

Derby City Partnership



City for Children and Young People e-bulletin

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1. Message from Andrew Flack, Corporate Director for Children and Young People

This is the first e-bulletin since the change in administration of the City Council and we now have a new Lead Member for Children and Young People, Councillor Les Allen. Les has previous experience as Cabinet Member for Education before the establishment of the Children's Trust arrangements. I know that he is looking forward to seeing the work of the wide range of agencies that contribute to improving outcomes for children and young people in the city.

Both of us have attended recent events which have shown the breadth and range of activities in the city. A major one was, of course, the celebration event for children and young people on Saturday 5 July (see Naomi's article on page 6). This event developed out of the work promoted by young people themselves to tackle negative stereotypes. They were determined to show the positive side of young people in the city, and they were supported by a team of highly dedicated staff helping to translate their ideas into action. On the day the sun came out (well, after those who had been putting up stalls and preparing the ground had earlier been soaked!) and large numbers of young people and their families and a wide range of young people's groups took part in the day. There were some tremendous performances and a very positive, celebratory atmosphere. As well as enjoying the sight of so many of our young people showing their talents, I enjoyed scoring four goals past Mat Tarrant in the human table football!

Congratulations and thanks to all the young people and staff who had the idea and then worked so hard to put it together before and on the day.

The second event was the presentation event for the Youth Engagement Scheme run by the Fire and Rescue Service. A number of 'at risk' young people had been through a course promoted by the Fire and Rescue Service with partner agencies over a number of weeks, which clearly had a very motivational effect on them. They learnt many fire service skills, developed personal skills and showed what they could achieve at that event. I place huge value on such initiatives, providing a disciplined structure and positive opportunities, and would like to thank the Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service and everybody who made this possible.

Finally, I hope that as this e-bulletin comes out, you are enjoying some relaxation during the summer period.

Andrew Flack
Chair, City for Children and Young People Executive
Corporate Director for Children and Young People

2. More learning opportunities for young parents

The innovative 'Care to Learn' scheme aims to make it easier for young parents up to the age of 20 to return, or take up the opportunity, to study at school or college, or join a work-based training programme, by helping to fund the costs of childcare through a registered child minder or childcare provider.

Care to Learn is open to both young mothers and young fathers, provided that they are the main carer of the child, and can be applied for at any time.

Young people may also be eligible for Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) whilst in learning. Visit www.direct.gov.uk/ema or call the EMA helpline on 0800 121 8989 to find out more.

More information on the Care to Learn scheme, including eligibility and how to apply, is available on the website: www.direct.gov.uk/caretolearn by calling: 0845 600 2809 or by email on c2l@liberta.com.

Sheila McFarlane, Commissioner for Teenage Pregnancy in Derby, said: "At this time of year, many young people are beginning to think about their plans for future learning and training opportunities. Care to Learn offers the reassurance of having the costs of childcare covered, so that young parents are able to take up these opportunities."

3. ContactPoint

Over the next year a new on-line directory is set to go live across England that will assist and support the kind of cross-sector working that's at the heart of Every Child Matters.

ContactPoint is coming ...

What is it?

ContactPoint is a new, online directory, set to go live across England from the end of 2008. It will be the quick way to find out who else is working with the same child or young person, making it easier to deliver more co-ordinated support. Designed as a national system, the directory will ensure it works for children who receive services across, or move across, local authority boundaries.

Who's it for?

ContactPoint will be available to authorised staff who need it to do their jobs. It will be available to staff across Derby from September 2009. Training will be made available for staff using the directory.

How secure will it be?

Security is vital and assessments and independent security experts have, and will continue, rigorous testing of ContactPoint. Access will be restricted to authorised users who need it as part of their work. This will include those working in education, health, social care, youth justice and some voluntary organisations, and all users will undergo security clearance before they are able to access the system.

Want more information?

Visit the Every Child Matters website: www.everychildmatters.gov.uk
or the Derby City Council web pages:

<http://www.derby.gov.uk/HealthSocialCare/integratingchildrensservices/ContactPoint.htm>

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4. National CAMHS review

On 9 July we were visited by members of the National CAMHS Review team as part of the evidence-gathering process to support the final report that will be released in October 2008. Being selected as the only partnership in the East Midlands was a reason for celebration and acknowledgement of all the hard work put into developing a comprehensive CAMHS over the last four years. The team from the Office for Public Management (OPM), Department for Children, Schools and Families and Regional CAMHS Support Service spoke to two groups of front-line staff, a group of senior managers, a group of parents and carers and held individual interviews with lead Commissioners and Clinical Lead within the Trust for CAMHS. We had also shared with them beforehand a range of key documents and material produced by young people. A short report of the visit will be produced by OPM and shared with everyone who took part.

Rita Silvester, as Chair of the CAMHS Partnership, would like to express her thanks to everyone who contributed with such enthusiasm to the visit, which provided an excellent opportunity for broad partnership input into the National CAMHS review.

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5. West End Children's Centre

Two of Derby's children's nurseries came together on Friday 11 July as partners in the West End Children's Centre. The celebration event marked the formation of the centre and showcased services the centre can provide to families with children from birth to five in the catchment area. The nurseries are Central Community Nursery School in Nuns Street and Kingfisher Day Nursery in Duffield Road. The event provided families the opportunity to meet representatives from Jobcentre Plus, Health, Family Visitors, the Children's Information Service and other partners. The event also coincided with the retirement of Kath Ward, the Head Teacher at Central Community Nursery School.



**Celebration cake at
Kingfisher Day Nursery**

Sue Sanford, Children's Centre Strategic Co-ordinator, and Helen Allanson, owner of the Kingfisher Day Nursery, cutting the celebration cake.

**Children playing at
Central Community Nursery School**



Integrated Children's Services – Area 1 Pilot (update)

6. Integrated Working in Locality One

The focus of the locality one pilot continues to bring together a range of services including Health, Social Care, Education, Early Years, Youth Support practitioners and the wider partnership.

As a locality, we are divided into three 0-11 teams covering the different wards and one overarching Youth Support Team, which focuses on support services across the area.

Currently the teams are almost fully co-located into Beaufort Business Centre as a hub and two satellite centres, which are Revive, where the Derwent Team are, and Roosevelt, where the Chaddesden Team are based. Each site interacts with each other, which enables teams to work across boundaries, where necessary or appropriate, in delivering services around need as opposed to geographical area.

Across the locality there are currently three children's centres: Derwent, Asterdale at Spondon and North Chaddesden. The development of the children's centres is strongly supported by the three 0-11 Integrated Teams and the wider partnership. There has been opportunity to work closely together and forge relationships with a greater understanding of each others priorities and pressures. This has required commitment, motivation and a willingness to listen to and change practices and responses. Despite at times frustrations and potential barriers, the commitment and support of the integrated teams and, indeed, the wider partnership has never wavered as we continue to seek to improve service delivery.

We are now 20 months into the pilot and it has not been without its challenges. Primarily there had been a number of complex logistical issues to work through involving both legal and insurance issues, which have now been resolved, as have a number of governance issues, and we are now seeing evidence of strong working together practices. As you walk into any of the team rooms you will hear conversations between workers from different backgrounds around children's experiences and opportunities. This is about 'making networks work' for families. Through the laughter and tears there has been learning, and an ethos of learning rather than blame is developing. Defensive practices are breaking down and there is a genuine willingness to help and support colleagues who sit next to each other regardless of background or expertise. It is essential that relationships continue to develop based on trust and respect for each other. Feedback from staff is positive; they feel Integrated Teams improve communication and access to services.

As a Team Leader, I have found the management of an Integrated Team very different from my previous role managing a single agency team. Across Integrated Teams you need robust matrix management arrangements that clarify roles and responsibilities. Close working with management colleagues is an essential component for successful integrated matrix arrangements.

As an Area Management Team, we are convinced that this way of working will improve outcomes for children, young people and families.

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Training Courses

7. English Coalition for Runaway Children

First national workshops day

Friday 26 September 2008

9.30 am – 4 pm

at the Riverside Centre, Riverside Court, Derby, DE24 8HY

Multi-agency workshops, practice-focused groups, plus guest speakers to talk about local and national developments.

Cost: £50 (non-profit)

If you require any further information, please contact:

Sue Briggs on 01332 206773 or sue.briggs@dcys.org.uk
or **Shaun Pollard** 01773 583037 or shaun.pollard@nch.org.uk

8. DSCB (Derby Safeguarding Children Board) Training Programme 08/09

Here is a link to the new DSCB training programme 08/09:



Derby Safeguarding
Children Board Trainin

Please read the learning outcomes before choosing the appropriate course for your level of training needs and for your role and responsibilities.

Also ensure that your line manager signs your application form before you return it, as only applications with a signature will be accepted.

For more information, please

contact Sue Phillips, Administrator (Derby Safeguarding Children Board) tel: 01332 717811, email: sue.phillips2@derby.gov.uk

9. Introduction to Child and Adolescent Mental Health Training

Please find attached a brochure on 'Introduction to Child and Adolescent Mental Health Training'. We are now in our fourth year of delivering this course and are running two two-day training sessions in September and November 2008. Please distribute to all front-line practitioners who work with children and young people and their families.



Tier1Training
BookletV1.pdf

There is a maximum of 30 places on each course. Booking can be arranged by completing the form on the back page of the attached brochure.

For more information on the course, please contact:

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Reasons to celebrate

10. Young People's Celebration Event

On 5 July, 3000 people converged on the Market Place in Derby to promote a positive image for all children and young people in the city to celebrate their huge range of talents and achievements. The names of 3000 children and young people were displayed on the Big Screen, as were the performances by 400 talented dancers, singers, free runners and musicians. The 20 stalls were busy throughout the event from 12 noon to 7 pm, giving information and involving the public in activities. In addition, 400 children ventured up the climbing wall, 300 goals were scored on the human table football, 50 families signed up for the summer reading scheme, 122 young men completed a sexual health survey for the Youth Service, 170 children and young people participated in a Quad activity and 70 young people surprised themselves and everyone else by getting up on the Give it a Go stage.

Here are a few comments from the evaluation meeting:

"Brilliant idea, kids that wouldn't normally have a chance had a go"

"It was a relaxed, calm and pleasant atmosphere everywhere"

"I thought the event was a great success and I really enjoyed taking part as a young volunteer"

"We met children, young people and families who wouldn't normally access services".

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