

Summary of Key Issues 18th June 2007
Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Executive

The Children and Young People's Partnership Executive meets on the third Monday of every month. Minutes of the meeting are available from the Partnership Co-ordinator Carol Hambling (tel: 0191 2777481 or email carol.hambling@newcastle.gov.uk).

CAMHS Partnership Update aileen.fitzgerald@newcastle-pct.nhs.uk

The C&YPSP received an update on the development of the CAMHS partnership, the high level CAMHS Action Plan, the whole system review (PBMA: Programme Budgeting Marginal Analysis) and the review of Tier 4 CAMHS services. CAMHS partnership developments include the creation of a stakeholder group, greater involvement from children, young people and their families and a regional approach to commissioning tier 4 CAMHS services. The PBMA assesses the cost and benefits of possible changes to the CAMHS service once a programme budget is compiled. The regional review will be completed by December 2007 and is developing a specification for Tier 4 services in the future. The C&YPSP executive requested that the learning from the PBMA process is shared with all partners.

Transforming Outcomes Programme sarah.jackson@newcastle.gov.uk

The C&YPSP Executive received the review of the Transforming Outcomes Programme one year after the original programme definition was agreed by the TOP Board. Proposed key changes include reshaping three themes: Information Management, Delivering Outcomes and Planning and Performance Management to reflect emerging priorities. The communication theme will be disbanded. The engagement of partners outside of the Local Authority will also be strengthened over the next year.

School Attendance Strategy fran.dow@newcastle.gov.uk

The C&YPSP Executive approved the School Attendance Strategy and welcomed the DfES focus on persistent absence rather than simply unauthorised absence. Discussion suggested that poor attendance has a close correlation with poor overall outcomes for young people and is often indicative of wider problems in the family. Consequently the actions to improve school attendance requires commitment from all partners.

Joint Area Review Action Plan dave.clegg@newcastle.gov.uk

The C&YPSP Executive endorsed the Action Plan which includes actions to meet the explicit recommendations in the Inspectors Report and those contained in the body of the report.

Review of the Newcastle Plan for children and Young People deb.tyler@newcastle.gov.uk

The C&YPSP Executive endorsed the review of the Plan which will be submitted to OFSTED for the Annual Performance Assessment (www.newcastlechildrenservices.org.uk). Partners agreed that whilst many services are good the outcomes for young people for each of the five outcomes are adequate (2). The possible grades are 4 (excellent), 3, (good), 2 (adequate) and 1 (inadequate). Our strong partnership working is reflected in our assessment of capacity to improve as good (3). The C&YPSP Executive recognised that ensuring the review contained sufficient analysis of where services have made a difference to outcomes and how we move to good and then excellent is a significant challenge for all partners.

Children's Services Mapping Pilot becky.dunn@newcastle.gov.uk

Newcastle is part of a national pilot to map expenditure and sources of income for specialist, targeted and universal services. The mapping is complementary to the mapping of CAMHS and child health and maternity services. The focus of the pilot in its first year is services either provided directly or commissioned by the local authority with limited information from partner agencies. The mapping will assist effective commissioning of services to improve outcomes.