

## Children's Trust Board Monthly update – November 2010

### **NSCB and CTB Annual Conference Summary – October 2010**

Newcastle Children's Trust Board and Newcastle Safeguarding Children Board (NSCB) held their joint Annual Conference on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2010, at Springfield Centre. The theme of the conference was 'Vulnerable Young People'. In addition to a keynote speaker, Mike Stein, speaking on 'The Neglect of Adolescent Neglect', participants had the opportunity to join a workshop on a related topic. Over 100 participants came from a selection of Voluntary and Community Sector organisations, Probation, Police, Health, Housing, Youth Justice, Education, Newcastle College and Children's Services.

Mike Stein, Research Professor from York University spoke on the 'Neglect of Adolescent Neglect'. His presentation focussed on definitions of Adolescent Neglect, understanding the contributing factors and consequences, noting the responsibilities of different agencies and what interventions may assist neglected adolescents. He made reference to the concept of 'ordinary magic', the need to draw upon the knowledge and transferable skills that organisations already have to manage risk factors and strengthen the protective factors in promoting the resilience amongst neglected young people. All of the workshops were linked to the theme of Vulnerable Young People.

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- Health Equity Model – Meng Khaw, Director of Public Health and Helen Wilding, Wellbeing and Health Coordinator, gave a presentation on the Health Equity Model and tackling Health Inequalities in Newcastle. He outlined the correlation between deprivation and shorter life expectancy, causes of health inequalities and what impacts on health and wellbeing. Meng also touched on the Marmot Review, and the policy recommendations around giving every child the best start in life. For more information please contact Meng Khaw at [DPHNewcastle@northoftyne.nhs.uk](mailto:DPHNewcastle@northoftyne.nhs.uk) or [Helen.wilding@newcastle.gov.uk](mailto:Helen.wilding@newcastle.gov.uk)
- Be Healthy - Dawn Scott, Public Health Consultant and Andy Roberts, Joint Commissioning Manager gave an update of progress against the Be Healthy outcome. Despite improvements being made in Newcastle against a number of outcomes there are poor comparisons with national data which has outlined a number of risk areas. Chlamydia Screening targets are not being reached, and there is a media campaign and work with School Health to address this. Improvements have been made in measuring heights and weights of more children, however childhood obesity remains a substantial problem. It links strongly with deprivation, which provides an evidence base for targeted early intervention and family support. For more information please contact [dawn.scott@northoftyne.nhs.uk](mailto:dawn.scott@northoftyne.nhs.uk) or [andy.roberts@newcastle.gov.uk](mailto:andy.roberts@newcastle.gov.uk)
- NSPCC National Changes - Liz Benson, Regional Head of Services, North East and Cumbria NSPCC, outlined the recent service review and restructure. This has led to a more effective use of finances, as well as improving service delivery, policy and campaigning work. NSPCC now have a better approach to partnership working and evidence based work, as well as continuing to provide UK wide services such as Childline and the NSPCC helpline. For more information please contact Liz Benson, [EBENSON@NSPCC.org.uk](mailto:EBENSON@NSPCC.org.uk)