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STAFFORDSHIRE CHILDREN'S TRUST BRIEFING DECEMBER 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.

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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: Paul Woodcock, Interim Children's Trust Manager, paul.woodcock@staffordshire.gov.uk, 01785 27 7116

Date of Next Meeting: 16.11.10

Update

Items raised at the Children's Trust Board held 16.11.10

- Darryl Evers (Head of Policy & Performance, Staffordshire County Council) attended the meeting to provide an update statutory functions and made developments towards the **Staffordshire Health and Wellbeing Board** which has come about as part of the NHS White Paper: Liberating the NHS. Members of the Board then had a discussion on the benefits and challenges that will arise from having the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- It was agreed that a **Children & Young People's Strategic Action Plan (CYPP)** for 2011 will be developed by partners of the Trust, with a commitment from partners to own and deliver the CYPP in partnership. The Children's Trust Board endorsed to the following:
 - Agreement by the Board to the six key priorities identified.
 - The existing strategies / action plans relating to the 6 key priorities feed into the CYPP to ensure added value through partnership working.
 - The existing multi-agency groups will continue to monitor delivery of the relevant strategy /action plan and report on progress/issues to the Children's Trust Executive by exception (and the Children's Trust Board if unresolved at the Executive) unless requested otherwise.

It was confirmed that the Staffordshire County Council Child Poverty Strategy would link into each of the 6 key priorities (and vice versa).

- To find out more or to view the Data (and District) Profiles, log onto:

<http://www.staffordshirechildrenstrust.org.uk/cypp/2011-12/>

- **Strategic Objective 5: Reduce Adverse Risk Taking Behaviour in Young People**

Sharon Moore explained that the majority of actions from the Project Plan have now been completed in the 'Strategic Objective 5: Reduce Adverse Risk Taking Behaviour in Young People' Delivery Plan. The Children's Trust Board Agreed to the following proposals:

- dissolve the Adverse Risk Taking Behaviour Project Team to allow strategic issues to be managed through the ISD Board on behalf of the Children's Trust and integrated operational delivery to be managed within each district;
- the broader issue of adverse risk taking behaviour to be picked up strategically by the Children's Trust Board in the CYPP 2011; and
- outstanding actions (embedding of CAF and early intervention) to be picked strategically up via the ISD Board.

• **Building A Resilient Community In Staffordshire**

The Children's Trust Board endorsed the refreshed Action Plan and agreed to it being reviewed on a 12 monthly basis subject to any policy changes.

• **Childhood Obesity – Shaping The Direction Of Travel**

The Children's Trust Board endorsed the Healthy Weight Delivery Plan (developed by the multi agency group) allowing it continue to be populated with more details in relation to actions, Leads, desired outcome and timescales.

• **Early Identification And Intervention Strategy**

The Children's Trust Board endorsed of the following and agreed to embed within their own organisation:

- the principles and vision set out within the Early Identification and Intervention Strategy; and
- the supplementary Critical Pathways handbook as a processes protocol for practitioners.

• It was agreed that the **Families Ambassador** should also be a member of the Children's Trust Board to ensure issues for children, young people and parents can be raised.

• **Children & Young People's Strategic Plan Quarter 2 Report Update** is now available at:

<http://www.staffordshirechildrenstrust.org.uk/cypp/QPRs/>

The Department for Education (DfE) have issued guidance on what will change, why, and when with regard to Children's Trusts:

<http://www.education.gov.uk/inthenews/inthenews/a0066362/more-freedom-and-flexibility-a-new-approach-for-childrens-trust-boards-children-and-young-peoples-plans-and-the-duty-to-cooperate>

As of 31 October 2010:

- Statutory children's trust guidance, which no longer reflects Government policy, is withdrawn.
- Children and young people's plan regulations, which are unnecessarily prescriptive, are revoked. This means Children's Trust Boards will not be required to produce a children and young people's plan.

Forthcoming Education Bill:

- The Education Bill will (subject to parliamentary approval) remove the duty on schools, non-maintained special schools, academies and FE colleges to cooperate through children's trusts.

Next parliamentary session:

- To provide even greater freedom and more local flexibility, the Coalition Government intends (subject to parliamentary approval) to remove the requirement for local areas to have a Children's Trust Board and for Job Centre Plus to be a 'relevant partner' under a formal 'duty to cooperate'.

In summary

Children's Trust Boards

Government are neither prescribing nor proscribing the need for a Board. In many areas such Boards are working well, but equally, other partnership arrangements can be as effective in securing the wellbeing of local children and young people. Government can't remove the legal obligation to have a Board immediately, but Government can remove burdensome statutory guidance and revoke unnecessary regulations so there is no longer a requirement for the Board to develop, publish or review the children and young people's plan.

Children and young people's plan (CYPP)

Many Boards have already started consulting local people and assessing local needs to meet the requirement to publish a new plan by 1 April 2011. This requirement will now be removed and local authorities and their partners can decide how best to provide for the needs of their area, getting the most from limited resources. Local partnerships are free to publish their own strategic plan as they see fit, but the format and what it contains will no longer be centrally prescribed. Relevant partners will not be under

any formal duty to 'have regard' to any voluntary plan.

Duty to cooperate

Partnership working gets results. Government have no plans to remove this sensible principle, enshrined in the 'duty to cooperate' (section 10 of the Children Act 2004) from legislation. Local authorities should continue to lead partnership arrangements that make sense for local people and services.

'Relevant partners' continue to be

- District councils
- Strategic health authorities
- Primary care trusts
- Youth offending teams
- Police
- Probation services
- Persons providing Connexions services in pursuance of section 68 of the Education and Skills Act 2008
- Jobcentre Plus.

The forthcoming Education Bill will, subject to the will of Parliament, remove the 'duty to cooperate' from

- Maintained schools
- FE and sixth-form colleges
- Non-maintained special schools
- Academies, city technology colleges and city colleges for the technology of arts.

These bodies will no longer have to be represented on Children's Trust Boards, and schools and colleges will be free to form partnership arrangements in the way that best meets local circumstances. The Government has also indicated its intention to, at the next legislative opportunity and subject to the will of Parliament, remove Jobcentre Plus from the list of relevant partners.

Lead member and director of children's services

Government have no plans to repeal the legislation requiring local authorities to appoint lead members and directors of children's services. In due course the statutory guidance may be reviewed in the context of wider legislative changes to reduce bureaucracy around planning for children's services.

A Q&A document can be found on the following website:

<http://media.education.gov.uk/assets/files/pdf/c/a/%20new%20approach%20to%20childrens%20trust%20boards%20%20%20qa.pdf>

Ofsted has published a report identifying best practice in the work of six Children's Trusts

(Darlington, Derby City, Kensington & Chelsea, Kingston upon Thames, Northumberland and York). Key features include: clear children and young people's plans; a commitment to early intervention and prevention; and services designed around the needs of the children and families.

Improving outcomes for children and young people through partnership in Children's Trusts is a small-scale survey of the six local authorities evaluating the impact of Children's Trusts on improving the lives of children and young people, particularly those whose circumstances made them potentially vulnerable. The report identifies best practice and provides detailed case studies of effective partnership work within the six Children's Trusts. I have attached a summary of the report, if you are interested in the full report (24 pages) you can find it at [Improving outcomes for children and young people through partnership in Children's Trusts](#)

Stoke on Trent & Staffordshire Fire & Rescue Authority - Corporate Safety Plan

Stoke on Trent & Staffordshire Fire & Rescue Authority is developing a new Corporate Safety Plan which outlines how the Authority intends to deliver services to reduce risk to the communities of Stoke on Trent & Staffordshire for the three year period 2011-14. This Plan will succeed the current three year Safety Plan for 2008-11.

We are committed to involving key stakeholders, partner agencies and people from all sections of our community in this planning process. As such I invite you to read the draft document and complete a questionnaire relating to key areas of the draft plan. You can do this online at www.staffordshirefire.gov.uk by following the link under 'what's new' on the home page or comment by email to

consult@staffordshirefire.gov.uk. A printed copy can be provided on request.

Your involvement and input into this process is greatly valued by us. I hope that you will be able to play your part in shaping the future delivery of our service and help us to continue to provide an excellent level of service to the communities of Stoke on Trent & Staffordshire.

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Actions/decisions to be taken by Districts

- Minutes of the Children's Trust Board meetings are available (once approved) at:
<http://www.staffordshirechildrenstrust.org.uk/countytrustboard/Meetings/>
- Consider a response to the Stoke on Trent & Staffordshire Fire & Rescue Authority - Corporate Safety Plan consultation.

County Trust Executive

Chair: Sally Rowe

Lead Officer: Paul Woodcock, Interim Children's Trust Manager, paul.woodcock@staffordshire.gov.uk, 01785 27 7116

Date of Next Meeting: 09.12.10

Update

Items raised and discussed at the Children's Trust Executive held 11.11.10

- **The Early Identification and Intervention Strategy**
- The principles set out within Early Identification and Intervention Strategy were endorsed by the Children's Trust Executive.
- **Hidden Harm Strategy**
- The first draft of the Hidden Harm Strategy was circulated to the Executive as part of the consultation process (which also includes consultation with the Staffordshire Safeguarding Children Board and the Alcohol and Drugs Strategic Partnership Boards) The consultation closes on 22.12.10.
- **Staffordshire Children & Young People's Strategic Action Plan Update**
- The development of the Children & Young People's Strategic Action Plan (CYPP) is underway. The Executive agreed that a draft CYPP is to be prepared for next Children's Trust Executive for endorsement, to enable it to be approved by the Children's Trust Board via email ready for consultation, prior to sign off at the March Children's Trust Board.

Actions/decisions to be taken by Districts

- Minutes of the Children's Trust Executive meetings are available (once approved) at:
<http://www.staffordshirechildrenstrust.org.uk/isg/Meetings/>

Children's Trust Strategy Groups

Families Ambassador:

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Update

- Meeting planned in December with Jan Wakefield and Judy Tideswell to look at the Parent and Carer Engagement Toolkit being rolled out as part of Work Force development across the one children's workforce.
- Launch of the Quality Standards Leaflet in January for both practitioners and parents/carers.
- We are currently developing a database of parents, children and young people who have expressed their interest in becoming part of our consultation networks. All relevant Heads of Service will be invited to contribute and share those groups already known.
- The Think Family Strategic and Provider Groups have had their first meetings - this work is now moving forward and its aim is to provide a business case for the Think Family grant funding and to evaluate and measure outcomes from the investment.
- We have met with colleagues from Education Transformation (Roger Emmett) to look at the Toolkit and will be having future meetings to try and embed this and take it forward in relation to governor services and school councils.
- Parenting Week was very successful, a report is currently being produced and will be circulated in early January to highlight the engagement of parents and their satisfaction and the range of services and venues services are offered from.
- A leaflet has been designed called 'What is Engagement' that professionals can use with parents/carers as a guide; this will be available from January.
- The Parenting Strategy Coordinator was invited to speak at the recent Adult Learning Conference about increasing traffic to the Family Information Service and Toolkit promotion.

Takeover Week 2010

Between Monday 8th and Friday 12th November, young people in Staffordshire took over and worked with organisations and departments throughout the County. The activities were organised as part of Takeover Day, a national event led by the Children's Commissioner for England which gives children and young people the chance to shadow jobs, get involved in decision making and offer their opinions on key issues. Young people from Staffordshire Youth Action Council (YAK) and Children in Care Council attended a planning meeting and took over the Corporate Parenting Panel.

Two young people from Staffordshire YAK attended a Lottery Bid meeting with Mark Jones from Staffordshire's Young People's Service. Elliot Payne age 16 said "The afternoon was a fantastic insight into the hard work and dedication that goes into helping the lives of young people that really need it most. I commend their work and thank them for the inspirational meeting. I really enjoyed the afternoon and would definitely recommend it to others!"

Six young people from Staffordshire's Children in Care Council took over the Corporate Parenting Panel. The aim of this was to ensure the views of Looked after Children are included in the planning, development and delivery of services. Since July 2010 the Children in Care Council have been reviewing the County Council's Pledge to all Looked after Children which has involved consulting children, young people and professionals on its content and impact and the findings of this review were reported back to politicians and senior managers on takeover day.

For further information on the work of the Youth Action Council please contact Darren Foley on 07966 328769 or contact yak@staffordshire.gov.uk

For further information about the work of the Children in Care Council please contact the Children's Voice Project on 01785 253878

Update from Parenting Experts

Staffordshire has 250 practitioners trained in evidence-based parenting programmes (EBPP), mainly Triple P, Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities, Incredible Years, Mellow Parenting, Strengthening Families 10 -14, Family Seal, PEEP, Family Nurturing and Speakeasy. Of these, approximately half have been trained over the last 15 months through the Parenting Early Intervention Programme (PEIP) funding to work with parents of 8 – 13 year-olds, though these practitioners are also reaching families with children outside this age group.

Currently we are training up to 100 practitioners from a range of organisations in the Changes Parenting Programme which aims to work with parents and carers not yet confident enough to effectively access the more intensive courses listed above. Feedback from those trained has been very positive. In addition, there will be a focus on embedding the Ambit Parenting Programme in schools in the new year. This is a DVD-based programme which can be run by any school staff without additional training.

Aiming High For Disabled Children

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

Free activities for disabled children

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, and 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

Participation and Engagement Working with Disabled Children

Aiming High has recently appointed a Participation Worker role. Amy Duddy came into post in November 2010. Amy will be consulting with disabled children and young people to gather their views on current services and future service needs. She will also be developing a process for disabled children and young people to evaluate Aiming High funded services.

Amy can be contacted at the Children's Voice Project on 01785 253878 or via email at: amy.duddy@staffordshire.gov.uk.

Parent Participation and Engagement Service.

Aiming High has a Parent and Carer Participation and Engagement service. This is delivered by the Parent Participation Service. It is a free service for parents and carers of a disabled child, up to age 18, who live in Staffordshire. This service includes an active Parent and Carer Shadow Board and e-forum. Parent and Carer representatives voice the views of parents and carers to those who provide children's services. Representatives also sit on a number of groups that are looking to shape and monitor services.

The E forum is a chance for parents and carers to share their views with each other and receive support.

If your service would like to consult with parents and carers of disabled children or you would like to find out more about the service please email us at spps@staffordshire.gov.uk, ring 01785 356919 or visit the e forum at www.aiminghighforumstaffs.co.uk.

Short Breaks Sufficiency Statement

An analysis of the needs of disabled children in Staffordshire has been developed. In order to deliver the most effective services for disabled children and their parents or carers a picture of the population in Staffordshire must first be gained. It is important to know how many disabled children there are as well as understand what their needs are.

Aiming High has produced a Short Breaks Sufficiency Statement. This report will help inform the future delivery of the Aiming High programme and the planning and development of services for disabled children.

The report has three main sections:

- An analysis of types of disabilities in Staffordshire
- Current resources available to disabled children and their families
- The views of disabled children and their families on services for disabled children.

The report can be accessed via the link below:

www.staffordshire.gov.uk/health/childrenandfamilycare/childrenwithdisabilities/aimhigh/sufficiency/ or by contacting Aiming High on 01785 278072 or aiminghigh@staffordshire.gov.uk

Opportunity to access Training and Development Fund

Aiming High is offering an opportunity for professionals 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. The training must take place by the 31 March 2011. There is no closing date for applications, but a notice will be sent out when the funding is no longer available.

For further information, please contact:

Tina Wigfall Aiming High Strategy Manager - 01785 27785 or email: aiminghigh@staffordshire.gov.uk

Aiming High Parent Survey

Over the last 18 months Aiming High in Staffordshire has funded a wide range of activities for disabled children and their families, including football, cricket, arts and crafts, trips out, G8way Team, Parent Participation Service, outreach and befriending service etc. Aiming High is interested in gaining the views of parents and carers on how successful the development of short break and other services has been in Staffordshire. A parent survey will be launched in the new year and full details of how to complete the parent survey will be published in Parents in the Know (January) and will also be available on the aiming high website www.staffordshire.gov.uk/aiminghigh or by emailing aiminghigh@staffordshire.gov.uk. All completed forms will be entered into a prize drawer for £50 to win Marks and Spencer Vouchers. Forms will need to be returned by 31 January 2011.

Disabled Children's Access to Childcare (DCATCH)

Disabled Children's Access to Childcare (DCATCH) is a programme aimed at developing improved childcare services for disabled children (aged 0-18 years) and their families to enable parents and carers to access work/training opportunities. Staffordshire has some additional funding from DCATCH which must be utilised by 31 March 2010.

Five Children's centres across Staffordshire have received some DCATCH funding, and are now able to offer some additional childcare places and activities for disabled children. The funding has also been used for workforce development to improve the skills of childcare workers to meet the needs of disabled children.

All activities have the aim of helping and enabling parents and carers to access work or training opportunities now or in the future.

Through the DCATCH Programme we are also hoping to fund specific training for those in the Private, Voluntary and Independent Sector Childcare settings. A sample group of providers are currently being surveyed and based on their feedback we are intending to launch some training opportunities in the New Year. For further information please register an interest at aiminghigh@staffordshire.gov.uk.

Other initiatives being considered under DCATCH in Staffordshire is the establishment of a childminder network for childminders with an interest in supporting disabled children, and research with parents of disabled children regarding their childcare needs.

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@southstaffspct.nhs.uk

Update

- Work continues in line with the previous updates; please refer to these for more information.
- The next Healthy Weights meeting will be held on December 15th 2010
- A multi-agency countywide workshop was held on 7th October 2010 to re-energise and promote childhood healthy weight across the county. Eighty professionals from a broad range of Staffordshire organisations attended the event which received very positive feedback. All feedback/ ideas will be used to inform the development of a county-wide strategy and delivery plan to prevent and reduce obesity. The afternoon featured presentations, a panel session and facilitated group discussions. Poster presentations illustrated the host of weight management services across the county allowing for best practice sharing.
- Final drafts of the Staffordshire Healthy Weights strategy and delivery plan have been presented to the CTB in November 2010. Feedback received will be built in to the drafts before they are signed off as final documents at the Healthy Weights meeting in December 2010. 3 priorities from the delivery plan will be indentified.
- Childhood obesity service provision has been mapped across the county to assist in the development of commissioning guidelines. This is being done against the healthy weight frameworks.
- A focus has been 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.
- Healthy Weight Frameworks continue to be distributed.
- 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. Data for school year 2009/10 will be available from 10/12/2010.
- Physical activity programmes 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

- Feedback and ideas welcome to inform the development of a Healthy Weights county-wide strategy and delivery plan.
- 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:
<http://www.staffordshirechildrenstrust.org.uk/StrategiesFrameworks/healthyweight/>
- Maintain momentum following the workshop event in October.

Other Partner Groups

School Improvement Division

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

Update

Additional Educational Needs (AEN) Funding Proposals

Please see following link to the consultation document and response form for the Additional Educational Needs (AEN) funding distribution: www.education.staffordshire.gov.uk/aenconsultation

The outcome of this consultation will affect how pupils with Additional Education Needs will be funded from September 2011.

The consultation closes on **Friday 10th December 2010**

You can request an electronic copy of the document and response form by contacting Karen Stephens on (01785) 278627 or by email on karen.stephens@staffordshire.gov.uk. Responses can be returned by email to Funding.consultation@staffordshire.gov.uk or you can return your response by post to:-

Funding Consultation
Children, Young People and Families
Education Transformation
Tipping Street
Stafford
ST16 2DH

Actions/decisions to be taken by Districts

- Respond to consultation by 10 December 2010

Staffordshire Healthy Schools

Representative: Jan Mellor jan.mellor@staffordshire.gov.uk 01785 356424

Update

- 329 schools have achieved Healthy School Status and the 63 remaining schools are all working towards it. (as of 24.11.10)
- 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.** The Senior Adviser for Young people's Personal Development and Well Being has provided the following information.

Sex and Relationships Education

The Duty on Schools

Sex and Relationships Education (SRE) is considered to be one of the high risk areas within National Curriculum Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHEe). The aim of PSHEe is to support pupils' learning and their personal development and Well Being. Schools have a statutory duty to ensure the Well Being of their pupils.

The biological aspects of **SRE** are statutory parts of the National Curriculum Science Order. The broader aspects of SRE are contained within the non-statutory PSHEe Curriculum and are strongly recommended within Government's SRE Guidance (2000). Governing Bodies are expected to give 'due regard' to this Guidance. Schools must have an up-to-date SRE policy that describes the content and organisation of SRE taught outside the Science Curriculum. Parents have the right to withdraw their children (until the age of 19) from any SRE taught outside the Science Curriculum.

The role of the Education Transformation Division (ETD)

The ETD has a key role on behalf of the LA to ensure that core responsibilities in relation to monitoring, challenging, supporting and as appropriate intervening in Staffordshire schools are carried out effectively in order to secure the highest standards and quality for all learners and to remove barriers to learning.

Support to schools is provided through:

- Key Stage specific PSHEe Co-ordinator network meetings held once a term.
- The dissemination of high quality, evidence-based interactive training for all teachers and TA's to

provide knowledge, challenge, attitudes and develop skills.

- A training network for colleagues from partner agencies who support SRE in schools and settings which provides an opportunity for participants to explore key issues and to understand their role in the process.
- E-Updates which are sent into all schools which aim to keep co-ordinators informed of local and national developments in PSHEe.
- Governor Briefing sessions.
- The Inclusion Well Being Website which provides documentation and information on all aspects of PSHEe including Staffordshire Guidance
- SRE is supported by the Staffordshire Healthy Schools Programme, the locally delivered National PSHE Continuing Professional Development Programme* and Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning (SEAL). In order to qualify for Healthy School status, there has to be a planned programme of PSHEe in place which includes SRE.

* 73 Teachers, 38 School Nurses and 3 Youth workers have been accredited to date.

3 teachers, 4 School Nurses and 8 Youth workers are participating in the 2010/2011 programme.

Good Practice in Staffordshire.

- A Pupil Focus Group for SRE and Substance Misuse continues to be active in Stafford. This was initiated in 2006. Pupils have been actively engaged in evaluating their learning.
- The Newcastle Teachers Project developed from the Pupil Focus Group has devised a Staffordshire SRE Curriculum which will be piloted during the academic year 2010/2011 and is to be introduced to the rest of the county during 2011.

Quality Assurance

School resources are quality assured via the SRE Forum.

Contacts:

Judy Tideswell – Senior School Improvement Officer – Inclusion: Well Being

Jo Abbott - Senior Adviser for Young people's Personal Development and Well Being

Sarah Huggins – Healthy Schools Consultant

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

- A draft Hidden Harm Strategy has been developed and is currently being circulated for initial consultation - See 'County Trust Executive' update above.
- Staffordshire Uniting for Recovery Conference is taking place on the 3rd December at Yarnfield Conference Centre and will include involvement from a range of people including clinical/recovery professionals, service users and the third sector.
- Work is currently being undertaken to write the young people's substance misuse needs assessment a draft of the document is to be completed by January 2011 with the final document completed by March 2011.