

## Summary of Key Issues 19<sup>th</sup> November 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)).

#### Children's Trust Arrangements [carol.hambling@newcastle.gov.uk](mailto:carol.hambling@newcastle.gov.uk)

The C&YPSP Executive approved the Governance Agreement which sets out how agencies will meet the requirements of the Children Act 2004 by working together to improve outcomes for children, young people and their families. The C&YPSP Executive requested that approval for the Governance agreement is now sought within the decision making process for each agency. The agreement describes the relationships and accountabilities between partnerships and the function of each type of partnership across Children's Services.

#### Primary Care Trust [aileen.fitzgerald@newcastle-pct.nhs.uk](mailto:aileen.fitzgerald@newcastle-pct.nhs.uk)

The C&YPSP Executive discussed the proposed models for the future delivery of the Primary Care Trust community services in Newcastle. They requested details of the proposals submitted as part of the consultation process, so that they can ensure the C&YPSP can help inform the decision making process.

#### Alcohol Strategy [di.robertson@newcastle.gov.uk](mailto:di.robertson@newcastle.gov.uk) [carol.hambling@newcastle.gov.uk](mailto:carol.hambling@newcastle.gov.uk)

The C&YPSP Executive received information regarding the development of an Alcohol Strategy for the city. The strategy will cover adults as well as children and young people and is being led by a Project Board with representation from the C&YPSP, Health and Wellbeing partnership, Safe Newcastle and Housing and Environment. A draft strategy will be available by December 2007 and a final version is required by April 2008. The C&YPSP Executive identified issues that would be essential in the strategy:

- Clear message from all partners regarding the responsible use of alcohol
- Consideration given to the image of the city that is promoted
- Awareness raising regarding the risks posed at a much younger age

#### Children and Young People Scorecard [deb.tyler@newcastle.gov.uk](mailto:deb.tyler@newcastle.gov.uk)

The C&YPSP Executive received the performance management report for the children and young people's data set. The current data set comprises 77 performance measures. Some measures will not have data available until the year end but of the 42 measures where data is available 23 are reported to be green, 13 are amber and 6 indicators are currently reported to be red. Targeted activity is required to improve the percentage of mothers known to be breastfeeding at 6-8 weeks in deprived areas, the average point score of 16-18 year olds taking 1+ A level or equivalent, the percentage of pupils achieving level 2+ in writing at Key stage 1, level 4 or above and level 5 or above in English at key Stage 2. Positive performance in attainment of 5 or more GCSE's, the take-up of Investing in Children membership, and the take-up of the Common Assessment Framework were noted.

#### Guidance for Developing Strategies [lorraine.griffin@newcastle.gov.uk](mailto:lorraine.griffin@newcastle.gov.uk)

The C&YPSP Executive agreed to adopt the guidance for strategies which will be published on the Children's Services Website [www.newcastlechildrenservices.org.uk](http://www.newcastlechildrenservices.org.uk). The guidance should be used to inform the development of new strategies and where a strategy is to be reviewed.

#### Calendar of Events [carol.hambling@newcastle.gov.uk](mailto:carol.hambling@newcastle.gov.uk)

A calendar of events is updated monthly for the C&YPSP Executive. Forthcoming events should be notified to the C&YPSP Coordinator.

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