

Summary of Key Issues 15th September 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).

September Guarantee s.morgan-evans@connexions-tw.co.uk

The C&YPSP Executive received an update on the September Guarantee. The guarantee is an offer of a place in learning to Year 11 and Year 12 leavers and those aged 17 years who are not in employment, education or training. The C&YPSP Executive requested an update at the next meeting as the figures as reported on 6th September were unacceptably high although a full return is not yet complete.

Child Poverty Family Intervention Project (FIP) carol.hambling@newcastle.gov.uk

Newcastle is one of ten local Authorities invited to submit a proposal to develop a Child Poverty FIP which will provide intensive support to families with a range of parenting difficulties and where the family is also experiencing poverty.

Targeted Youth Support s.morgan-evans@connexions-tw.co.uk

A progress report was received which shows that Targeted Youth Support will be in place by December 2008. The Locality Networks have contributed to an audit of how targeted support is delivered. Persistent absence has been chosen as the criteria that will be used to identify young people requiring targeted support. The C&YPSP Executive endorsed the action to ensure that all young people with persistent absence have a CAF in place and requested that a CAF is completed at an earlier stage in future.

Reporting Arrangements for Outcome Groups andy.roberts@newcastle.gov.uk

The C&YPSP Executive endorsed the plan to report on each ECM outcome to the partnership every 6 months and that reports would provide an update on progress in meeting that outcome, associated plans and strategies and performance reports on key priorities. The C&YPSP requested that Outcome Leads work with their key partners to rationalise the number of partnerships contributing to each outcome.

Be Healthy aileen.fitzgerald@newcastle-pct.nhs.uk

The C&YPSP Executive received the progress report for the Be Healthy outcome from the Child Health Commissioning Group. The positive overall progress was noted and that we have self assessed this outcome as a "strong good". Key developments include the draft Pregnancy Strategy, Aiming High for Disabled Children and the refresh of the obesity strategy. The C&YPSP Executive requested that the work to develop sustainable funding for Aiming High be accelerated. The "Your Welcome" development was noted and an extension across children's services will be considered. Your Welcome assists services to be "young people friendly".

CAMHS Strategy aileen.fitzgerald@newcastle-pct.nhs.uk

The C&YPSP approved the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Strategy for 2008-11.

Changes in membership of the C&YPSP Executive

Three longstanding members of the C&YPSP Executive are leaving and have our thanks and good wishes for the future: Shirley Chambers from Barnardos, who has represented the Children's Fund, Tom Adams from Children North East who has represented the voluntary sector and Helen Cavanagh from Newcastle City Council Children's Services. Aileen Gilbert from Action for Children will be joining the C&YPSP Executive as a voluntary sector representative.