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Dear Colleagues

DELIVERING THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN – FOUR PRIORITY GROUPS

On 7 October 2011 the Lancashire Children and Young People's Trust Board agreed proposals that would ensure the partnership is fit for purpose in delivering the aspirations and priorities of the Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP).

These decisions have been prompted by a number of factors which mean it is timely to review the Lancashire Children and Young People's Trust, and include:

- Changes in government policy and direction including the removal of any statutory duty to have a Children's Trust and a move away from the Every Child Matters (ECM) agenda.
- The launch of the new Children and Young People's Plan for Lancashire and the considerable evidence base, through the JSNA and subsequent consultation that has informed the eight priorities within this.
- Significant reduction in capacity and resources across organisations delivering services for children and young people in Lancashire
- A commitment across the Children's Trust partnership to continue to work collaboratively and agreement of key principles that support this through our shared vision – Transforming Service Delivery

Considering the above, one key decision taken by the Lancashire CYP Trust Board has been to close the existing five ECM Theme Groups. These will be replaced by four Priority Groups as detailed in Appendix A which will enable partner collaboration that is better aligned to the priorities within the CYPP. The remit of the four Priority Groups will be to:

- Ensure progress against the CYPP priorities
- Provide support and challenge around District CYP Trust priorities

- To respond to specific tasks and activity as determined by the Lancashire CYP Trust Board and Partnership

An initial meeting of each Priority Group will take place in the near future and at this point the terms of reference, membership and other practicalities will be agreed. Invitations for colleagues to become members of each Priority Group will be sent out in due course.

I want to thank you for your continued commitment to working in partnership and your support and engagement that was evident through the ECM theme groups. I also look forward to building on this as we embed new structures that will ensure we are best positioned to deliver better outcomes children, young people and their families.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Helen Denton". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Helen Denton

Chair, Lancashire Children and Young People's Trust

