



## **Parentsmatter Board: Terms of Reference**

### **Purpose**

- Oversee the development, implementation and review of a Worcestershire-wide, multi-agency Parenting Support Development Plan.
- Promote the development of a coherent framework to enable the delivery of parenting support for all levels of need.

### **Functions**

- Support the work of the county's commissioner for parenting support.
- Identify needs, services, gaps and overlaps in provision for parenting support.
- Establish targets and objectives in line with the CYPP and monitor progress.
- To ensure that the design and delivery of services reflects principles of equality and diversity.
- Secure the engagement of parents in the design and evaluation of services.
- Develop a quality standards framework for providers delivering parenting support.
- Direct and oversee the work of sub-groups
- Ensure the availability of advice and guidance to existing and potential providers.
- Promote the development of parenting support provision at all levels of need by existing and potential providers.
- Ensure that information about the full range of parenting support is co-ordinated and available.
- Identify opportunities for pooling resources to improve workforce development, training and delivery.
- Decide on spending priorities for available budgets.
- Monitor spending.

### **Accountability**

- The Board will work in line with the CYPP and the direction set by CYPSPB.
- The Board is accountable to its funding bodies for the use of funds.

### **Membership**

Membership of the Board must be broad-based and of sufficient seniority to exert significant influence within the organisations and sectors represented. Members should be prepared 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.

Membership will include relevant representation from:

- Voluntary sector
- Private/self-employed providers
- Parents
- Schools
- Police
- District Councils
- Health community
- Children's Services
- Youth Offending Service
- Adult and Community Services
- Commissioner for Parenting (ex officio)
- Parenting Support Strategy Manager (advisory, non-voting).

### **Frequency of meetings**

The Board will meet quarterly for up to two hours. Exceptionally additional meetings may be arranged as necessary.