

Integrated Youth Support Steering Group

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Introduction

1. Responding to DCSF Aiming High for Young People and Youth Matters Next Steps Worcestershire Children's Services has developed an Integrated Youth Support Strategy which has been approved by the Council's Cabinet.
2. Worcestershire has increasingly established robust partnership working and integrated practice at universal and prevention and early intervention for young people with additional needs through the development of targeted youth support.
3. This Strategy should not be seen as a **Service** but an overarching concept/strategy that guides the approach, priorities etc of all partners working with young people, in particular vulnerable young people.
4. Government policy requires local authorities to establish Integrated Youth Support Services (IYSS) in order to be better placed to deliver services to young people, particularly vulnerable young people, in the context of the achievement of PSA 14 " Increase the number of young people on the path to success"
5. There are five contributory national performance indicator that contribute to the achievement of PSA 14:
 - a. NI 110 Young people's participation in Positive Activities
 - b. NI 111 First time entrants to the youth justice system aged 10-17
 - c. NI 112 Under 18 conception rate
 - d. NI 115 Substance misuse by young people
 - e. NI 117 16–18 year olds NEET
6. It is therefore proposed to establish an Integrated Youth Support Steering Group to take forward the implementation of the Integrated Youth Support Strategy especially the decisions about priorities for action.

Purpose of the Integrated Youth Support Steering Group

- a. Oversee the implementation of the Integrated Youth Support Strategy and agree priorities for action to meet PSA 14: Increase the number of young people on the path to success.
- b. Monitor performance in relation to the 5 national indicators that contribute to the achievement of PSA 14. Identify the impact of services and integrated working which most improves the outcomes for the more vulnerable young people
- c. Develop models of integration of service delivery building on the partnership and integrated working established through targeted youth support. Promote the development of young people's easy access to preventative and early intervention support including pathways to recovery through to universal services.

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- d. Maximise use of resources through partnership working, pooling of resources and jointly commission integrated youth support services to meet agreed priorities.
- e. Monitor and support the implementation of the Youth Crime Action Plan (YCAP)
- f. Contribute to the development of local commissioning of aspects of Integrated Youth Support Service as part of localised delivery through local Children's Strategic Partnerships and localised working.
- g. Advise on the needs of workforce reform as it affects staff working with young people. In particular respond to the changes in Integrated Youth Support Strategy workforce required to ensure that services are accessible to vulnerable young people when and where they need them including access to weekend and evening support and positive activities.
- h. Advise on the further development of targeted youth support.
- i. Advise on the development of locality working as it affects services for young people in particular early identification, intervention and prevention working and services.
- j. Advise on models of delivering information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) and report to IAG Working Group (14-19 partnership)
- k. Recognise and support volunteering by young people as a positive activity, particularly ensuring vulnerable young people are provided with appropriate support to enable them to participate.
- l. Use data relating to the 5 PSA contributory national indicators to agree priorities for action and resources to support the delivery against these priorities.
- m. Advise on improved use of assets to provide integrated youth support including the development of one stop shops in main urban areas. Identify ways to meet the needs of vulnerable young people living in the rural parts of Worcestershire.
- n. Ensure that young people and their families and carers are encouraged to actively participate and have their voices heard in all planning and commissioning and monitoring arrangements. The group will establish links with the developing Children's Trust's Shadow Boards for Children and Young People.
- o. To confirm and operate information sharing protocols and processes to be used by integrated youth support deliverers in line with the Children's Trust Integrated Working Group and CAF.
- p. To coordinate and monitor the work of working groups including Targeted Youth Support, Volunteering, Positive Activities, etc. Receive reports from Steering group task groups and work streams.

Accountability

- The Integrated Youth Support Steering group will be accountable to the Children's Services and Children's Trust for the implementation of the Integrated Youth Support Strategy and work in line with the Children and Young People Action Plan and Children's Services "Next Steps".
- Member accountability will be to the Chief Officer of their own agency
- A nominated substitute should attend when necessary.

Membership of the Integrated Youth Support Steering Group

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Membership of the Group must be of sufficient seniority to have the authority to make decisions on behalf of their organisation in respect to integrated youth support.

Members should be supported by their organisation to be able to commit time to preparing for meetings and following up actions agreed at meetings. Substitutions at meetings will be permitted – members should identify in advance who will act as their substitute should they be unable to attend.

Core group

Head of Community Partnerships - Chair

Head of Connexions – Worcestershire

Service Development Manager: Youth Support

Head of Youth Offending Services

IAG Adviser 14-19

SDM 16+ Targeted Services

Service Development Manager: Vulnerable Young People

Programme Lead: Young People's Substance Misuse

SDM Workforce Development and Integrated Working.

2 Representatives from Voluntary Sector (including one representative from the Worcestershire Youth Volunteering Group

Play Partnership

Sports Partnership

Chief Housing Officers' Group

Health

Community Safety Partnership Manager

The SDM Youth Support will act as project manager for the work of the Steering group.

Frequency of meetings

The group will meet quarterly/bi monthly for up to two hours. Exceptionally additional meetings may be arranged as necessary.

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