

Summary of Key Issues 19th May 2008
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).

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

The C&YPSP Executive endorsed the progress report of the Transforming Outcomes Programme which highlighted lessons learnt to date and made recommendations for the future programme. The C&YPSP Executive requested that the pace of change should be increased with a greater focus on progress in key areas such as Common Assessment, Integrated Youth Strategy, compliance with safeguarding arrangements, Children's Centres and Extended Services.

Primary Strategy for Change martin.surtees@newcastle.gov.uk

The C&YPSP Executive considered the draft long term capital programme of investment in primary schools which will be submitted to the DCSF in June 2008. The strategy has assessed all maintained primary schools and prioritised for redevelopment those which have the most significant problems in terms of standards, condition and suitability of the building for teaching and access. The intention is that 33 primary schools will have been rebuilt or remodelled by 2023 with the initial priorities for investment being identified as Westgate Hill Primary, Hawthorne Primary and the Walker Riverside area where the proposal is to reduce the number of schools from four to two schools on new sites.

Newcastle City Learning caroline.miller@newcastle.gov.uk

The C&YPSP Executive received the report on provision for Adult and Community Learning in Newcastle. The service has four key priority groups: skills for life, family learning, employment and employability skills and widening participation. The family learning service offers opportunities in family literacy, language and numeracy and wider learning that can be informal or accredited. The key challenge in the next year is to build and maintain effective links with the parenting support strategy, the Think Family project and locality developments.

Analysis of Spend on Parenting Support sue.miller@newcastle.gov.uk

The C&YPSP Executive discussed the report which analysed the dedicated parenting support budget and requested that further information be sought about the impact of resources within universal, targeted and specialist services which provide parenting support and whether they are able to demonstrate an improvement in outcomes for children. The C&YPSP Executive approved the approach being taken to agree the measures of effectiveness for the parenting support strategy.

CAMHS Partnership and Programme Budgeting aileen.fitzgerald@newcastle-pct.nhs.uk

The C&YPSP Executive received the report about how Programme Budgeting and Marginal Analysis (PBMA) assisted in decision making about resource allocation and service redesign with the CAMH Service. The benefits of PBMA were the involvement of stakeholders, the participation of young people and the openness of the process. The learning will be fed into the review of the commissioning framework later in the year.

Teenage Pregnancy linda.mason@newcastle.gov.uk

The C&YPSP Executive received the progress report on the Teenage Pregnancy Strategy. Although there has been a downward trend in teenage conceptions over the last two years this only represents a 0.6% reduction from the 1998 baseline compared to a national reduction of 13.3% in the same time period. This remains a top priority for Newcastle and key challenges in the coming year include better coordination of Sex and Relationship Education within schools, increasing midwifery support to young parents and contributing to the design and implementation of targeted youth support.

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The summary report of the Annual Conference which was held in March 2008 is available at on the Children's Services Practitioner Website www.newcastlechildrenservices.org.uk.