head of Community Learning at PCC, and is due to be discussed at today's Children & Young People's Strategic Partnership meeting. Consultation is quite tight, with a deadline of Friday 18 May for comments back.

**Action: CA to forward an electronic copy of the consultation document and MW to distribute for comment.**

7.2 CA flagged up that a paper looking at young people's involvement in strategic decision making had gone to the LSP for agreement. The paper sets out plans to set up a Youth Parliament through Youth Services, which was voted on at the recent Represent event as one of a variety of options given to the young people on how they can best be involved. The question of whether the 70 young people could be considered representative of the 40,000+ in the city was raised.

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- 7.3 JC advised about the campaign Every Disabled Child Matters which local authorities are being asked to sign up to. PCC has not yet signed up. For more information, visit [www.edcm.org.uk](http://www.edcm.org.uk)
- 7.4 JC advised about the SEN Parents meeting on 7 June. Flyer to be distributed electronically.
- 7.5 SG advised about Thursday's Child, an event to be held in London to mark the 7 July bombings. Flyer to be distributed electronically again.
- 7.6 SG advised she is to step down from the interim steering group of the Alliance due to other work commitments. The meeting thanked SG for all her hard work and help in getting the Alliance up and running and contributing as much as she had.
- 7.7 JC advised that the SLA that Mencap currently has with PCC is up for renewal and the dates were outlined as follows:
- 10 May – advertisement placed
  - 24 May – Expressions of interest due back
  - 15 June – return of tenders
  - 18 June – shortlisting
  - 28 June – shortlisted organisations make presentations
  - 2 July – Notification of outcome
  - 10 October – New contract issued
- 7.8 KMB fed back from the JCG that a restructuring exercise is underway and this may affect the numbers of reps the Alliance has (currently 2). More will be known for June meeting. The commissioning plans to be attached to Children & Young Peoples Plan are not yet finished even though the Plan itself is.

**Date of next meeting – 4 June 2007 10am-12pm at PCCS**