

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

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The C&YPSP Executive endorsed the draft Alcohol Strategy which will be subject to consultation during April and May. The consultation period will also be used to refine and further develop the Action Plan. The strategy identifies four key objectives:

- Developing a preventative approach to alcohol misuse
- Providing services for problem drinkers and their families and carers
- Protecting the public through law and policy enforcement
- Prioritising a reduction in alcohol misuse through working in partnership

The C&YPSP Executive requested that the DnA Commissioning Partnership identify appropriate representation to the Alcohol Delivery Group which will have responsibility for implementing the strategy and be accountable to the Health and Wellbeing Partnership.

Health Mapping [aileen.fitzgerald@newcastle-pct.nhs.uk](mailto:aileen.fitzgerald@newcastle-pct.nhs.uk)

Information from the 2007/8 Child Health, CAMHS and Maternity Services mapping exercise was received by the C&YPSP Executive. The reports were of Provider Services and Commissioning Summaries for the Newcastle PCT. The Commissioner Summary records a total spend of £30,611,432 by the PCT. Health mapping is already providing benchmarking information across CAMHS and will improve information on which to make commissioning decisions in health services but the C&YPSP Executive recognised the process was not yet fully developed or robust.

Integrated Youth Strategy [ruth.rogan@newcastle.gov.uk](mailto:ruth.rogan@newcastle.gov.uk)

An update of the progress of the Integrated Youth Strategy was received by the C&YPSP Executive. The existing strategy will be amended to ensure delivery of the requirements set out in Aiming High for Young People (2007). This includes a reconfiguration of the IYS Steering Group and working with the Training and Development Agency and GONE to implement targeted youth support reforms by December 2008. The C&YPSP Executive requested that the Terms of Reference for the IYS Steering group are submitted for approval and a further update on progress of implementing the strategy will be brought to the C&YPSP Executive in September 2008.

Young Carers [simon.eedle@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:simon.eedle@barnardos.org.uk)

The C&YPSP Executive noted the progress being made in implementing the young carers strategy. Areas for improvement were the development of robust measures for each of the key objectives in the action plan and the engagement of schools in identifying and ensuring appropriate support for young carers. The aim of the strategy is to ensure universal services are supported to respond to the needs of young carers wherever possible.

Think Families [carol.hambling@newcastle.gov.uk](mailto:carol.hambling@newcastle.gov.uk)

The C&YPSP Executive supported the decision to embed the Think Family approach in Newcastle by setting up a project as part of the Transforming Outcomes Programme. The intention is to build on existing "whole family" approaches such as Changing Trax and the Family Intervention Project and to target those families known to Adult Services using the Common Assessment Framework. The project will target those families with a combination of parental risk factors: domestic violence, mental ill-health or substance misuse and child risk factors: poor school attendance, anti-social behaviour, offending and being a young carer.