

**Summary of Key Issues 17<sup>th</sup> January 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](mailto:carol.hambling@newcastle.gov.uk)).

**Parenting Support Commissioner** [sue.miller@newcastle.gov.uk](mailto:sue.miller@newcastle.gov.uk)

In accordance with guidance from the DfES the local authority has nominated a lead officer (Sue Miller) to undertake the role of single commissioner with responsibility for coordinating services for parents. Sue is in the process of preparing a parenting support action plan and will be consulting widely to ensure that activities that contribute to her remit are included. Following discussion at the C&YPSP Executive it was decided that the new role of Parenting Support Advisers in schools should be part of this remit as should the work of the Family Intervention Project and Another Way. The Family Intervention Project will target families demonstrating extreme anti-social behaviour and Another Way will provide support to a small group of families where there is serious substance misuse.

**Reshaping of Children and Families Area Social Work Teams** [ruth.rogan@newcastle.gov.uk](mailto:ruth.rogan@newcastle.gov.uk)

The C&YPSP Executive discussed the proposal to reconfigure the social work service for children and families. The proposals include a Screening Team and Initial Response Service, providing services to children in need and initial child protection enquiries. The Assessment and Monitoring Service will provide services to children whose name has been placed on the Child Protection Register and accommodated children where the plan is to return home. The Looked After Children Service will provide services to children where there is a plan to continue to be cared for outside of their family. Services will be provided on a city wide basis rather than through three area offices. Consultation on the proposals will end on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2007 and proposals will be implemented from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007.

**Children's Services Website** [lorraine.griffin@newcastle.gov.uk](mailto:lorraine.griffin@newcastle.gov.uk)

The C&YPSP Executive approved the proposal to develop a website for practitioners across children's services. The website will contain information important to all organisations and will not replace websites for single agencies. It will not be a secure site and it will be accessible to everyone via its own domain name. An editorial group is being set up to oversee content management. Anyone interested in assisting with this development should contact Lorraine Griffin.

**Homeless Families** [tom.adams@children-ne.org](mailto:tom.adams@children-ne.org)

The draft strategy to provide support to families in homeless accommodation was discussed by the C&YPSP Executive and will now be circulated for consultation. There has been significant progress in providing support to families in homeless accommodation and the strategy will build on this work.

**Integrated Youth Strategy** [helen.cavangh@newcastle.gov.uk](mailto:helen.cavangh@newcastle.gov.uk)

A final draft of the Integrated Youth Strategy was presented to the C&YPSP Executive. An action plan will be developed ready for implementation in April 2007.

**Information Sharing** [john.brown@newcastle.gov.uk](mailto:john.brown@newcastle.gov.uk)

The C&YPSP Executive discussed a report on the progress of the preparation for the Information Sharing Index. The analysis of who requires access to the index which will form the basis of planning for index training will be completed by July 2007. It is likely that the case management systems within agencies will not be modified ready for deployment (summer 2008) and access will be via a secure web browser. The local passport to Services Index will be decommissioned by March 2007.

**Connexions Activity Survey** [s.morgan-evans@connexions-tw.co.uk](mailto:s.morgan-evans@connexions-tw.co.uk)

A very positive progress report was shared with the C&YPSP Executive. Newcastle has exceeded its target for reducing the number of young people not in education, employment or training post 16. More young people are choosing to remain in education, 75.51% in 2006 compared to 68.63% in 2003.

**C&YPSP Annual Conference** [carol.hambling@newcastle.gov.uk](mailto:carol.hambling@newcastle.gov.uk)

The C&YPSP Executive approved a list of presentations and workshops for the Annual Conference, which is scheduled for Friday March 16<sup>th</sup> 2007.