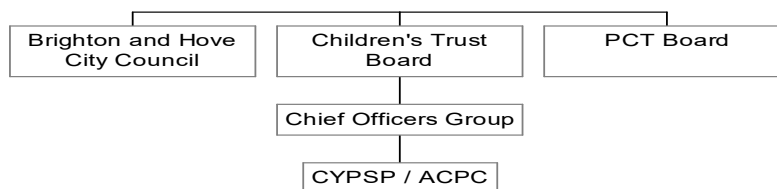


## **Children's Trust Board**

### **Membership and Terms of Reference**

#### **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 The successful expression of interest to establish a Children's Trust for Brighton and Hove sets out the following governance structure:



- 1.2 The Children's Trust is not a separate legal entity. It is a partnership between Brighton and Hove City Council and Brighton and Hove City Primary Care Trust, allowing for the integration of children's services in the city across health, education and social care. The Trust will be the vehicle by which budgets will be pooled, and integrated commissioning management arrangements will be established, using flexibilities set out in Section 31 of the 1999 NHS Act.
- 1.3 The Children's Trust Board will therefore be a joint sub-committee of the Council and the PCT, as set out in the diagram above. It will have delegated authority over aspects of the service, as agreed by both partners. The statutory accountabilities of the City Council and the PCT remain unchanged.
- 1.4 The constitutional position of the Board within the Council will be as a sub-committee of the Education and Social Services Committee, established by resolution of the Policy and Resources Committee.

#### **2. Membership**

- 2.1 The Board will be comprised of six members, three nominated by the City Council's Education and Social Services Committee, and three by the Board of the Primary Care Trust. Membership will normally comprise the following:
- Chair of BHCC Children, Families and Schools Sub Committee

- Chair of Brighton and Hove City Primary Care Trust
- Two other members of BHCC Children, Families and Schools Sub Committee
- Two other non-executive Board members of Brighton and Hove City Primary Care Trust

2.2 The following will be invited to serve on the Board as non voting co-optees:

- one non-executive Director of Southdowns Health NHS Trust
- one non-executive Director of the Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals Trust
- one non-executive Member of the Sussex Police Authority
- two nominees of the Brighton and Hove Voluntary Sector Forum
- one parent
- one young person

Officers of the PCT, Brighton and Hove City Council and partner organisations, will be invited to attend meetings as appropriate.

2.3 The Board will be chaired alternately on an annual basis by a representative of the Council and a representative of the PCT.

2.4 The Council and the PCT each have one vote on the Board, to be determined by a single majority within each group. In the event of a split vote between the council group and the PCT group, the matter will be referred back to both the CFS sub committee (on behalf of the Education and Social Services Committee) and the PCT Board for resolution.

### 3. Remit

3.1 The Board will oversee the establishment of the Children's Trust, as advised by the Chief Officers Group of the CYPSP.

3.2 As agreed by the CFS Sub committee and the PCT Board, the Board will take delegated decisions in relation to:

- Strategic Commissioning Strategy
- Service reviews and redesign
- Procurement

3.3 The services which may be considered on behalf of the partner bodies are set out in paragraph 3.1 of the Children's Trust expression of interest.

3.4 The Board will meet at least three times per year, and will provide a report of its deliberations after each meeting to both the CFS Sub committee and the PCT Board. Any matters which have not been formally delegated to it by both partner bodies will be referred back to them for decision.

