

Summary of Key Issues 18th May 2009 Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Executive

The Children and Young People's Partnership Executive meet on the third Monday of every month. Minutes of the meeting are available at www.newcastlechildrenservices.org.uk.

Healthy Lives Brighter Futures aileen.fitzgerald@northoftyne.nhs.uk

The C&YPSP Executive received an update on the child health strategy published jointly between the Department of Health and the DCSF. Healthy lives, brighter futures sets out the plans for universal, targeted and specialist support across three life stages – early years and pregnancy; school-age children; and young people – as well as the additional support for children and young people in need of acute or ongoing healthcare. The C&YPSP agreed that the Be Healthy partnership should take the strategy forward and in particular the action planning with regard to Family Nurse Partnerships, oral health, diabetes and asthma.

Transitions Action Plan ruth.rogan@necastle.gov.uk

The C&YPSP Executive noted the work over the last 18 months to improve the management of the transition to adulthood for specific vulnerable groups: young people with disabilities, long term health conditions, looked after, at risk of offending, with drug and alcohol problems, mental ill health, young carers, gay lesbian, bi-sexual and transgender and Black Minority Ethnic young people. The C&YPSP Executive requested that the action plan is updated and that a small sub group of the C&YPSP Executive should ensure that this happens.

Workforce Reform becky.dunn@newcastle.gov.uk

The C&YPSP Executive welcomed the significant progress that has been made in workforce reform. This includes the development of an Early Years and Childcare and Play Workforce Strategy, regional workforce planning, Contactpoint preparation and the further development of CAF and eCAF. The C&YPSP Executive noted that CAF is not being implemented consistently by all staff across children's services and that the pace of implementation needed to accelerate. The common induction training has been very positively received by staff but the C&YPSP Executive requested details of how common induction could become a rolling programme for all staff in children's services.

Think Families carol.hambling@newcastle.gov.uk

The C&YPSP Executive agreed the recommendations of the Think Family report which included designating John Collings as the Think Family Champion and that Governance for the Think Family would be through the Parenting Support Commissioning Group. The C&YPSP Executive welcomed the bringing together of existing Family Intervention Projects and Changing Trax into a single service including arrangements for management of staff, resources, Service Level Agreements and monitoring the delivery of support plans. The C&YPSP Executive supported the recommendation that as Think Family requires action by all services whether they work with Adult's or children that the report should be considered by all the Delivery Partnership of the Newcastle Partnership.

Protection of Children Action Plan Susan.kirkley@newcastle.gov.uk

The C&YPSP Executive supported the work of the LSCB task group which is considering the Laming Report and the Government response and requested that a report on the local action plan is brought to the C&YPSP Executive as well as the LSCB.

Thresholds for Children's Services ruth.rogan@newcastel.gov.uk

The C&YPSP Executive supported the proposed development of a summary of the guidance for early intervention and prevention: Children's Services Thresholds for Intervention. The Thresholds were approved in April 2007 and they should be used by staff in all services.