

## **Developing Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee**

### **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN SECOND ANNUAL REVIEW – SUMMARY**



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#### **Report of Carole Payne, Head of Strategic Commissioning, CYPS**

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#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To update the Developing Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee on the outcome of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Review of the Children & Young People's Plan and to identify opportunities for the committee to become involved in the CYPP 2009/012.

#### **Background**

2. The first Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) for County Durham was published in April 2006. The plan set out what agencies had committed to achieve for children and young people over a three year period.
3. In 2007, the CYPP was reviewed in line with statutory guidance. Twelve Key Improvement Priorities (KIPs) emerged based on reliable performance information and on the things that mattered most to children and young people.

#### **The 2008 Review**

4. Central to the Review in 2008 was the desire to ensure focus on the right priorities and that these priorities drive real improvement in outcomes. The identified priorities needed to be supported by outcome focused measures which clearly indicated whether or not progress is being made.
5. The Review of the plan took place during the period January to June 2008 to ensure alignment to the Local Area Agreement. The Review involved several stages including;

#### **Analysis of up to date performance information**

6. Where national and local benchmarking information was available to compare our progress with other areas, this was used. We examined the findings of the Children and Young People's Survey (see later) that

has now been undertaken twice to elicit young people's views on things that matter to them. Findings from the JAR and the Annual Performance Assessment have been used to identify any additional priorities. The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) also provided a comprehensive analysis of the current and future health and wellbeing needs of the children of County Durham in relation to our Key Improvement Priorities.

### **Annual Consultation with Children and Young People**

7. The second Children and Young People's Survey was undertaken in our schools. We invited all schools to participate and responses were invited from those pupils in years 6, 8 and 10 in order to obtain a representative sample across both Primary and Secondary school aged children. Just over 2000 Primary and Secondary school pupils provided a response to the questionnaire.

### **Consultation with Partners**

8. We consulted with a range of partners to ensure that our Key Improvement Priorities were outcome focussed, that they effectively communicated our strategy and would make a difference to children, young people and their families in County Durham. We asked whether:
  - the KIPs adequately reflected the outcomes we are trying to achieve
  - the indicators were the right indicators and would tell us whether we were achieving the outcome
  - any additional priorities had emerged during the year which we needed to consider.
9. 40 responses were received to the consultation document which confirmed that the KIPs should remain as the main focus of attention. Schools, partner agencies across the Local Children's Boards, children and young people and parents and families all responded. These KIPs were then given approval by the Planning, Performance and Delivery group, as a sub group of the Children's Executive Board.

### **Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)**

10. The CYPP review has been informed by, and has informed the JSNA, a partnership assessment between Durham County Council and County Durham Primary Care Trust, that provides a top level overview of the current and future health and wellbeing needs of the people of County Durham.

### **Local Area Agreement (LAA)**

11. The CYPP Review has informed the development of the LAA as the priorities of the Children's Trust have been taken into account in agreeing the LAA priorities. Part of the process involved the use of workshops during which partners' existing strategies and plans were brought together. The development of this Plan coincided with the development of the LAA in order to ensure full alignment post

agreement with Government Office North East. It was only when the LAA had been formally agreed that this Review has been published.

## **Main messages from this review**

### **Achievements**

Much has been achieved over the last year across all 12 Key Improvement Priorities:

#### ***Reduce Childhood Obesity***

- 1.3% reduction in obesity in Reception class children from last year.
- 91.5% (257/281) of all County Durham schools (primary, secondary, special & PRU) are engaged with the Co Durham & Darlington Healthy Schools Programme.
- 47% (132/281) County Durham (56% Derwentside, 48% Durham & Chester le Street, 46% Durham Dales, 49% Easington, 43% Sedgefield) schools have achieved validation to National Healthy School Status (NHSS).
- 48.5% (113/233) primary schools have achieved NHSS. (LAA stretch target of 95% primary schools to have achieved validation to NHSS by end December 2009).
- 38.9% (14/36) secondary schools & 45.5% (5/11) special schools are validated.
- The % of 7-14 year olds taking up sport with each School Sport Partnership exceeded the stretch target of 87% with 92% of young people across the county under taking 2 hours of high quality PE and sport each week.
- The FISCH (Family Initiative Supporting Children's Health) project is now in place In Derwentside & Durham and Chester-le-Street and is being rolled out across the County in 2008/09.

#### ***Reduce Teenage Pregnancy***

- An overall reduction in the conception rate by 15.3% since 1998.
- Reduced rate of teenage pregnancies per 1,000 (15-17 year olds) from 49.12 in (04/05) to 46 in (05/06).
- Improved the performance rating between 04/06 from "red/red" to "amber/red".
- Introduced Contraceptive & Sexual Health (CASH) services to all FE colleges.
- Work is underway to increase the compliment of school nurses to nationally indicated levels which will increase access to a range of advice e.g. sexual health.

#### ***Reduce Young People's Misuse of Alcohol***

- Reduction in the percentage of secondary age pupils always or sometimes drinking alcohol (07 = 49.8%, 08 = 44.2%).
- 82.8% of referrals of young people who offend to XS during 07/08 were assessed within 5 working days of referral: a 10.6% improvement on 06/07.

- Of those (above) requiring treatment 99% were seen within 10 working days: a 6.3% improvement on 06/07.
- There has been a 14% increase in the number of young people accessing the XS Service from 06/07-07/08 from 215 to 246.
- The number of young people accessing drug treatment services has exceed target during 07/08.

### ***Improve Children and Young People's Emotional Wellbeing***

- The percentage of children and young people describing themselves as always or sometimes happy and being able to make friends easily is high at 95.5% and 92% respectively.
- £800,000 over 3 years has been secured to enhance universal, targeted and specialist services - in line with Commissioning Intentions.
- The Emotional Well Being Strategy has been completed and launched and a EWB resource pack for schools has been developed and is being distributed to all schools through the Healthy Schools Programme.
- The Tow Law project has been formally evaluated and has been rolled out - initially to the Wolsingham Cluster and thence to the Dales Locality. Additional funding from a range of sources has been obtained to support its development.
- There have been moves to increase the compliment of school nurses which will increase access to advice including issues around emotional wellbeing.
- Model for integrated CAMHS provision for LAC and CIN has been agreed – project plan in place - progressing to implementation in Jan 09.
- CAMHS commissioning established on informal pooled budget arrangement between LA and PCT.
- The number of schools having involvement with the SEAL programme has exceeded the 2007/08 target set.
- The referrals to the CAMHS via the Youth Engagement Service met the year end targets set for 07/08.

### ***Improve Integrated Services to Support Families***

- The percentage of children in need re-referrals at March 2007 was 24.9%, reducing to 24.2% as at March 2008.
- Success in winning a bid for the Family Pathfinder Project.
- The development of parenting support services exceeded the year end target set for 07/08.

### ***Reduce Bullying***

- The 2008 Survey results show huge improvements in this area compared to the previous year. 21.7% of Primary school children and 17.2% of Secondary School children report being always or sometimes bullied at school compared with previous year of 37.5% and 30.3% respectively. In addition, 19.8% (Primary) and 7.9% (Secondary) report being always or sometimes bullied elsewhere. This compares with 29% and 17.6% respectively in 2007.
- 63 ABS schools achieved anti-bullying status, exceeding the target set.

- 30% increase in number of schools with accredited Childline and NSPCC Accreditation Award
- The Friendship Survey found that more than three quarters of children and young people in Durham report learning in lessons about how to deal with bullying.

### ***Reduce Youth Crime***

- First Time Entrant (FTE) rates for 2007-8 have shown a downward trend over the last 9 months with 349 in Quarter 1, 284 in Quarter 2, 249 in Quarter 3, and 247 in Quarter 4 (provisional) giving 1129 in total. This represents a 2.8% reduction on FTE in 2006-7 (1161).

### ***Improve Integrated Services for Children with Complex Needs***

- Working groups are in place and consultation with parents and service users is underway to help design and then implement key tangible improvements to the delivery of services for children with complex needs.
- The procurement process is underway to commission/re-commission short break services for C & YP who are technology dependant, whose needs challenge services and who are on the ASD spectrum.
- Appropriate pathways are in place to access hospice and respite care, as required.
- The implementation of the recommendations of the Therapies Review continues with a number of work-streams.
- Protocols are operational and are working very well in relation to jointly resourcing high cost complex packages of services.
- The need to ensure that all children who fall within vulnerable groups; including LAC and LDD can access the full range of health services has been acknowledged and is included as a Quality Marker with the Commissioning Strategy.

### ***Raise Attainment for all whilst 'Narrowing the Gaps'***

- The percentage of Year 11 students achieving 5 or more passes at Grades A\* to C in 2007 was 60.3%, an increase of 3.7% on 2006.
- The average points score at Key Stage 4 exceed target set for 07/08.
- County Durham schools now achieve better than the average for maintained (state) schools in England.
- Traveller children performed above target for level 2 attainment at Key Stage 1.
- The gap between the 20% lowest performing children and the rest at Foundation stage narrowed during 07/08.

### ***Improve Places to Go and Things to Do for Teenagers***

- The Empowering Young People's Pilot provides financial credits to young people, who are receiving or are eligible for free school meals, so that the cost of activities is removed as a barrier to participation. 1127 young people were registered with the Empowering Young People Project as at 31.3.08.

- The GetOutThere website was launched in January 2008. The website provides information for young people on activities provided by the statutory, community and voluntary and the private sector.
- Through the Youth Opportunity and Capital Funds young people allocated £1,168,924 to projects led by young people.
- The Youth Service reached 23% of all teenagers in the County.
- The number of schools with access to the full core offer of extended services beyond the school day exceeded the target set for 07/08.

### ***Young People Feel Respected***

- 198 agencies and organisations, 10 more than the previous year, have achieved Investing in Children membership which demonstrates that they effectively promote the engagement of children and young people in policy making.
- County Durham is piloting the use of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Currently there are 4 schools ready to apply for the Level 1 UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Award, 3 others engaged in the process and a further 48 schools interested. The aim is to have 60 schools engaging with the scheme by March 2010.

### ***Young People are Actively Engaged in Education, Employment or Training***

- At the end of March 2008 10.7% of 16-18 year olds [1345 young people] were known to be in the NEET group. This represents a reduction of 13% when compared to March 2007.
- September guarantee met for 98% of those young people who wanted an offer of a place in learning for Sep 07. Revised arrangements in place for Sep 08 including extension to 17 year olds.
- Participation by school leavers increased year on year; gap in participation between areas decreasing. Participation of 16 year olds 07 – 86.7% compared with 84.7 in 06 (DCSF Annual Activity Survey).
- The percentage of 19 year olds with equivalent NVQ rose to 70% in 07/08, exceeding target by 5%.
- The percentage of care leavers under 19 in employment, education or training rose to 76.5%, 2.5% higher than target.

### **Focus for future action**

12. Although it can be seen that much was achieved over the last year, all 12 Key Improvement Priorities need continued focus for the remaining year of the 2006 – 2009 CYPP. We know this because an analysis of performance information and the outcomes of the Children and Young People's Survey tell us that:
  - **Obesity** amongst year 6 pupils is higher in County Durham than nationally, although we are closing the gap to National figures at reception age.

- Although County Durham has a lower rate of **teenage pregnancies** than the North of England, it remains higher than the national rate.
- This year's Children and Young People's Survey shows that 44.2% of Secondary age pupils always or sometimes drink **alcohol**. Last year's survey showed the percentage to be 49.8%. However, if we look more closely at the position this year, we see that at Year 8 the percentage is 29.4%, rising to 58.6% in Year 10.
- In relation to **emotional wellbeing**, the 2008 Survey showed that (2007 Survey results are in brackets) 24.3% (28.4%) of Primary school children and 19.7% (22.6%) of Secondary school children always or sometimes felt lonely and 31.8% (34.3%) (Primary) and 30.1% (33.1%) (Secondary) always or sometimes felt awkward or out of place.
- In respect of **improving integrated services to families**, although the numbers of re-registrations on the child protection list exceeded the target as at March 07 with 9.4% of re-registrations against a target of 13.6%, it remains a priority to reduce these numbers further.
- The Children and Young People's Survey asked about **bullying**. The 2008 Survey, and the 2007 Survey results shown in brackets, reveal that, 21.7% (37.5%) of Primary school children and 17.2% (30.3%) of Secondary School children report being always or sometimes bullied at school and 19.8% (29%) (Primary), 7.9% (17.6%) (Secondary) report being always or sometimes bullied elsewhere.
- In relation to **youth crime** the number of first time entrants to the Youth Justice System is falling in Durham, but performance is below that at National and Regional levels.
- Recent research in the County on high cost/**complex needs** identified that different agencies were seeking to achieve outcomes for children and young people with complex needs that were only possible through joint, strategic planning and working closely together. This therefore remains a Key Improvement Priority.
- Although children have performed well in **attainment** at Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, when compared to the national position and with statistical neighbours, the position has been less favourable at Key Stages 3-4. There is also a variation in performance between individual secondary schools and between boys/girls. The percentage of children in County Durham achieving 5+A-C GCSE including English and Maths is below that nationally.
- With regard to **places to go and things to do**, this year's responses to the Survey, and last year's shown in brackets, reveal that 92% (94.6%) of Primary school children reported always or sometimes engaging in activities but this drops to 69% (70.9%) for Secondary school pupils.

74% (78.9%) of Primary and 44% (40.2%) Secondary school pupils report having started new activities or clubs in the last year.

- The survey asked whether children and young people felt **respected** in schools. This year's Survey, and last year's shown in brackets, reveals that 93% (94.8%) of Primary school children said they always or sometimes did, but only 81% (80.5%) of Secondary school pupils felt the same. 89% (92.7%) of Primary pupils and 88% (88.5%) of Secondary pupils felt that they were always or sometimes respected outside of school.
- Whilst we are making significant progress with the numbers of young people aged 16-18 not in **employment, education or training** as we are improving at 2.5 the rate of National, our figures remain higher in County Durham than the rest of the North East or nationally.

### **Killer Measures**

13. When we undertook this Review we were very aware that we needed one 'Killer Measure' for each Key Improvement Priority that would demonstrate our success against outcomes. We know that this success against outcomes is what really improves the lives of our children and young people. These are the Killer Measures:

- ***Reduce Childhood Obesity***  
Reduce obesity among primary school age children in year 6
- ***Reduce Teenage Pregnancy***  
Reduce the under 18 conception rate
- ***Reduce Young People's Misuse of Alcohol***  
Increase the numbers of young people accessing treatment and support (tiers 1-4) for alcohol related misuse
- ***Improve Children and Young People's Emotional Wellbeing***  
Reduction in the percentage of children and young people who report that they always or sometimes feel lonely and awkward or out of place.
- ***Improve Integrated Services to Support Families***  
Decrease in the percentage of children in need re-referrals (per 10,000 population)
- ***Reduce Bullying***  
Reduction in the percentage of children and young people who report that they are bullied
- ***Reduce Youth Crime***  
Reduction in the number of first time entrants to the Youth Justice System



- ***Improve Integrated Services for Children with Complex Needs***  
Parental satisfaction with services for children with Complex Needs
- ***Raising Attainment for all Whilst Narrowing the Gaps***  
Gap narrowed in attainment at all Key Stages between those children in the 20% most deprived super output areas and the rest.
- ***Improve Places to Go and Things to Do for Teenagers***  
Young people's participation in positive activities
- ***Young People Feel Respected***  
Increased percentage of young people feel that they are treated with respect in schools and within the community
- ***Young People are Actively engaged in Education, Employment or Training***  
Reduced percentage of 16-18 year olds NEET

## Recommendations

- I. The Developing Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee is asked receive the report
- II. The Developing Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee is asked to note the progress made as well as the further improvement required
- III. The Developing Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider how it wishes to be involved with the development of the new plan

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