

Summary of Key Issues 17th December 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).

Local Area Agreement carol.hambling@newcastle.gov.uk

The C&YPSP Executive considered the indicators that have been put forward to be part of the Local Area Agreement from children's services. These would be alongside the 16 indicators around educational attainment which are mandatory for every LAA. The additional indicators relate to the key priorities for children's services: halting the rise in childhood obesity, reducing the number of children living in poverty, reducing incidents of bullying, reducing offending, reducing rates of teenage conceptions and establishing consistent thresholds for social care.

Changing Trax sharon.williams@newcastle.gov.uk

The C&YPSP Executive endorsed the business case for continuation of the Changing Trax Project. The project offers a crisis intervention model of working with families where there are significant risks of children becoming looked after or their names being placed on the Child Protection Register. The work is solution focused and builds on the strengths of families to maintain children at home safely. A second strand of the project is the Strengthening Families programme which is a structured group work programme for families at risk but not in sufficient crisis to justify the intensive intervention programme. In a 5month period Changing Trax has worked to prevent 12 children becoming looked after with substantial savings to the City. The C&YPSP Executive requested further work on the potential savings to be completed.

Funding Formula jim.gaff@newcastle.gov.uk

The C&YPSP Executive endorsed the use of a Funding Model to allocate spend on early intervention and prevention. The formula is based on number of children and young people in a neighbourhood or locality weighted by age and the deprivation of the area as indicated by the Index of Multiple Deprivation 2007.

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

The C&YPSP Executive received the progress report of the Transforming Outcomes Programme. Recent progress includes approval of the Governance Agreement, a final draft of the Commissioning Framework, completion of the workforce analysis and launch of the locality networks. Key risks include the lack of an overarching protocol for information and data sharing between partners and the failure to secure adequate resources to support the implementation of the workforce strategy. Both risks are being addressed within the Transformation Programme and the C&YPSP Executive requested an update on what is in place re information sharing at the next meeting.

Parenting Support Strategy sue.miller@newcastle.gov.uk

The C&YPSP Executive approved the parenting Support strategy and endorsed the priorities for action which include aligning funding under the oversight of the Parenting Support Coordinator. Other priorities include embedding training and support for staff, ensuring roll out of the effective evidence based parenting programmes and targeting parenting support at key vulnerable groups.

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