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## Progress

Staffordshire County Council and Stoke-on-Trent City Council officers will meet with the members and trustees of the Connexions Board on 22 July 2009, to discuss the proposal for the two local authorities to formally take control of the Board.

Taking control of the Connexions Board will allow the local authorities to consider their responsibility for the delivery of information, advice and guidance (IAG) in more depth, without making immediate changes to the way in which services are currently delivered by Connexions.

Connexions Staffordshire Ltd has been formally notified by Staffordshire County Council that the current contractual arrangements between the local authority and the company will cease on 31 March 2010. Therefore, should the proposal to take control of the Board not be agreed at the meeting, arrangements for the transfer of undertakings (TUPE) of relevant Connexions staff will have to commence to allow the local authority to deliver on its IAG responsibilities appropriately from 1 April 2010.

Sharon Moore, Assistant Director, IYSS has met with the relevant Union representatives to discuss the current situation and the next steps. The proposed IYSS management structure (that has been agreed in principle by the IYSS Governance Board) has been shared with the Union representatives in preparation for the formal implementation of the Staffing Protocol in due course.

## Next steps

Following a decision at the Connexions Board meeting the next steps will be to finalise the management structure, including job descriptions and for the Staffing Protocol that has previously been submitted to the Governance Board to be fine-tuned to reflect the latest situation. A consultation will then take place with implicated staff.

Once this is complete, we will be able to recruit the senior managers for the IYSS. These managers will then work together to implement the rest of structure and bring together resources for IYSS.

While all this is going on, we will continue to produce this e-newsletter and we hope to run a series of roadshows at the appropriate time.

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