

Board Meeting

19 November 2009



Minutes of the Board Meeting on 19 November 2009

Goldings House, 2 Hay's Lane, London SE1

Attendance (Board)

- Allan Bowman (Chair)
- Andy Nash
- Ann Macfarlane
- Ian Sutherland
- Jenny Owen
- Joanne Munyard
- Mike Lauerman
- Shokat Babul

Staff

- Julie Jones (Chief Executive)
- David Walden (Director of Adults Services)
- Stephen Goulder (Director of Corporate Services & Workforce Development)
- Majella Ahwieh (minutes)

Other attendees

- Annie Stevenson (Head of Older People's Services) – Item 6 only
- Don Brand (Consultant)
- Hannah Roscoe (Research Analyst) – Item 7 only
- Jennifer Bernard (Consultant) – Item 8 only
- Jo Lenham (Staff Representative)
- Laura Boyd (Staff Representative)
- Patricia Kearney (Head of Children's Services)

Apologies for absence

- Brenden Keane
- Edwina Grant
- Nadra Ahmed
- Amanda Edwards (Deputy Chief Executive)

Welcome and announcements

1. The Chair welcomed board members and listed apologies. The Chair asked Trustees to sign the conflict of interest form.

2. The chair thanks Jo Lenham for her contribution as staff representative and welcome Laura Boyd as the new staff representative to her first meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting and Matters arising

3. The minutes of the Board meeting held on 17 September 2009 were approved for signature.

Chair's report

4. The Chair reported on meetings he had attended since the last Board meeting.
5. The Chair attended the National Quality Board (NQB) and the NQB Prioritisation Committee. Allan Bowman and David Behan are ex-officio social care representatives on the National Quality Board. The Board is chaired by David Nicholson.
6. The Chair attended all the party conferences. SCIE ran joint sessions on safeguarding children and serious case reviews work which were well attended.
7. The Chair attended an event in Wales for CEOs and chairs following the recent consultant and publication on the roles and responsibilities of Directors of Social Services in Wales.
8. SCIE, GSCC and SfC attended the Health Select Committee to present evidence on social care. SCIE highlighted its role and work in the sector. The report will be published by the end of December.
9. The Chair met with Tim Chittleburgh, Chair of British Association of Social Workers, to discuss the College of Social Work.

Chief Executive Report

10. The Chief Executive presented her report, thanked the staff for their hard work and highlighted the following points
 - Social Care TV, the Dementia Gateway and Get Connected are 3 pieces of SCIE's work which are generating a lot of interest from inside and outside the sector.
 - SCIE's learning together work has been endorsed by the Association of Directors of Children's Services (ADCS) and is generating a lot of positive interest and feedback from the children's sector.
 - SCIE is continuing to build its stakeholder involvement. SCIE will be signing a partnership agreement with Agence Nationale de L'evaluation et de la Qualite (France) at the end of the month.
 - The Chief Executive has been invited to become a member of the new Wales commission for social services chaired by Professor Geoffrey Pearson.
 - The Chief Executive has also been awarded a fellowship of City and Guilds.

Shaping the Future of Care Together

11. The Director of Adults Services presented a paper on Shaping the Future of Care Together and thanked Don Brand for contributing to and writing up SCIE's response to the Green Paper.
12. The response confirms that SCIE is prepared to undertake the role of an independent body to deliver the points outlined in page 79 of the Green Paper.
13. Jenny Owen confirmed that ADASS has responded to the Green Paper and has also written separately to support SCIE taking on the role of the independent body.

Services for older people

14. Annie Stevenson attended for this agenda item and presented a paper on SCIE's work on older people. The main areas of work on services for older people have been:
 - Personalisation
 - Dignity
 - Dementia

SCIE's work in Wales and Northern Ireland

15. Hannah Roscoe attended for this item. The Director of Corporate Services presented a paper on SCIE's work in Wales and Northern Ireland and highlighted the following points:

Northern Ireland

- A candidate has been appointed to the Practice Development Manager post in Northern Ireland.
- Ian Sutherland and the Director of Corporate Services will discuss the future format of the Northern Ireland reference group.
- The Parental Mental Health and Child Welfare implementation site is underway in Northern Ireland.
- SCIE has worked on service user involvement with Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority (RQIA).

Wales

- A memorandum of understanding/concordat has been drafted for Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA), ADSS Cymru, Care Forum Wales, The Registered Nursing Home Association and the UK Home Care Association.
- The creation of the independent commission for social services is welcomed within the sector in Wales.

16. Hannah Roscoe updated the board on SCIE's work with the Department of Health in Northern Ireland on developing a therapeutic approach to child care.

Get connected

17. Jennifer Bernard attended for this item and updated the board on the Get Connected project. SCIE and National Skills Academy were successful in leading a bid for this work. The aim of the project is to transform the use of ICT to support the modernisation of adult social care in England. There is a programme of work with 10 projects.

18. Jennifer Bernard presented the partnership arrangements for the delivery of the programme and the criteria and process for distributing the funds for agreement. The board agreed these arrangements.

Performance Reports

19. The Director of Corporate Services presented the work programme and financial performance reports. The board noted the reports.

Board annual agenda

The Director of Corporate Services presented the annual agenda for board meetings. The board noted the annual agenda.

Any other business

There were no items of any other business.

Date of next meeting

Board Awayday on 28 January 2010

Approved: _____

Name: _____

Position: _____

Date: _____