



Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership

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The Worcestershire Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership (CYPSP) is a theme group of the Worcestershire Partnership. It is accountable to the Worcestershire Partnership for delivery of the children and young people's element of the Local Area Agreement and Sustainable Community Strategy.

It has developed the Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) which was launched in May 2008, and is responsible for its delivery.

The local arrangements for fulfilling the co-operation duties set out in section 10 of the Children Act 2004 (Children's Trust Arrangements) come under the remit of the CYPSP.

The CYPSP is divided into two groups: the Partnership Advisory Body (PAB) and the Joint Commissioning Board (JCB). Together they enable partner agencies to work successfully on multi-agency issues whilst remaining accountable to their own governance arrangements.

The purpose of the CYPSP is to ensure services are jointly and efficiently planned, commissioned and delivered to improve the outcomes for children, young people and their families and carers.

As we move forward to the new Children's Trust it is still business as usual and this newsletter summarises some of this work alongside updating you on how the Children's Trust is progressing. For more detailed information minutes from both the Joint Commissioning Board and the Partnership Advisory Body are available on the CYPSP web site: www.worcestershirepartnership.org.uk/children

Information Sharing Protocol (ISP)

The CYPSP has commissioned a piece of work to put in place a Tier 2 ISP and a register of Tier 3 protocols. The Tier 2 ISP will demonstrate a commitment to multi-agency working and will underpin collaborative working arrangements amongst all CYPSP agencies. The Tier 2 ISP has been approved by WCC Legal Services department, CYPSP and Worcestershire Safeguarding Children Board (WSCB). This will now be rolled out to partners/organisations to pass through their individual legal departments. A launch of the protocol and training on its use will follow early next year. For further information contact Luke Willetts on Tel: 01905 766281, email: lwilletts@worcestershire.gov.uk

My Place

DCSF Myplace funding aims to improve the availability and quality of youth facilities across the country. It also has the purpose to raise ambitions and transform the way facilities are planned and delivered, particularly in relation to the role and influence of young people and also genuine cross sector partnership working. The grant funding is being managed and administered through the Big Lottery Fund (BIG). Two bids for Worcestershire are presently being considered: Redditch YMCA - bid for community/youth centre in the Winyates area of Redditch and Batchley Youth Support Group - bid for the refurbishment of a local sport and social club and the development of a community café. Both organisations have submitted their full applications which are in the process of being assessed.

Oldington & Foley Park (O&FP) Narrowing the Gap Pilot

A pilot project under the theme of "Narrowing the Gap" has been commissioned to look at joining up services/initiatives within Oldington and Foley Park. The CYPSP are looking at proposals to move this work forward.

Joint Commissioning Sub Groups

Four services have initially been jointly commissioned by Worcestershire County Council and the Primary Care Trust. These are: Speech and Language; Teenage Pregnancy; Children with Disabilities and Complex Health Needs; and Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS). Each of these sub groups report on a quarterly basis to the JCB

Generations Together

Following the development of Worcestershire Intergenerational Strategy a application for funding has been successful and £286.800 has been secured to run intergenerational projects in Worcestershire. Projects are now in place and will run until April 2011

LAA Children and Young People Monitoring Report

The CYPSP were presented with the quarter one 2009/2010 monitoring report showing performance against the 2008-11 Local Area Agreement and the National Indicator Set. A summary of this report can be found in the October minutes on the CYPSP web site.

For more information on the work of the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership

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- Partnership web site www.worcestershirepartnership.org.uk/children



Spotlight on Children's Trust Developments

Constitution

Discussions on the new Children's Trust Constitution are continuing, however, new regulations around Children's Trusts is imminent and will need to be reflected in future arrangements. Sign off has therefore been delayed until early next year. The new Children's Trust arrangements will still be effective from April 2010.

Infrastructure and Costs

As the above discussions will impact on this item the infrastructure and costs will be reviewed alongside the Constitution and Section 75 Agreement.

Children and Young People, Parent and Carer Representation

Children's Trust shadow arrangements will be put in place to ensure involvement of children and young people in the Children's Trust. Parent and carers will be represented directly on the Trust Board. WCC officers will be supporting both children and young people and parents and carers.

Children's Services Partnership Sub Groups

A recent mapping of partnership sub groups within Children's Services has taken place. There were 116 responses initially and these have been reduced to 16 proposed new groups under 5 the ECM themes (plus 4 Joint Commissioning Groups).

Against each group there is a list of strategies and National Indicators (from the ECM Outcomes Framework) the group will be accountable for. An overarching strategy has been highlighted for each section where applicable and existing groups would merge into the new structure.

This item is in the very early stages of discussion and at the next JCB meeting two variations of structures will be presented for comments, one around the ECM themes and the second based around 3 main age groups (0-5, 5-13 & 14-19).

Any future changes in structure will be discussed with the present sub groups. Further information will be available when the item has been discussed by the CYPSP and a preferred structure has been decided.

Partnership Advisory Body (PAB)		Joint Commissioning Board (JCB)	
Members		Members	
Michael Hunter	Chair. Voluntary & Community Sector Representative	Gail Quinton	Chair. Director of Children's Services, WCC
Jenni Stephens	Vice Chair. Head of Specialist Children's Service, Worcestershire PCT	Councillor Marcus Hart	Cabinet Member for Children & Young People
Helen Allen	Senior Representative from Probation	Richard Harling	Director of Public Health, WCC and Worcestershire PC
Keith Barham	Youth Offending Service Manager	Richard Keble	Head of Commissioning and Quality, WCC
Anne Binney	Head of Integrated Services, WCC	Simon Hairsnape	Vice Chair. Director of Planning & Partnerships, NHS Worcestershire
Bridget Cooper	Service Development Manager Youth Support, WCC	Carol Thompson	Non Executive Director, NHS Worcestershire
Vivienne Cranton	Representative of Primary Schools Heads	Advisors	
Jane Crysell	Chief Executive, Connexions	Susan Haddon	Manager of Worcestershire Safeguarding Children Board
Sally Ellison	Voluntary & Community Sector Representative	Trish Haines	Chief Executive, WCC
Richard Keble	Head of Commissioning and Quality, WCC	Councillor Roger Hollingsworth	Representative from the Leaders Group of the District Councils
Marie McCurry	Associate Director of Provider Services (Children's Directorate) Worcestershire PCT	Michael Hunter	Chair of the Partnership Advisory Body
Lisa Peaty	Service Development Manager Quality and Performance, WCC	Asa Johnsson Humphries	SDM, Commissioning & Contracting, WCC
Jeremy Reakes-Williams	Senior Representative from West Mercia Constabulary	Sue Onions	Parent/Carer Representative (supported by Parent Engagement Advisor, Children's Services)
Malcolm Richards	Representative from Worcestershire Association of Governors	Youth Cabinet Members	Attending in rotation (supported by Service Development Manager, Youth Support)
Peter Robinson	Representative of Higher and Further Education		
Anne Starr	Representative of the Special School Heads		
Phil Street	Senior Officer Representative of District Councils		
Peter Sugg	Service Development Manager Community Capacity, Interim Partnership Manager		
Wendy Taylor	Representative of Middle School Heads		
Geoff Taylor-Smith	Head of Community Partnership, WCC		
Vacancy	Representative of the Secondary School Heads		
David Waldron	Partnership Director, Learning Skills Council		
Colin Weeden	Head of Raising Achievement and Access to Learning		
Vacancy	GP Representative		

