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STAFFORDSHIRE CHILDREN'S TRUST BRIEFING INFORMATION OCTOBER 2010

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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: 16.11.10

Update

Children's Trust Cover Arrangements

There have been some significant changes within the Children's Trust staffing recently and in short we have three posts which require temporary cover through realignment of existing members of staff.

The following tasks will be covered accordingly:

Children's Trust Manager

Strategic support by Paul Woodcock

Continued day to day oversight through Cate Crawford

Contact: paul.woodcock@staffordshire.gov.uk tel: 01785 27 7949

cate.crawford@staffordshire.gov.uk tel: 01785 27 7300

Families Ambassador

Families Ambassador (merge of Parents' Commissioner and Children's Commissioner) – Kate Sharratt

The Children's Trust Participation Team led by Sue Bond will continue to support the Families Ambassador

Contact: katherine.sharratt@staffordshire.gov.uk tel: 01785 27 8200

sue.bond@staffordshire.gov.uk tel: 01785 274064

Joint Assessment Co-ordinators (JAC)

Line Management of JACs – District FASS team managers
Thematic lead for JACs – Paul Woodcock

Contact: paul.woodcock@staffordshire.gov.uk tel: 01785 27 7949

The staff covering the posts will be doing so on a temporary basis pending the return of the substantive post holders and continuing discussions with Children's Trust partners.

The Children's Trust arrangements continue to be managed through the Children's Trust Executive with delegated line management responsibility to Charlotte Bailey, Staffordshire County Council, Assistant Director Targeted Services. For further information please contact Charlotte (charlotte.bailey@staffordshire.gov.uk) or the identified personnel directly.

Children & Young People's Strategic Plan 2010-11 Quarter 1 Performance Report

The Children & Young People's Strategic Plan 2010-11 Quarter 1 Performance Report is now available on the Children's Trust website: <http://www.staffordshirechildrenstrust.org.uk/cypp/QPRs/>

Latest Edition of the Acorn is now available!

The Acorn is the quarterly newsletter of the Staffordshire Children's Trust.

The [September issue](#) of the Acorn is now available. Please take the time to read the Acorn to update yourself with what's going on in the Children's Trust and catch up on the latest news!

We are currently collecting articles for the November 2010 edition, the deadline for articles will be Friday 12th November 2010. If you wish to submit an article, please contact Cate Crawford, Children's Trust Support Officer, on cate.crawford@staffordshire.gov.uk or call 01785 277 116. Guidance [on submitting an article](#) is also available.

The Acorn Questionnaire

Staffordshire Children's Trust is always trying to streamline and improve how it communicates to its partners. To help us, please take time to answer the following questions about the Children's Trust Acorn Newsletter:

 [Acorn Questionnaire](#) (104kb)

 [Acorn Questionnaire](#) (173kb)

All of the above information, can also be found at:

<http://www.staffordshirechildrenstrust.org.uk/acornnewsletter/>

Local Enterprise Partnership for Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire

Please find below the web link to the final proposal submitted to Ministers.

<http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/business/economicdevelopment/lep/>

Thank you for your comments and observations on previous drafts and during the development of the proposal. The timescales set by Government meant that we needed to develop the proposal quickly. I understand that Ministers will now be considering the proposals over the next few weeks and will be responding accordingly.

We will be continuing to develop the evidence base for our needs and priorities, as well as promoting initiatives as the opportunity arises.

If you have any queries, please contact Steve Burrows steve.burrows@staffordshire.gov.uk or Peter Davenport peter.davenport@staffordshire.gov.uk tel: (01785) 276630

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: 14.10.10

Update

Early Identification and Intervention Strategy

- The Strategy is currently out for comment with members of the Executive and will be brought to November Children's Trust Board to seek endorsement.

Progress and Planned Action against Strategic Objective 3: Provide Integrated Services that are Accessible, Equitable and Effective (C Bailey)

- It was explained that this is the core work of the Integrated Service Delivery (ISD) Board, with the desired outcomes of this objective discussed in depth at their meeting on 09.09.10.
- The partners at the Executive then gave a brief update on developments within their own organisations to help achieve this objective.

Audit of the Children's Trust and District Trust Boards Review

- The aim of the audit was to gain an overall picture of the Children's Trust i.e. staff, meetings, budget funding partners.
- The first recommendation of the report was to work out the current activity, then streamlining this and meeting attendance, (some of which has subsequently fallen under the Children's Trust and Staffordshire Safeguarding Children Board (SSCB) consultation).
- Second recommendation was looking at finances and how to move forward on this due to the current financial climate, and so a small group of funding partners have met to look at this in more detail.
- The District Trust Boards' were asked how they felt their partnership is working, benefits etc, the results came back confirming they felt it was a very positive as an integrated way of working despite lack of budget.

Staffordshire Children's Trust and Safeguarding Children Board (SSCB) Consultation

- The review consultation paper is due to be discussed at the 16.09.10 SSCB and 28.09.10 Children's Trust Board meeting.
- The paper outlines a proposal and a visual model for future arrangements.
- The proposal aims to streamline arrangements and ensure appropriate membership at meetings to ensure a clear focus.
- Good feedback to the consultation proposal has been received to date.

Staffordshire Children & Young People's Strategic Plan update

- The key themes (and rationale behind them) for the future priorities for the Trust (identified by the small planning group) will now be raised and discussed at the 28th September Children's Trust Board

'Quality Standards for Parenting' leaflet

- The purpose of the leaflet is for it to be used by practitioners as an aid memoir when working with parents to ensure they follow the set of standards of engagement, assessment of need, communication etc.
- An action plan will be put into place to embed the leaflet across the workforce.
- A leaflet for parents will also be developed to let them know that they can expect from practitioners
- The Executive agreed to the principle/aim of the document; and to it being embedded (including the monitoring its impact) across the county.

Children's Trust Risk Register

- The risk register will now be reassessed inline with recent statutory guidance.

Children's Trust Standing Groups

Joint Commissioning

Chair: Yvonne Sawbridge

Lead Officer: Martyn Baggaley, Joint Commissioning Unit Manager,
martyn.baggaley@staffordshire.gov.uk, 01785 278710

Date of Next Meeting

Update:

Commissioning & Purchasing Skills Course

- As we have focussed place allocations on those in commissioning or strategic planning roles, two places remain on the second Commissioning Skills for Children's Services course (see previous briefings for details). Those interested in booking a place should contact Martyn Baggaley urgently to book one of the remaining places – they will be allocated on a first come first served basis for suitable applicants. The course will run on 30/11, 01/12, and 10/01-11/01 in the New Year. Attendance on all 4 days is mandatory for those wishing to pursue the post graduate Certificate in Commissioning and Purchasing for Public Care (at extra cost), which is accredited by Oxford Brookes.

Scoping and commissioning development

- Further work will progress through the autumn to assist with the shaping of the commissioning function of the new 'People' Directorate following the announcement of the revised operating model for the County Council, and close links with NHS partners will need to be maintained to make sure that joint arrangements for public health, and for working with GP Consortia, are considered and developed as appropriate.
- We are working to support Children England, who have been tasked by the Commissioning Support Programme to lead on the process of supporting 3rd Sector development for Children's Services, including skills development across the sector to aide capacity building. To that end, a workshop for 3rd Sector agencies is being held on November 19th in Stafford (venue TBC at present) to provide guidance and advice for the production of effective tenders. Details and booking instructions are as per the attached flyer



CSP VCS Flyer
 General Sept 10....

- **Service specific commissioning** updates (for CAMHS, Aiming High for Disabled Children, Substance Misuse, Healthy Weight and Teenage Pregnancy) are covered elsewhere in this report.

Actions/decisions to be taken by Districts

- Contact Martyn Baggaley (01785 278710) urgently if you wish to book one of the 2 remaining places on the Commissioning Skills course.
- 3rd Sector agencies wishing to book a place on the 'Love Your Tender' event on November 19th should do so via the attached flyer.

CAMHS Strategy Group

Chair: Roger Graham

Lead Officer: Pete Gray, CAMHS Co-ordinator, peter.gray@staffordshire.gov.uk 01785 27 6899

CAMHS Conference

- There are still places available at the CAMHS Conference on the 8th October 2010. The conference is free to attend and would be of value to all agencies who work with children and young people. A

certificate of attendance will be given and we have both local and national speakers attending. To find out more information or to book on the course, log onto:

<http://www.staffordshirechildrenstrust.org.uk/CAMHs+Conference.htm>

Actions/decisions to be taken by Districts

- Inform colleagues about the conference.

Early Years Forum Group

Chair / representative: Anne Cummins, anne.cummins@staffordshire.gov.uk, 01785 278 695

Update

- The authority has a duty to publish an assessment of childcare supply and demand by March 2011 and the consultation which underpins this has included 1,890 parent questionnaires plus 100 provider questionnaires. Thank you to everyone that has helped with the consultation by completing questionnaires with the parents that they work with.
- Next step is that there are four double district workshops in October to feedback and discuss the findings, invites have gone out to Early Years and Childcare staff and C&LP Co-ordinators.
- The assessment will be published for consultation late November and be followed up with an action plan which will be published in March 2011.

2yr old Childcare

- The scheme has been extended for a further year and the criteria for access to places remains unchanged i.e. those children in the most economically disadvantaged circumstances. The evaluation of the current programme is reaching a conclusion. For more information contact pat.djemli@staffordshire.gov.uk

Children's Trust Strategy Groups

Families Ambassador:

Kate Sharratt Katherinesharratt@staffordshire.gov.uk Tel: 07976 191083

Update

- The Amalgamation of the Parents & Families Team and the Children & Young People's Participation Team is well underway forming the new Children, Young People and Families Engagement Team.
- We will also be merging the Children's Commissioner and Commissioner for Parents web pages and taking this opportunity to launch it as the new Families Ambassador web page.
- We are in the early planning stages of conducting a review of the Parental Engagement Toolkit with the vision of making it a more inclusive toolkit.

Parenting Early Intervention Programme (PEIP)

- The PEIP funded Evidence Based Parenting Programmes which Staffordshire chose to invest in included Triple P, Strengthening Families Strengthening Communities (SFSC), Strengthening Families Programme 10-14yrs, and Incredible Years. Through PEIP, 14 practitioners have been trained in Triple P, 19 practitioners trained in SFSC, 16 practitioners trained in SFP 10-14 yrs and 10 practitioners trained in Incredible Years, a total of 59 across the County. There are many other practitioners who have previously been trained in some of these courses and it is intended that those newly trained will be matched up with experienced facilitators or those who have not yet dipped their toes in the water.
- In addition the Ambit programme is being rolled out to schools: this is a cost-effective parenting programme to be delivered through DVD.

Changes Programme

- Currently, we are in the process of setting up training in the Changes Programme. The essential core

principle to the ethos of this programme is that behind being a parent there is a person and through building self-awareness, skills, motivation and aspirations of the person it will impact on their role as a parent. The programme has also taken into account the five outcomes for children.

- Hence, the training will actually complement and contribute to many practitioners core business. Changes is a resource to use with parents to develop self awareness and confidence, to enhance parenting skills, encourage parental participation in school life and to promote adult learning. It is ideal for building parents self confidence and esteem before they embark on say a Triple P, SFSC, SFP 10-14 yrs or Incredible Years Programme. We are encouraging partners to take up places on this free course in the very near future please contact either Richard Harper: Richard.harper@staffordshire.gov.uk (East side of county – E Staffs & Tamworth, Cannock Chase & Lichfield) or Jill Gregory: jill.gregory@staffordshire.gov.uk (West side of County – Stafford & S Staffs, Newcastle & Moorlands)

Parenting Strategy

- The Parenting Strategy Monitoring Meeting is being amalgamated with the new Think Family Strategic Planning Group. This group will be made up of strategic leads that provide services for parents. This group will have a Think Family Provider Forum that will sit along side it, this group will be made up of the workers that provide the services on behalf of the Strategic Leads. Both groups will work together to achieve the aims of Think Family and the Parenting Strategy. The first meetings of both groups will take place in November 2010.
- The Parent and Carer Engagement Toolkit training has been delivered to 84 practitioners this month with training planned for the YOS in October.
- We have now collated the results from the Summer Your View Counts Questionnaire, the report will be loaded on to the Commissioner for Parents web page and can be accessed at <http://www.staffordshirechildrenstrust.org.uk/commissionerparents/> (This will become the Families Ambassador web page, all as per item 2 above)

Listen To Us All

- Staffordshire Children, Young People and Families Participation Team have successfully bid for funding for the 'Listen To Us All' project through the Aiming High For Disabled Children Funding.
- The consultation project will take place in invited Special Schools across the County to work with a minimum of two hundred and fifty children and young people, age 5-18yrs with a range of difficulties and disabilities.
- All children in the school will take part in themed workshops and fun activities to give their views on subjects and issues identified by children, professionals and parents.
- A DVD and booklet containing the children's views and ideas will be created as a tool for future creative consultation ideas. The consultation results will be forwarded to Staffordshire County Council Senior Managers, Council Members, Disability Teams and Managers and any other relevant staff working with or for disabled children.

For more information, please contact

Children, Young People and Families Participation Team
01785 854063

Aiming High For Disabled Children

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

Update

Opportunity to access Training and Development Fund

- Please find attached a new opportunity to access some funding for workforce development. The funding is targeted at workers/agencies involved in delivery of short break opportunities for disabled children and young people. This is short breaks in their widest sense and could include overnight stays or community based activities.

- There is a limited amount of funding available and it will be allocated on a first come first served basis to applicants where there is a clear link between the training opportunity and improved service delivery. There is no closing date for applications, but a notice will be sent out when the funding is no longer available.
- Please see attached documents for further details.

For further information, please contact:
 Tina Wigfall
 Aiming High Strategy Manager - 01785 27785
 Directorate for Children, Young People and Families
 Staffordshire County Council



Free activities for Disabled Children

- A range of free activities continues to take place across Staffordshire for disabled children and their families, funded by Aiming High. Feedback from the activities is excellent. The activities available include football, cricket, arts and dance, wheelchair football, activity days at outdoor education centres, youth clubs.
- A number of new activities have just been funded by Aiming High increasing the range and variety of short breaks available across Staffordshire. The new activities include music workshops, storytelling, angling, farm trips, activity days for children with a visual impairment, workshops for children with autistic spectrum disorder.
- For more details on all activities go to www.staffordshire.gov.uk/disabledchildren and click on aiming high or email: aiminghigh@staffordshire.gov.uk

Parent Participation and Engagement Service

- The Staffordshire Aiming High Parent Participation and Engagement Service has been established to offer different ways for parents and carers to make a difference to the services provided for families of disabled children under the age of 18. The Service is making excellent progress. The Aiming High Parent and Carer Board has now met twice. A parent representative from the board now attends the Aiming High Strategic Management Board to feed in any issues from parents.
- The e forum has been developed www.aiminghighforumstaffs.co.uk to provide an opportunity for parents and carers to post questions, begin discussions, voice concerns and support each other. Issues that arise will be included on the agendas for the Parent and Carer Board to discuss. Parents were involved in shaping the initial design, layout and content of the e-forum.
- Please visit www.aiminghighforumstaffs.co.uk to see the new site.
- Parents have developed additional roles which they felt were important and were needed for the service: Parent Participation Ambassador, Parent Participation Champion and a Parent Participation e-forum moderator role. These roles were created by parents to enable them to become involved in the service from a distance. This enabled parents and carers to really influence and shape the service so it meets their needs.
- For more information on the **Parent Participation and Engagement Service** email: spps@staffordshire.gov.uk or telephone 01785 356919.

Short Breaks Sufficiency Statement

- To deliver the most effective services for disabled children and their parents a picture of the population in Staffordshire must first be gained. A sufficiency statement has been written to provide an analysis of need on the disabled children population.
- The report aims to improve understanding of the disabled children and young people cohort in Staffordshire and provide a comprehensive evidence base for the planning and development of the Aiming High programme and services for disabled children.
- The report has three main sections:
 1. An analysis of the extent and type of disabilities in Staffordshire;
 2. Identification of the current resources available to disabled children and their families; and

3. The views of disabled children and their families on services for disabled children.

- The report can be accessed at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/disabledchildren and click on aiming high or if you would like an electronic copy sending to you please email aiminghigh@staffordshire.gov.uk

Actions/decisions to be taken by Districts

- To note the above and circulate the information to colleagues
- Ensure relevant professionals are made aware of the aiming high activities and provide details to families of disabled children

Healthy Weights Group

Chair / representative: Jacqueline Small (NHS North Staffs) Jacqueline.Small@northstaffordshire.nhs.uk
0845 6026772 ext. 1811 & Jo Robins (Sth Staffs PCT) jo.robins@southstaffspt.nhs.uk

Update

- Work continues in line with the previous updates; please refer to these for more information.
- A Healthy Weights meeting was held on September 15th 2010 chaired by Jo Robins. New terms of reference have been signed off.
- A multi-agency countywide workshop is planned for 7th October 2010 to re-energise and promote childhood healthy weight across the county. Details are available at: <http://www.staffordshirechildrenstrust.org.uk/Childhood+Obesity+Workshop.htm>
- The group will be developing a county wide strategy and delivery plan. This will be a focus at the multi-agency workshop in October. Stakeholders will be invited to shape and set the direction for these documents.
- Childhood obesity service provision is currently being mapped across the county to assist in the development of commissioning guidelines.
- Focus will be given to using data to drive change and service improvement. For example, targeting areas with high rates of obesity (tier 2). Childhood obesity data has been included in school profiles as part of the enhanced healthy schools model.
- A mechanism of distributing the Healthy Weight Frameworks has been agreed to ensure that these will be received by all appropriate partners. The process of distribution has commenced. The frameworks will be sent out with an accompanying cover letter from the Director of Public Health at South Staffordshire PCT and Staffordshire County Council, Dr Aliko Ahmed, and Director of Health Improvement, NHS North Staffordshire, Jacqueline Small.
- In both North and South Staffordshire the NCMP programme continues – 2008/09 data is available. Feedback for this year has been sent to South and North Staffordshire's schools and school nursing teams via the Public health team.
- Physical activity work for children and young people continues in both North and South Staffordshire PCT areas. Some practice based commissioning groups in South Staffordshire have commissioned physical activity provision as part of weight management models i.e. Cannock and East Staffordshire.
- A Total Place approach to childhood obesity is being adopted in Staffordshire Moorlands with the potential benefits of developing services better tailored to customer needs, more satisfied customers, a simpler and clearer service offer and improved efficiency as well as effectiveness.

Actions/decisions to be taken by Districts

- Engagement in the workshop and linkages with the Healthy Weights Group.
- Colleagues to receive and review/implement Healthy Weight Frameworks locally in order to have an impact on the prevalence of healthy weight in children and families.

Other Partner Groups

School Improvement Division

Representative: Dr Lynda Mitchell, lynda.mitchell@staffordshire.gov.uk 01785 27 7965

Update

- We are currently carrying out a piece of work around the distribution of Additional Educational Needs funding, provided for those children and young people who have the most complex educational needs. A consultation paper will be out mid October for schools and settings to respond.

Actions/decisions to be taken by Districts

- Please look out for further details of the new scheme to be introduced

Healthy Schools

Representative: Jan Mellor jan.mellor@staffordshire.gov.uk 01785 356423

Update

- 323 schools have achieved Healthy School Status and the 69 remaining schools are all working towards it. (as of 30.09.10) In addition 1 Independent School has achieved Healthy School Status.
- National Healthy School Status is the delivery vehicle of health and well being for children and young people.
- Training is ongoing to move schools onto the Healthy Schools enhancement model.
- Healthy Schools is part of the wider Personal Development and Well Being team all contributing towards Healthy Schools. Behaviour and Attendance has provided the following

National Anti Bullying Week 19th November 2010

- The theme of this year's Anti Bullying Week is 'Taking action Together'. Information about how schools and other settings can get involved can be found on the Staffordshire Anti Bullying Web Pages <http://education.staffordshire.gov.uk/PupilSupport/Anti-Bullying/> and from the Anti Bullying Alliance <http://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk>

Attendance and Persistent Absence

- In the absence of specific direction from the Department For Education we are working with the Education Welfare Service to focus on those High Schools with a Persistent Absence rate of more than 5%. Information about systems to improve attendance can be found on our Behaviour and Attendance pages at <http://education.staffordshire.gov.uk/PupilSupport/supportinclusion/pdwb/seal> or the new Department for Education web pages at <http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/pupilsupport> . We are encouraging schools to work together in clusters within localities to develop consistent systems around the management of attendance issues and involve a range of other agencies to support young people and families to improve attendance.
- For more information, contact: Deborah Barnes, Senior Advisor Behaviour and Attendance, Education Transformation Division.

Actions/decisions to be taken by Districts

Ensure that Healthy Schools:

- is an agenda item at District meetings and invite a Healthy Schools Consultant to attend to update on progress.
- is involved with any health and well being work
- is aware of any work that is taking place at a local level that will have an impact on the Healthy Schools agenda.

For further information log onto: www.education.staffordshire.gov.uk/healthyschools

Joint Commissioning Unit - Substance Misuse Commissioning Team

Representative: Alison Perry alison.perry@staffordshire.gov.uk 01785 358613

Update

- Information from the recent young people's stakeholder events is being fed into the remodelling and retendering of young people's substance misuse service provision. Work is on-going for the preparation of the tender.
- The newly developed Performance Management Framework is now being piloted, to help test new arrangements for the performance management and quality review of services. Two (adult) services are being currently being reviewed, with rollout planned for all commissioned substance misuse services from early next year.
- Plans to launch the five year Alcohol and Drug Strategy are currently underway. Details will be circulated shortly once final arrangements have been confirmed.

Family Information Service

Representative: Jag.singh@staffordshire.gov.uk 01785 27 8216

Update

- The Family Information Service (FIS) will shortly be changing its telephone number to an 0300 number which will offer service users the benefits of:
 - Longer opening hours: the switch to the new phone number will see opening hours extended to include evenings and weekends which will benefit all service users and working parents in particular.
 - Lower call costs: feedback from service users has showed that more and more people are relying solely on a mobile phone and do not have a landline, the current FIS number is costly from some mobile whereas the new 0300 number will be at local rate for most users.

Actions/decisions to be taken by Districts

- Look out for FIS publicity which will show when the new phone number and longer opening hours are in place.

Families First Partners' Bulletin - Tamworth Pilot: 28 September 2010

Update:

- Staffordshire County Council is introducing an exciting new way of working with children, young people and families. As part of this project, called Families First, we are running a six month pilot in Tamworth. The pilot will start from 20 September.
- This brief aims to give you more information about the pilot, and how it may affect you. If you would like to speak to someone about what this means for your team or service, see the contact details at the end of this bulletin.



What is Families First?

- Families First is a Staffordshire County Council project which aims to deliver the right help at the right time to ensure children, young people and families in Staffordshire achieve positive outcomes.
- The Directorate for Children, Young People and Families will transform its services to ensure an integrated approach for families in Staffordshire through Families First.

What are the key changes?

- The Families First project will introduce Local Support Teams (LSTs) in districts. Local Support Teams are based on the principle of early intervention and will be made up of a core team of staff from within the Directorate for Children, Young People and Families, lead by a Co-ordinator.

What is the pilot seeking to test out?

- The Tamworth pilot will test the operation of a Local Support Team and the interlinked multi-agency targeted support service (known as Turnaround). It will look to implement Staffordshire's early intervention strategy and develop the "critical path" between Targeted Services (provided by Local Support Teams) and Specialist Services (provided by social work teams).
- The pilot will also test the Co-ordinator role. This is a new role and will line manage the Family Assessment and Support Service (FASS) staff transferring into the Local Support Team and provide case management supervision for Parenting Support Workers.
- The exact role will develop through the pilot, but the Co-ordinator will be the single route through which cases can be escalated to Specialist services, or de-escalated from Specialist Services to the Targeted Local Support Team. They will be charged with working closely with the local Safeguarding/FASS services to provide a service across tiers 1 – 3 on the "continuum of need". They will also play a lead role in the allocation of cases presenting to the service, the management of data, recording and the co-ordination of the multi-agency relationships.

How does the pilot fit with the Tamworth Turnaround team?

- The Local Support Team model represents the element of early, targeted intervention and support provided by Staffordshire's Directorate for Children Young People and Families and will seek to link and integrate with multi agency service provision on a localised basis. To this end it is anticipated that the Tamworth LST pilot will add to and further develop the already existing multi agency early intervention services established in Tamworth Turnaround.
- The Turnaround Steering Group will continue to meet and will play a key role in monitoring and reviewing particularly the multi agency arrangements for the life of the Pilot.

Will there be additional staff?

- In addition to the current Staffordshire County Council staffing located in Turnaround, the LST pilot will be supplemented by three full time equivalent Family Support Worker posts, a full time LST/Turnaround Co-ordinator, and 15 hours per week administrative support.
- Support will also be available to the pilot from a Change Manager from Staffordshire County Council, who will in the initial stages be spending approximately two days a week in Tamworth.

Where will the team be based?

- They will be at Torc Vocational Centre.

How long will it run?

- The pilot will run over a 6 month period.

What will happen to First Response?

- First Response will continue to operate to receive referrals for specialist Social Work services but will redirect enquiries appropriate to targeted LST intervention to the pilot. Child protection referrals should continue to be made to First Response in the usual way. Family support/early intervention referrals should be made directly to the LST/Turnaround on 01827 475954.

What will happen next?

- The pilot will inform the development of the Local Support Teams across Staffordshire and their roll out April – September 2011.

For more information please contact:

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 Charlotte Bailey, Assistant Director for Targeted Services on Charlotte.bailey@staffordshire.gov.uk
 Sue Hogben, Co-ordinator, Local Support Team, Tamworth Sue.hogben@staffordshire.gov.uk