

Derby City Partnership

City for Children and Young People's Executive Meeting held on 16 February 2009

Present

Les Allen	Cabinet Member for Children and Young People
Andrew Flack	(Chair) Corporate Director for Children and Young People
Rita Silvester	Assistant Director, Children and Young People
Andy Thomas	Acting Director, Derby Community Safety Partnership
Maura Teager	Deputy Director of Nursing, Foundation Hospital Trust
Janet Holland	Chair, Children and Young People's Network
Hugh Hastie	Chief Executive, Connexions Derbyshire
Kevin McCann	Assistant Director, LSC Derbyshire
Mike Sandys	Derby City PCT (representing Andy Wakeman)
Heather Sahman	Strategic Health Authority
Carl Edwards	Voices in Action Youth Shadow Board
Amy Dennis	Voices in Action Youth Shadow Board
Chris Warren	University of Derby
Gillian Sewell	Chief Executive, YMCA Derbyshire
David Elliott	Action for Children

In Attendance

Rachel Dickinson	Assistant Director, Children and Young People
Verna Bayliss	Derby City Partnership
Joe Russo	Enthusiasm (Shadowing Hugh Hastie)
Alison Parkin	Acting Head of Finance, Children and Young People
Vanessa Edwards	Foundation Hospital Trust (Shadowing Maura Teager)

Apologies

Mark Menzies	Derby City Council, Housing
Adele Styles	Young People's Senior Consultation Officer, Corporate and Adult Services
Jaq Atwall	Derbyshire Constabulary
Christine Cassell	Government Office East Midlands
Clare Morgan	Headteacher, Meadow Farm Primary School
Andy Wakeman	(Vice Chair) NHS Derby City
Jo Ward	Headteacher, Bemrose School

Item

Action

1. Introductions

Andrew Flack welcomed Heather Sahman to the Executive who was representing the Strategic Health Authority, and David Elliott representing the voluntary/community sector, both attending their first meetings.

Mark Menzies from the Councils Housing and Advice Services and Keith Burn from Jobcentre Plus gave their apologies to this meeting, but would be joining the Executive in line with the recent Children's Trust guidance and recommendations on membership.

2. Minutes of previous meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting held on 15 December 2008 were approved. There were no points of accuracy.

Item**Action****3. Matters arising**

- **Joint Strategic Commissioning Board (JSCB) report** – Rita explained that a GP representative was being sought for the Executive and Andrew Flack and Gill Collinson would be sending out a personal letter to Derby GPs. The Outcome Chairs were continuing to seek nominations for appropriate representatives from schools which Rita would continue to monitor. **AF**
- **Children’s Trust** – Andrew was working on a report which would go to the Safeguarding Board in March about a local review following the recent Government reaction to the ‘Baby P’ case. It was agreed that this report should come the Executive meeting in May. Maura advised that the Health Care Commission would be carrying out a full review of safeguarding in health services which would be out by the end of March. **RS**
- **Child Poverty** – Verna explained a group of people met following the November workshop; they had taken the ideas from that session and split them into the 5 City themes. GOEM had unexpectedly offered £5,000 for poverty work, to be used by March 2009. So the group had discussed possible quick wins and were considering its use for poster/information leaflets for key contact numbers, particularly 0845 123333 for the Police. The Group had also felt their work needed to be guided by a strategic group. DCP Management Group had asked each DCP City to provide a lead officer which could give the strategic lead. **AF**

4. JSCB report including LAA performance

Rita presented an update from the last JSCB on 4 February 2009. Commissioning the integrated youth support offer would come into place from 1 April 2009. There had been continued investment of £221 million for 2008-11 for the provision of positive activities for at risk young people programmes. Andy Thomas added that he had received recent guidance about the delivery of Friday and Saturday night youth inclusion activities, tying in with Youth Service and Locality work. Agreed this would go to the next JSCB as the funding was significant. **AT/RS**

LAA performance update – two quarterly reporting targets were making very good progress:

- NI62 (Local) Stability of placements of looked after children
- NI65 Children becoming the subject of a Child Protection Plan for a second or subsequent time are making very good progress.

5. Locality Working

Rachel Dickinson presented a report on the evaluation of the Area One integrated front line delivery trailblazer and proposed next steps towards a city wide integrated model. She explained that the trailblazer was launched in November 2006 with an intention to integrate a range of different professionals into one team. The report gave detailed findings and Rachel confirmed that this was a good news story. There had originally been great concern from staff, particularly about maintaining their own professional status, but the findings showed they found it easier to do their job and overwhelmingly wanted to continue working in this way. Taking account of capacity and the levels of change recently experience, the Locality Services Steering Group had recommended that the next step towards integrating service delivery for the city as a whole is taken by implementing a city wide

co-ordination approach for the next 12 months from 1 April 2009.

Comments/Questions

- Andrew supported the recommendation and said that full implementation would still be the aim, but the budget situation would not yet support full roll out. The report would go to Council Cabinet and he asked that members also take it back to their own organisations, executive and non executive meetings.
- Andy Thomas felt that it was important not to lose the momentum and that the co-ordination approach should help maintain it.
- Hugh felt the proposal of 50% of Mary Gordon's time as a secondment to oversee the over 11s activity would represent added value.
- Maura felt that important improvements in information sharing and communication may be lost and it was very important to prioritise the next steps and maintain the drive towards the city wide goal of full integration.
- Andrew agreed and said that the partners on the Executive should actively seek ways of using funding streams and grants to support this.
- Rachel felt that the momentum would not be lost, but it did require a measured approach to ensure safety. The new co-ordination arrangements would be in place from April this year and have a six month settling-in period before an October review to agree the next steps for the next six months.
- There would be a showcase event in March to formally end the trailblazer.

All

The Executive agreed the recommended approach of roll-out on the basis of co-ordination, and that the report should be shared within partner agencies,

6. Feedback from Stakeholder Day – 10/02/09

Rita gave verbal feedback from the Stakeholder Day that took place on 10 February 2009. 95 people attended the event. The morning consisted of overview presentations and updates from a number of different projects. In the afternoon attendees worked on the outcomes from the current Children and Young People's action plan, to inform new actions for 2009/10. The draft action plan will be brought to the May Executive meeting.

RS

7. Voices in Action

The ViA Shadow Board members Carl Edwards and Amy Dennis gave an update on their last meetings held on 12 January and 9 February. Their report was circulated at the meeting. The Executive noted that the three activity areas for the coming year for ViA were:

- Jobs and Money
- New and Emerging Communities
- Bullying and all the 'isms'.

It was agreed that the ViA feedback from their discussion on obesity would be picked up in the later strategic discussion.

8. Y11 Progressions 2008 and characteristics of NEET

Hugh Hastie gave a presentation on the progressions of Year 11 2008 school leavers in Derby based on their activity at November 2008. The information is gathered each year and continues to be positive as over the past five years less young people end up becoming NEET. Key statistics for this cohort of 3312 young people:

	2007	2008
full-time education	72.9% (2393)	74.6% (2470)
NEET	6% (196)	5.7% (189)
Non-employed training	5.4% (178)	8.2% (271)
Employment	11.5% (379)	8.8% (293)
Voluntary or part-time	1.7% (57)	0.9% (31)
Not known	0.7% (24)	0.9% (31)

These figures were further broken down by schools including special schools, gender and ethnicity, statemented pupils and key vulnerable groups. With the NEET figure of 189, 39 young people are classed as 'not available', which means they are not able enter the labour market, e.g. in a young offenders institution.

While Derby's performance continues to be better than the Government target for NEET, there are a number of challenges for the coming year. This includes the impact of the current economic climate on 16-19 year olds finding work and a change in the collection of the data which has to be done as an average of November, December and January figures rather than a fixed point in November.

9. LSC transition

Andrew presented the report explaining that Derby and Derbyshire Councils wished to establish a Post 16 Sub Regional Partnership in order to manage the transition of responsibilities for LSC funding and planning to local authorities by 2010 and thereafter to commission 16-19 learning from colleges and providers in Derbyshire and Derby.

The Executive were supportive of this approach and that Local Authorities would become a single point of accountability for all aspects of 0-19 activity. **Andrew asked that any further comments be submitted directly to him.**

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10. Strategic Discussion – Healthy Weight Healthy Lives

Mike Sandys tabled a paper on Healthy Weight Healthy Lives. Since 2005 there had been a national requirement to take a height and weight measurement of every child in reception and year 6. The paper had been broken down into two sections - What do we know? What are we doing?

What do we know?

- In 1993 about 15% of adults were obese, rising to 24.6% in 2006
- In 2001 it cost the NHS about £2bn and the overall economy about £7bn.
- 2006 data suggests that 16% of children aged 2-15 were obese compared to 3% in 1984.
- Trend forecasting is difficult at present in Derby, as although data collection is good, figures rose sharply between 2005/06 and 2006/07 but have fallen between 2006/07 and 2007/08. We can say that at least 70% of children have a normal weight and that over the 3 years of collecting data the proportion of children above normal weight was between 26% and 31.7%.

Comments/Questions

- Noted that the BMI measurement may not be ideal but is used nationally for the measurement programme
- More comparative data would be useful. Interesting to see if the increases in more 'affluent' areas seen 2 years ago may have been just a 'blip'

What are we doing?

An obesity strategy was in place supported by a 'Healthy Weight Healthy Lives' Task Group. Activity was already underway around early years interventions, schools and youth projects, building on the work of B-Active. Other proposed activity included:

- Individual support is good in Derby but more work needs to be done with families such as the proposed family based Child Obesity Project.
- Obesity is a complex issue and raises many others, particularly around emotional well being, such as the bullying ViA reps had highlighted. Community activities such as the behavioural change project in Sinfin can help address some of these wider issues.
- The opportunities of the national 'Change 4 Life' programme needs to be considered locally.

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It was agreed that Mike Sandys should take the following back to the Healthy Weight Healthy Lives Task Group:

- Plans for work on strategies needed to include consulting the JSCB
- NHS Derby City to lead the feedback to ViA on their recommendations
- Consider establishing 'Health Champions' both adults and young people to be role models in communities, schools and organisations
- Mike was also asked to arrange for a response to the NHS Child health Strategy and how this was going to be implemented in Derby

11. Implications of 2009/10 budget setting

Andrew presented a report on the Council's budget setting process, setting out the situation and main implications for the key services in the Children's Trust arrangements. Andrew explained that this had been one of the most challenging budget rounds in recent years and that increasing levels of efficiencies would be required in the coming three year period. A full list of pressures and savings were attached to the paper. **The Executive welcomed the report and asked Andrew to report back at later meetings.**

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12. DCP Co-ordinator Report

This report was noted by the Executive, highlighted items were:

Sustainable Community Strategy – Andrew suggested that the actions relating to planning under the City for Children and Young People's chapter should go out when the minutes were circulated.

DCP Week – Andrew encouraged the Executive to put on a number of events during the week to showcase the work within the Children's Trust. He also encourage members to take part in Sir Christopher Ball's walk round Derby, as a way of meeting personal 'be inspired' targets.

LPSA2 – Andrew confirmed that bids had gone in for this funding.

13. Comprehensive Area Assessment

CAA guidance had been published and the inspection will have two elements: **Area assessment** - The area assessment is reported as a narrative accompanied by green and red flags. There is no overall score. The assessment focuses on three questions:

- how well do local priorities express community needs and aspiration?
- how well are outcomes and improvements being delivered?
- what are the prospects for improvement?

Organisational assessment - This is an expanded 'Use of Resources' assessment. It will be used to measure partner organisations as well as councils. It will be scored, and scores will be affected by relevant green and

red flags in the area assessment.

Examples of what final CAA reports will look like are at <http://www.audit-commission.gov.uk/caa/index.asp>

While not compulsory, DCP Management Group had agreed that Derby would complete a self assessment to support the information gathered by inspectorates for the area assessment. DCP Centre will work with Chairs and Strategic Leads to pull together an agreed template; this would need to be completed before April 2009.

To complement this guidance Ofsted had also released its new guidance on assessing children's services and adult learning. Rita will provide an overview at the March Executive meeting.

RS

Executive noted the CAA guidance and self assessment and agreed to support Chairs and Strategic Leads by providing required information.

All

14. Any Other Business

There was none.

15. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 23 March 2009 at DCP Offices from 2.30 – 4.30pm.

The Executive agreed that the focus of the strategic discussion for the next meeting would be cohesion, gangs, youth crime and drugs and alcohol.

Andy Thomas agreed to attend the Voices in Action meeting prior to the March Executive.

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