

## Children's Trust Board Monthly update - September 2011

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- Wellbeing and Health Summit 2011. Helen Wilding updated the Board following the Wellbeing and Health Summit in July. The day was a success, with participants holding several round table discussions on topics such as the capacity of communities to act on issues that impact on own and others wellbeing, addressing social determinants of health, Critical Success Factors, high quality services and ensuring planning regulations are used in a way that promotes good wellbeing and health. For more information please contact [helen.wilding@newcastle.co.uk](mailto:helen.wilding@newcastle.co.uk)
- Newcastle College. Carole Kitching, Deputy Principal at Newcastle College delivered a presentation on the background, aims and achievements of the College. The range and quality of provision was noted, as well as the extent of the college around the city and beyond. There was also a focus on how the College contributes to the priorities of Safe, Equal and Achieving. For more information please contact [carole.kitching@ncl-coll.ac.uk](mailto:carole.kitching@ncl-coll.ac.uk)
- Changemakers – It's not what you know but who you know. Steph Robson, a Changemaker working with the Children's Rights Team, NCC, delivered a presentation on her findings following research with young people in Newcastle around opportunities available to them. The research involved looking at where young people got information about activities, and the best ways they would like to be informed. Key findings included young people supporting social media as their preferred way to be informed, there being less opportunities for young people in the darker months, and vulnerable young people and high achievers being more likely to know about and take up opportunities as people working with and supporting them tend to pass on information, or support them accessing activities, and the group in the middle being less likely to know about what's going on for them. For more information please contact [nick.brereton@newcastle.gov.uk](mailto:nick.brereton@newcastle.gov.uk)
- Safe / Equal / Achieve Outcome groups. Martin Surtees, Director of Performance, Commissioning and Outcomes of Children's Services, NCC, reiterated the purpose, function, structure, and membership of the groups, which will play a crucial role in driving the work of the three priorities. The Equal and Achieving groups have their first meetings scheduled and the Safe meeting will follow soon. The Equal group will likely be focussing work around obesity, under 18 conception rates and which barriers need to be removed to meet outcomes. For more information please contact [martin.surtees@newcastle.gov.uk](mailto:martin.surtees@newcastle.gov.uk)
- Let's Talk Newcastle. Jan Cromarty, Head of Community Engagement and Empowerment, NCC, delivered a presentation on the progress of 'Let's Talk Newcastle'. Phase 1 is an ongoing broad conversation about community priorities, Phase 2 is a more focussed conversation about the financial context and council spend priorities, and Phase 3 will consist of more detailed consultation on budget proposals, and will begin after December. There will also be spin off 'Let's Talk' events focussing on young people and growing up in due course. For more information please contact [jan.cromarty@newcastle.gov.uk](mailto:jan.cromarty@newcastle.gov.uk)