



Staffordshire Children's Trust
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STAFFORDSHIRE CHILDREN'S TRUST BRIEFING MAY 2010

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The aim of this briefing is for the County Children's Trust and standing groups to communicate progress and any key actions or decisions that the District Trust Boards (DTBs) are required to make or take note of.

Children's Trust Issues (From the County Board & other sources)

Chair: County Councillor Ian Parry, Deputy Leader Staffordshire County Council, Cabinet Lead Member Children & Young People

Lead Officer: Georgina Davies, Children's Trust Manager, georgina.davies@staffordshire.gov.uk, 01785 27 7116

Date of Next Meeting:

Update

Staffordshire Children and Young People's Strategic Plan (CYPP) 2010-11 was approved by the Children's Trust Board at their meeting on 29th April. An alert will be sent to partners via email, as soon as the CYPP is available on the Children's Trust website. In addition to the full CYPP there is also a summary version and children and young people's version.

Staffordshire Strategic Partnership Executive - The representative for the Children's Trust is Sally Rees, Director of Children's Services (from 1st May 2010, following Peter Traves retirement) or her Deputy if she cannot attend.

County Observatory Partnership Board - Martyn Baggaley confirmed that he is the representative for the Children's Trust at the Partnership Board.

Proposal for Families Commissioner - The Children's Trust Board are keen not to lose the voice of children and young people at the Trust following the early retirement of the Children's Commissioner. A proposal was raised and agreed to merge the role of the Children's Commissioner and Commissioner for Parents to be one of a Families Commissioner.

Staffordshire Continuum, Of Need

Staffordshire Children's Trust (and Safeguarding Board) has ratified a new framework to help children and families receive the right support. Lord Laming, in his 2009 report, stated that thresholds may increase the risk of children not receiving services and the risk was reduced by using a continuum of need. In light of this Staffordshire reviewed their framework and services and produced the Continuum of Need. Working Together 2010 will be used to further develop this document and an updated version will be available later this year. To see the framework follow the following web link:

<http://www.staffordshirechildrenstrust.org.uk/StrategiesFrameworks/framework/>

If you wish to comment please contact staffordshirechildrenstrust@staffordshire.gov.uk or call 01785 27 7116.

County Trust Executive

Chair: Sally Rowe

Lead Officer: Georgina Davies, Children's Trust Manager, georgina.davies@staffordshire.gov.uk, 01785 27 7116

Date of Next Meeting: 19.05.10

Update

New Chair of the Children's Trust Executive - Sally Rowe has taken up her positions as Deputy Corporate Director for Children and Families Services, for Staffordshire County Council; and Chair of the Executive from 1st May 2010.

The Public Health Working Group (PHWG) (a tri-partite group: Staffordshire County Council and both PCT's) have agreed that the monitoring of the 'Reducing Inequalities' CYPP delivery plan should rest with them.

Identification of Lead for Strategic Objectives 2 & 3 –Charlotte Bailey confirmed that she had been appointed as Temporary Assistant Director for Targeted Services and would therefore assume the Lead in these objectives and hence their CYPP Delivery Plans.

Communication - A meeting of the wider Children's Trust Communications group had taken place in March. The aim of the meeting was to explore the possibility of more joint campaigns, which would be pro-actively driven by the Children's Trust five Strategic Objectives. The meeting was a success, with agreement to sign up to a joint press and PR protocol, and recognition of the opportunities and pit falls of the power of 'new media'.

Staffordshire's Young People's Alcohol Arrest Referral / At Risk Pilot Scheme Evaluation

The project was launched in May 2009, and is one of only six pilots nationally. The aim of the scheme is to tackle alcohol and drug fuelled criminal and antisocial behaviour through intervention. The scheme was extended to cover all young people at a risk of offending, not just those in custody suites. The project has received further funding, enabling it to run for a further 12 months.

The Integrated Youth Support Service (IYSS) is now called the **Staffordshire Young People's Service (SYPS)**.

The DAAT has now become the **Substance Misuse Commissioning Team (SMCT)** and form part of the Joint commissioning Unit.

Planning & Performance Management

Update

The Children and Young Peoples Plan 2009-2010 **Highlight Report - Quarter four and end of year 2009/10** (1 January 2010 – 31 March 2010) is now available on the Children's Trust website.

Actions/decisions to be taken by Districts

- To view Children and Young people's Plan performance information visit <http://www.staffordshirechildrenstrust.org.uk/cypp/QPRs/>

Staffordshire Safeguarding Children Board (SSCB)

Chair: Ken Black

Lead Officer: Carrie Wain, SSCB Development Officer, carrie.wain@staffordshire.gov.uk , Tel 01785 85 4214

Date of Next Meeting: 15.12.09

Update

Safeguarding Section 11 Update - partners are requested to complete their 6 month review of their Section 11 Self Assessment. A performance management group are meeting to develop a range of descriptions to ensure a robust self assessment scoring system.

Children's Trust Standing Groups

Joint Commissioning

Chair: Yvonne Sawbridge

Lead Officer: Martyn Baggaley, Joint Commissioning Unit Manager,
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Date of Next Meeting

Update

The 4 day Commissioning Skills for Children's Services course (see information given in April Briefing) running in July and August is now full, and with a combination of staff from a range of teams every District has at least one representative attending the course. Demand has been such that the JCU Manager is planning to put on another course in November & December for staff that still want to access this training and have been unable to attend this time round.

Following a restructure of the former Children's Fund Team which has been renamed as the Locality Commissioning Team, all Districts will now have a named first point of contact within the Children's and Young People's JCU, who will be able to provide expert advice and guidance on commissioning matters at all levels. These are:

Lichfield & Cannock Chase Districts: Margaret Crook - Lead Locality Commissioning Officer; tel 01785 854227

Tamworth & East Staffordshire Districts: Marie Marshall - Locality Commissioning Officer; tel 01785 277141

Stafford & South Staffordshire Districts: Richard Hodgins - Locality Commissioning Officer; tel 01785 277063

Newcastle-u-Lyme & Leek/Moorlands Districts: Martyn Baggaley (JCU Manager); tel 01785 278710

All emails are: Firstname.lastname@staffordshire.gov.uk

We hope you find this useful in developing your commissioning practice and will work with us over the coming year and beyond to build strong commissioning pathways between the JCU and District & sub-district commissioning partnerships.

Actions/decisions to be taken by Districts

Note the above.

CAMHS Strategic Commissioning Group

Chair/Representative: Pete Gray peter.gray@staffordshire.gov.uk 01785 27 6899

Update

Targeted Mental Health in Schools (TAMHS) Update

As detailed in February's CT briefing, all schools in Staffordshire were invited to submit project bids for TaMHS funding to support the development of innovative models of therapeutic and holistic mental health support in schools for those children and young people aged 5-13 who are at risk of or experiencing mental health problems.

Twenty-one bids were received in total and the successful five bids include:

- Newcastle NIPPERS Project – 16 schools
- Stafford King Edward VI Partnership Project – 12 schools
- Madeley High Partnership – 6 schools

- West Leek Federation of Schools – 6 schools
- Burton ASPEN Project – 19+ schools

The successful project bids include a range of children and young people from both primary and secondary schools and also include work with families. Schools taking part in the TaMHS project will identify objectives, outputs and targets for their own project which will be monitored and evaluated.

CAMHS Tier 1 County Training Programme

An update will be provided for the next CT briefing

Children & Young People's Participation Network

Update

The children's and young peoples network has been merged with the parents' network to create a families network, Charlotte Bailey will currently oversee this following Gill early retirement. Proposals for participation and engagement are taking place.

Children's Trust Strategy Groups

Parenting Strategy Group

Chair/Representative: Charlotte Bailey, charlotte.bailey@staffordshire.gov.uk

The Parenting Strategy has now been to the board and will be available to access from the CYP website
 -The Parenting strategy monitoring and reporting mechanisms have been redesigned to improve the focus and the detail of the work being completed under each objective. These will be agreed at the next monitoring meeting

- National Indicators in which parenting has a direct impact on have been identified and will be agreed at the next monitoring meeting. Once agreed the strategy will be measured against these
 - The new and revised action plans will be agreed at the next meeting
 -Meetings are taking place with the following partners to ensure that the work that is being achieved within the strategy is meeting the needs of partners:

1. Youth Justice Panel
2. CWDC
3. Parent Service Forum Chairs
4. FASS
5. FIP/YOT
6. SCIO
7. Homestart Regional managers

- The Housing FIP has now recruited a new worker who will start in May 2010. The Parenting Strategy Co-ordinator will be offering a parenting induction and links to PSF's and Think Family Networks to support the development of the programme

- District action plans are still in development and the Parent Experts are working within the Districts to get these developed and implemented

- Think Family Service managers Workshops and Think Family Practitioner networks are now fully operational

- The mapping of evidence based practice has now being completed and the report will be written over the next month

- Two multi agency half days are taking place in April and May to draft the protocols that sit behind the Parenting care Pathway

- Workshops are taking place in June to strengthen relationships with the Third Sector

Please find below the link to Charlotte's web page where you can find the February and March Newsletters. The newsletter brings together interesting local and national updates from the field of 'parenting', it is intended to help brief you about national changes in policy, good practice, research findings, consultation activity, key dates, conference and training opportunities, new national services for parents and much more. The Newsletter starts with local updates and the latter half is regional and National News. <http://www.staffordshirechildrenstrust.org.uk/commissionerparents/monthlyupdates/>

Aiming High For Disabled Children

Project Manager: Tina Wigfall, Tina.wigfall@staffordshire.gov.uk, 01785 277392

Update

Commissioning new services

- The tender process for commissioning new services for children and young people and parents and carers is now complete.
- Disabled children and young people and parents and carers have all been involved fully in deciding which services should be commissioned. The tender document included two questions which were scored by a Panel of disabled children and young people. Parents and carers of disabled children and a disabled young person who is an ex. Service user took part in each Tender Panel evaluating the tenders.
- We now have in place a range of new Aiming High funded services across the county. These services will run from 1 April 2010 – 31 March 2011.
- A range of short break activities have been funded these include football coaching, power wheelchair football, dance and art clubs, family days out, clubs for children and young people with autism spectrum disorder, cricket clubs, youth clubs and residential.
- In addition we have commissioned
 - A children and young people participation project.
 - A sitting service in the home and mentoring service.
 - A parent and carer participation service- this will develop a representative Aiming High Parent or Carer Board and an e forum for parents and carers – a new way for parents to meet to ask questions, share ideas and get information on line.
 - We have also invested in workforce development. This will be a vital component of Aiming High as it will enable staff working in Universal services to gain the skills required to offer services for disabled children.

Consultation with parents and carers

- Three family fun days have been held as an opportunity to consult with parents and carers of disabled children about their information needs and the services they require. The days enabled families with a disabled child/ren to take part in a range of fun opportunities together. Excellent feedback was received from families on the days as well as a very high response rate on the consultation.
- A further family fun day providing an opportunity to consult with parents and carers is planned for June 2010.

CAF / ContactPoint

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ContactPoint:

Information on what is ContactPoint?

- ContactPoint will be the quick way to find out who else is working with the same child or young person, making it easier to deliver more coordinated support
- The basic online directory will be available to authorised staff who need it to do their jobs
- It is a key part of the Every Child Matters programme and the Children's Plan, to improve the health, well-being and safety of all children. If practitioners working with a child know about each other they can find the right support quickly, before problems get more serious

What are its benefits?

- Practitioners spend less time trying to find other practitioners working with the same child This means that practitioners will be able to spend more time delivering services
- Quicker assessment of whether a child is receiving universal services (education, primary health care)
- Enables more effective multi-agency working which leads to less duplication of work and a better service experience for children and young people

The benefits to children, young people and their families are:

- To help them get the service they need at the earliest opportunity
- To help children who need additional services and effective safeguarding

What are the Next Steps?

We are in the process of formulating training and data source plan for ContactPoint. We will be offering free training during 2010/11 we **urgently** need to know which agencies have staff to be trained in using ContactPoint and if they have any data which needs to be uploaded into ContactPoint.

If your agency is interested in using ContactPoint then please contact us at the details below.

Staffordshire’s Integrated Process team, Tel: 01785 854040, Email: contactpoint@staffordshire.gov.uk or visit the website: www.staffordshirechildrenstrust.org.uk/ISA/ContactPoint

Actions/decisions to be taken by Districts

- Decision – if your agencies would get benefit in using ContactPoint
- Action - To contact the Integrated Process Team

Healthy Weights Group

Chair / representative: Melanie Swanwick, melanie.swanwick@staffordshire.gov.uk , 01785 27 8740

Update

The two Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) have identified leads for Healthy Weight; Jacqueline Small – Director of Health Improvement (NHS North Staffordshire) and Jo Robins - Consultant in Public Health – Health Improvement (NHS South Staffordshire). They will ensure that the Healthy Weight - LAA Steering Group, develops a sustainable, co-ordinated, and partnership approach to tackling childhood obesity across Staffordshire.

A multi-agency Childhood Obesity / Healthy Weight Workshop will take place in July. The aim of the workshop is to consult on a Healthy Weight Strategy (focussing on adults and children) and agree a Staffordshire-wide delivery plan to strengthen the Children and Young People's Plan approach to reducing inequalities in health, well-being and attainment.

Local borough and district councils and local delivery partners are responsible for services that impact on childhood obesity, therefore effective engagement with these partners, as well as children and families is needed to inform and evaluate outcomes.

The Children and Young People’s Strategic Plan 2010-11 has called for a multi-agency healthy weights strategy to be developed for the county.

Actions/decisions to be taken by Districts

- Ensure that the healthy weights group are aware of any work that is taking place at a local level that will have an impact on the healthy weights agenda.

Other Partner Groups

Children & Young People's Participation Team

Representative: Sue Bond; sue.bond@staffordshire.gov.uk, 01785 854064

Shape It Conference

Children and young people aged 7 - 11 yrs from across the County were invited to The County Showground, Stafford, to influence and shape the changes to Staffordshire's Children & Young People's Plan.

The children and young people of Staffordshire had the chance to take part in interactive discussions and fun activity based workshops, as a way of having **their** voices heard and to influence the decision makers through the Children & Young People's Plan.

Children's Workshops were facilitated by Children's Trust staff and partners, who included:- School Nurses, Staffordshire Police, Connexions, and Road Safety Officers. The Domestic Violence Co-ordinator from Cannock CVS ran workshops for staff who attended with the children

The event was organised by The Children & Young People's Participation Team in partnership with the Services under the umbrella of Staffordshire Children's Trust.

Results from this event are still in the process of being collated and a full report will be presented to the Trust Board on completion.

Community Cohesion World Cup Event 2010

Overview of Community Cohesion

Community Cohesion has been recognised by Staffordshire County Council, Newcastle Local Strategic Partnership and the Borough Council as a key priority within the areas of Newcastle under Lyme.

Community Cohesion has been defined by the Home Office as a place where:

1. There is a common vision and sense of belonging by all communities
2. The diversity of people's backgrounds and circumstances are appreciated and positively valued
3. Those from different backgrounds have similar life opportunities
4. Strong and positive relationships are developed between people from different backgrounds in the workplace, in schools and in neighbourhoods.

With this in mind, the Borough Council and Newcastle LSP¹ in partnership with Staffordshire Football Association are looking to hold a World Cup tournament for educational establishments to celebrate the diversity of our global society.



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¹ Newcastle under Lyme Local Strategic Partnership