



**Area Trust Boards
Northern, Central, Southern**

Terms of Reference

Statutory framework for Children's Trusts

Section 10 of the Children Act 2004 establishes the requirements for Children's Trusts.

- The County Council has a duty to make arrangements to promote cooperation between all relevant local agencies (the partner agencies).
- Partner agencies have a duty to cooperate with the County Council in the making of these arrangements.
- The Director of Children's Services has the responsibility to effect the changes required to improve outcomes for children and young people; and for encouraging effective partnerships to focus resources and improving such outcomes.
- The Cabinet Member for Children's Services has practical responsibilities for leadership in engaging local communities in improving outcomes for children.
- There is a requirement that arrangements have regard to the importance of parents, carers, children and young people in improving the wellbeing of children and young people.

The core responsibility of Oxfordshire's Children and Young People's Trust (OCYPT) is to oversee the identification, planning and delivery of programmes that will address major

service changes to effect improvement in outcomes for children and young people. In order to discharge this responsibility the Trust has agreed that three area trust boards should be established.

Area Trust Boards

The Area Trust Boards will be responsible for:

- Coordinating area provision, identifying and addressing gaps and duplication to ensure improved outcomes for all and reducing the gap in outcomes for all vulnerable children and young people.
- Managing a programme of cultural change based on agreed core values and principles that will deliver integrated team working in each locality.
- Ensuring that integrated processes are embedded in the working practice of all practitioners working with young people. This includes the CAF/TAC systems and processes.
- Promoting early and targeted intervention and progressive universalism as the model of partnership working. Sponsoring pilot projects in local partnerships to test and evaluate models of good practice in all settings and extended services.
- Ensuring the current Children and Young People's Plan reflects the needs of the local area including reducing risk, building resilience and addressing barriers to progress.
- Ensuring that the refreshed Children and Young People's Plan is informed by and reflects the needs of the local area.
- Monitoring performance across a range of indicators (Area Performance Dashboard) and acting on under performing indicators in collaboration with the performance management sub-group of the Children and Young People's Trust.

- Making recommendations to the commissioning sub-group on priorities for local commissioning.
- Implementing relevant aspects of the county-wide workforce development strategy and facilitating joint co-ordinated training of staff within the area.
- Leading the development and sharing of innovative, best and next practice In the Area and across other OCYPT Areas.
- Ensuring, in partnership with the local panels of the Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board, that in and between every agency, safeguarding process and practice are effective and secure.

Membership

It is proposed that as a minimum the membership will include:

- Children's Centres
- Maternity Services
- Health Visiting
- School Nursing
- School Partnerships Representatives
- Police
- Area Service Managers
- Locality Co-ordinators
- District Councils
- CAMHS teams
- PCAMHS
- ESDO's
- Local VCS Representation

There will be local flexibility to increase membership as required by the Chair.

Accountability

The Chair of each Area Trust Board will be a full member of the Oxfordshire Children and Young People's Trust. Accountability will be via the Trust and ultimately to the Public Services Board.

These Terms of Reference do not impose on any of the participating bodies, without their agreement, any financial or other commitment upon, or imply any derogation from, any responsibility it has in respect of services for children and young people.

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