

# Derby City Partnership



## City for Children and Young People e-bulletin

February / March 2010

### 1. Message from Andrew Flack, Chair of the City for Children and Young People

In the last edition of the e-bulletin, I noted the various inspections, surveys and support visits that the city's Children's Services were undergoing during the autumn. One of those was the visit by the Teenage Pregnancy National Support Team. This involved ten members of the team across the week of the visit and numerous discussions with staff in our services. Despite being very intensive, the nature of the visit and the outcomes felt very supportive and we were left with a wide-ranging agenda to address the continuing challenge of reducing teenage conception rates. In their feedback, the team have provided 40 recommendations, under nine headings, eight of those recommendations being high priority.

The target set for the reduction of teenage conceptions has always been very challenging, not only for Derby, but for most areas across the country. This aims to achieve a reduction of 55% between the baseline in 1998 and this year, 2010. Our aim must be to achieve a long-term, sustainable reduction, given the impact of teenage pregnancy on the lives of our young people. The Support Team presented some telling statistics to show that educational attainment has an impact on:

- conception rates, over and above the effects of deprivation
- sexual activity under 16
- non-use of contraception and, of course,
- self-confidence and self-esteem.

In turn, the loss of education and the impact on educational attainment means that these young people have hugely narrowed opportunities in the future. Aspiration, ambition and educational attainment lie at the core of any strategy to address this issue.

Following the NST visit, a high level executive group has been set up, which I am currently chairing, to re-define and push forward the strategy with some urgency. The City for Children and Young People Executive has considered the outcomes and endorsed a proposal for a single relationship and sex education policy across the whole Children's Trust. In addition to improving the quality of relationship and sex education and access to sexual health services for young people, there was also a clear recognition that we need to take every opportunity to raise the aspirations of young people. Consistent messages and efforts relating to this should be embraced across the full range of the work of the Trust partners.

I believe there is clear agreement that we all need to focus on this issue, to bring about that sustainable long-term change and improvement in the life chances of a significant number of the young people in our city.

More recently, the unannounced inspection of contact, assessment and referral services (the City Council's CYP 'Reception Service') has taken place. We have been expecting this for some time, as part of the framework set up following the various post-Haringey reviews. The inspectors were at work

on 13 and 14 January, following the phone call I received at about 8.15 on the first day, to tell me they were on their way (I was just pulling into St Pancras Station!). Colleagues in various services are becoming increasingly familiar with unannounced inspections and will also be familiar with the nervous anticipation that accompanies this.

The letter detailing the outcomes has now been published on the Ofsted website. I am pleased to say this includes a good balance of strengths, satisfactory areas and areas for development. There is one priority action, for which an action plan had already been put in place. One important strength is that:

- Children at risk of or suffering significant harm are identified promptly and are dealt with appropriately. Child Protection investigations are comprehensive, timely and always carried out by qualified Social Workers, who are well supported by the Police Child Abuse Unit.

Whilst the inspection focuses mainly on the local authority service, it obviously must take account of inter-agency contributions to safeguarding. There are therefore implications for partners in the content – this, of course, reinforces the fact that safeguarding is everybody's business.

We were also part of a survey of Children's Trust arrangements, which resulted in some very positive comments about a range of initiatives and outcomes across the partnership. The DCSF has just completed consultation on new statutory guidance and regulations under the recently approved Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Bill. In short, this will strengthen the Children's Trust co-operation arrangements, expectations on Children's Trusts and the status of decision making. Once implemented, this would have the effect of moving our Children's Trust arrangements on to the next stage of development. We have extremely good foundations for that, but there will be much more in due course about developing our structures and arrangements much further.

Finally, in case you have not already heard, I'm pleased to inform you that my successor as Strategic Director for Children and Young People will be Ros Vahey. Ros is currently Deputy Chief Executive of Education Leeds, an arms-length organisation of Leeds City Council. Whilst I retire formally on 30 April, my last day in work will be 7 April and we hope Ros will take up post shortly after that. I am sure that all Trust partners will welcome Ros to the role and to Derby.

***Andrew Flack, Chair of the City for Children and Young People***

## Partnership News

### 2. Integrated Working Survey 2009 – Thank You

We'd like to thank everyone who took part in the Integrated Working Survey in October and November last year. Nearly 90 people completed the questionnaire from across the Partnership, including colleagues from the Library Service, to whom we are especially grateful. This was more than twice our minimum target and demonstrates the willingness of Derby people to get involved. The raw data was fed to the Children's Workforce Development Council (CWDC) before Christmas and will inform a regional analysis to be published in March. Meanwhile, a small working group will analyse local results to identify where we need to develop our processes and will feed this into the wider discussion around Integrated Working and into a revised Partnership Workforce Strategy.

***Tim Harrison, Head of Workforce Learning and Development, Children and Young People's Department, Norman House, Friargate, Derby, DE1 1NU, tel: 01332 256744.***

### 3. 'Why let drink decide?' campaign

The Government's 'Why let drink decide?' campaign has now been launched. Adverts will appear on TV and radio until March 2011.

The campaign is primarily aimed at delaying the age at which young people start to drink and reducing the amount consumed by those who are drinking. It gives parents a central role in this, building on the research into influences on young people's attitudes to alcohol and on the Chief Medical Officer's guidance.

You can view the advice and information available for parents and for young people at: [www.direct.gov.uk/whyletdrinkdecide](http://www.direct.gov.uk/whyletdrinkdecide). The site also includes a partners' section with materials for local agencies working with young people and families. The DCSF will be developing and adding to this site over the coming weeks.

***Kerry Hodges, Head of Service: Drugs and Crime, Derby Community Safety Partnership, 3rd Floor, St Peter's House, Gower Street, Derby, DE1 1SB, tel: 01332 25692, Derby Community Safety Partnership - Building Stronger and Safer Communities.***

## **4. ContactPoint pilot starts in NHS Derby City**

NHS Derby City has become the first Health organisation in the East Midlands to start using ContactPoint, the national children's database.

Health visitors, staff nurses, community nursery nurses, specialist practitioners and school nurses are amongst the key frontline NHS staff in Locality 2 of the city who are currently being trained. Just under 30 staff are part of the pilot, which will then roll out across other locality teams. In addition to ContactPoint, all staff have had to undertake training in information sharing and data protection/information governance, and have an up-to-date enhanced CRB check.

This is a fantastic achievement for both the NHS and the Derby City ContactPoint team, who have been working for the past 18 months on meeting the necessary accreditation standards required to enable staff to have access. The standards cover processes in HR, data protection and IT systems, and ensures all users of ContactPoint meet appropriate security levels.

Jane Elliott, Head of Child and Family Health Services, who is leading the pilot, said: "It has been hard work to meet the necessary accreditation standards, but with the support and determination of the ContactPoint team and all the health staff in Locality 2, we are proud to be the first NHS organisation in the East Midlands to start using ContactPoint and look forward to using and evaluating the system for the benefit of other practitioners."

ContactPoint holds basic information on every child in England, and allows professionals working with children to find out which other agencies are working with the same child or young person. Access to ContactPoint is strictly limited to those who need it to do their job. This will include those working in education, health, social care, youth justice and some voluntary organisations. Over 2,000 professionals working with children and young people in Derby will eventually use the system, and everyone having access to it will be trained and be security checked.

***For more information, contact: Derby City ContactPoint Team on 01332 716834 / 711241 or visit: [www.derby.gov.uk/ContactPoint](http://www.derby.gov.uk/ContactPoint)***

## **5. Ofsted surveys of social workers and voluntary and community sector organisations**

Ofsted are introducing annual surveys of children's social workers and voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations. Ipsos MORI, an independent research agency, will conduct these on behalf of Ofsted.

The results of these surveys, together with parallel surveys of children and young people in the authority's care and recent care leavers, will be used by Ofsted as part of the preparation, to help formulate hypotheses and to guide the scope of both the annual unannounced and the scheduled three-yearly inspections. Survey results will **NOT** be used to inform inspection judgements or to make comparisons between local authorities. Individual responses to the survey will be treated in the strictest confidence, and will not be seen by anyone outside of Ipsos MORI.

The surveys will be open from Monday 22 February to Friday 26 March.

The survey is primarily aimed at frontline children's social workers, and their managers, who are registered with the General Social Care Council. This should include those from Youth Offending Teams, and temporary and agency staff.

The VCS agencies are those as defined by the Office of the Third Sector as voluntary and community sector organisations, charities, social enterprises, co-operatives and mutuals. The aim is to include the full range of agencies involved in delivering services or support, or representing/campaigning for children and families.

We will provide further information when we have it.

***Siân Hoyle, Head of Communications and Customer Support, Children and Young People's Services, tel: 01332 716934, [sian.hoyle@derby.gov.uk](mailto:sian.hoyle@derby.gov.uk)***

## **6. Targeted Mental Health in Schools Project**

We held our first training session on 12 January for the TaMHS (Targeted Mental Health in Schools) Project on Child and Adolescent Mental Health. This was attended by the six primary phase schools in Area 1 who have all signed up to the TaMHS project. Over 100 staff attended, with a broad mix of learning mentors, teaching assistants, teachers, behaviour support staff and head teachers represented. The session covered components from the two-day CAMHS Tier 1 training that is currently delivered across the city. The topics for the session delivered were:

- What is Mental Health?
- Attachment
- Risk Factors
- Resilience Factors.

The session was led by Roger Catchpole, Training Consultant from Young Minds, who has helped to shape the Tier 1 training already delivered in the city.

Practitioners gave a positive response to the training and indicated a desire for further input on mental health. However, the short session delivered through TaMHS was viewed as a good starting point, as it linked theory back to the children and young people that school staff are working with on a daily basis.

On-going evaluation of training delivered to the TaMHS schools will be carried out, along with information sent on future training opportunities that schools can access.

Further training sessions as part of TaMHS were delivered on 26 and 27 January by Dr Robin Banerjee, Senior Lecturer in Psychology at the University of Sussex. Dr Banerjee and his research team will work with the TaMHS schools using sociograms, a way of identifying children and young people who would benefit from additional support around mental health. The work will focus on identifying those children who don't necessarily display their difficulties through outward acts of disruptive behaviour, but those who may be experiencing high levels of isolation and rejection and are often withdrawn. This work will help to identify pupils who would benefit from additional support through TaMHS, as well as acting as a mechanism for measuring the impact on the interventions provided.

**For more information on the Derby City Tier 1 Mental Health Training, please contact Arshie Mushtaq on 01332 711268.**

**For further information on the work of Dr Robin Banerjee, please contact Joanne Moore (TaMHS Project Manager) on 01332 256331.**

## **7. The New Year brings new and innovative ideas to Addaction (Derby)**



Breaking The Cycle (Derby) has been busy developing the new schools' support group project, 'Skills 4 Change'.

Skills 4 Change will engage and provide interventions for young people aged 11 – 16 years old identified by their school as being at risk as a consequence of somebody else's substance use. The significant 'someone' could be their mum, dad, brother, sister, friend or anybody they know or care about. It could be that the young person's education is being affected; they are being bullied, struggling with friendships or isolated in the community.

The Skills 4 Change programme consists of 12 sessions over an eight-week period. These sessions cover all aspects of the 'Every Child Matters Framework' and aim to build resilience and develop protective factors to help the young person cope with their difficult circumstances.

Skills 4 Change will begin to roll out in February 2010 across schools in Derby City.

***If anyone needs any further information on the programme, please contact Jonathan Watson, tel: 01332 254505.***

## **Stakeholder Events/Workshops**

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## **8. Partnership Stakeholder Event**

**Derby Children and Young People's Action Plan 2010 – 2011  
Next Steps**

**Date: Friday 5 March 2010**

**Time: 9 am – 3.30 pm**

**Venue: YMCA, London Road** - car parking spaces are limited at the venue. However, an overflow car park can be found next door at HSS hire.

In response to popular demand, the programme will include:

- **Question and answer panel** – an opportunity to meet and ask senior officers from across the partnership questions about the Children's Trust and Children and Young People's Action Plan 2010-2011.
- **Outcome Group Activity**

## Derby Children and Young People's Action Plan 2010-2011

- Targets/actions achieved – supported by evidence
- New priorities 2010-2011

To book a place, please **contact Sue Leyland on 01332 711243 or email [sue.leyland@derby.gov.uk](mailto:sue.leyland@derby.gov.uk) by Friday 19 February 2010.**

## 9. Think Family Stakeholder Event

**Friday 26 March 2010**

**Pride Park Stadium, Pride Park, Derby, DE24 8XL**

**9.30 am – 4.30 pm**

Aimed at strategic and operational managers and practitioners who deliver services that impact on **Adults, Families and Children and Young People** in Derby City.

### ***What will you gain?***

The day will provide you with:

- the national picture in relation to Think Family
- an introduction to Derby's Think Family vision and strategy
- an overview of the Derby pilot projects implementing the Think Family Approach
- practical ideas for putting this into practice
- an opportunity to network and discuss ways of improving the outcomes for children, young people, families and adults.

### ***Format of the day:***

- Setting the Scene – National Think Family Approach
- Derby's approach to Think Family Implementation
- Good Practice workshops / case studies
- Taking Think Family approach forward

*Think Family is a cross-departmental programme jointly funded by DCSF, the Home Office, Ministry of Justice and the Department of Health, and supported by the Department of Communities and local government.*

*Since April 2009 all local authorities have received increased funding to support the introduction of:*

- *Think Family practice - making sure that the support provided by children's, adults' and family services is co-ordinated and takes account of how individual problems affect the whole family*
- *targeted support for parents and families - such as Family Intervention Projects and Parenting Early Intervention programmes designed to provide evidence-based support to families experiencing problems.*

## 10. Inspiring Derby 2010

**Monday 28 June – Sunday 4 July 2010**

It is our 15<sup>th</sup> annual Partnership week, so join in!

We want people to be inspired to find out more and celebrate Derby's people, places and all the work that is done to improve life in Derby.

This is a great opportunity to showcase your activities, partnership projects and initiatives both to partners and the public and you can do that by putting on events or tours during Inspiring Derby 2010.

Our unique week is very well established and has continually built on its success. So we need your help to beat the fantastic programme of 100 events in 2009!

Please think about how you or your organisation can get involved and join us to celebrate our city.

Call us on 01332 255627 to talk through your ideas.

Go to our website [www.derbycitypartnership.co.uk](http://www.derbycitypartnership.co.uk) for the booking form and guidelines.

Derby Hospitals   
NHS Foundation Trust



## 11. The Modernisation Agenda

➤ **Tuesday 9 March 2010 ref. 832**  
Evening session 5.30 – 7 pm  
*For Managers, Consultants, GPs and Senior Clinicians*  
Venue: Derby

Some funded places for NHS staff.

Contains elements towards Knowledge and Skills Framework (KSF) Core Dimensions 2 and 4.

**Fee £25**

➤ **Wednesday 10 March, 2010 Ref. 831**

*This date is open to Allied Healthcare Professionals only*

**London Road Community Hospital, Derby**  
9.30 am – 4 pm  
**Dr Patricia Oakley, Director, Practices Made Perfect**

Once again, we are pleased to invite Dr Oakley to give us her unique insight into the future shape of the NHS

**Fee: £100** (Including light lunch and refreshments)

Contains elements towards KSF Core Dimensions 2 and 4

Funded places for Allied Health Professionals working in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire areas.

**For further details, tel: 01332 254679, NCORE, Rehabilitation and Cancer Services Directorate, London Road Community Hospital or [www.ncore.org.uk](http://www.ncore.org.uk) or email [ncore@derbyhospitals.nhs.uk](mailto:ncore@derbyhospitals.nhs.uk)**

## 12. Children's Workforce Development Council

The Children's Workforce Development Council (CWDC) is working closely with partner organisations to support you in achieving an integrated workforce, which puts the child or young person at the centre of what you do.

Here are some upcoming events you might be interested in attending...

➤ **Extended services conference: 9 February, London**

Delivered by the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF), this conference will focus on the immediate issues of delivering the services and the central role that extended services will play in 21st Century schools and is open to those who deliver and lead extended services within local authority, health, private and public sectors. To find out more or to register, press Ctrl and click here to [email the organiser](#).

➤ **Well-being and the whole child: 22-23 February, Birmingham**

Delivered by the National College in partnership with CWDC, this national event will provide an opportunity for leaders of children's services, schools and early years' settings to come together and learn from colleagues across the sector. [For more information or to register press Ctrl and click here](#).

For more information and other events, see the CWDC events site at <http://www.cwdcouncil.org.uk/events>

## 13. Your Sector, Your Say



### What is it?

The first ever forum for all voluntary and community groups in Derby - the outcomes of the forum will be turned into an action plan to set the priorities for the future of the voluntary and community sector.

### When is it?

Wednesday 24 March 2010  
11 am to 4 pm (registration 10:30 am)

### Where is it?

YMCA, London Road, Derby.

- **Have your say**
- **Get your issues in the spotlight**
- **Be part of this exciting forum**
- **Take part in workshops**
- **Help define the future of voluntary and community groups in Derby**

This is **YOUR** chance to have **YOUR** say and set the priorities for **YOUR** sector. **Don't miss out!**

To book your place, call **Abigail Steanson on 01332 227710** or email [abigail.steanson@communityactionderby.org.uk](mailto:abigail.steanson@communityactionderby.org.uk)

Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

## Your Sector, Your Say timetable - 24 March 2010

- 10:30 Registration and refreshments.  
11:00 Opening remarks.  
*Hilary Jones, Leader of Derby City Council.*  
11:10 Presentation of results from survey.  
*Peter Stone (including questions).*  
11:40 Presentation on future trends in the voluntary and community sector.  
12:10 Setting the rest of the day.  
*Matthew Allbones, Community Action.*  
12:20 Buffet lunch.  
13:00 Workshop - session 1.  
*Informed by results of Your Sector, Your Say survey.*  
14:00 Coffee break and networking.  
14:20 Workshop - session 2  
*Informed by results of Your Sector, Your Say survey.*  
15:30 Feedback from workshops.  
15:45 Comments, closing remarks and questions.  
*Adam Wilkinson, Chief Executive of Derby City Council.*  
16:00 Close.

**We look forward to seeing you there!**

**Simon Hancox, Youth Volunteer Development Manager, Community Action,**  
[simon.hancox@communityaction.org.uk](mailto:simon.hancox@communityaction.org.uk)

## Training Courses

### 14. Basic awareness of contraception options

Are you working with young people and would you like to:

- refresh and update your basic knowledge of methods of contraception
- understand your role in supporting young people with contraception choices
- provide basic non-judgemental support that enables young people to make informed choices
- learn more about local services so that you can signpost young people most effectively.

This training is for practitioners working with children and young people in Derby including Derby City Council, NHS staff in Derby, Connexions, schools, colleges and training providers, voluntary and community sector.

#### Sessions last 2 ½ hours

Monday 8 March	4 – 6.30 pm	- Coleman Street, Meeting Rooms 3 and 4
Wednesday 10 March	9.30 am – 12 noon	- Wilderslowe, Boardroom
Friday 12 March	9.30 am – 12 noon	- Coleman Street, Meeting Rooms 3 and 4
Tuesday 16 March	2 – 4.30 pm	- Wilderslowe, Boardroom
Monday 22 March	4 – 6.30 pm	- Wilderslowe, Boardroom
Tuesday 23 March	3 – 5.30 pm	- Wilderslowe, Boardroom
Thursday 25 March	9.30 am – 12 noon	- Coleman Street, Meeting Rooms 3 and 4
Thursday 25 March	1 – 3.30 pm	- Coleman Street, Meeting Rooms 3 and 4

Light refreshments will be provided at the start.

To enquire about availability, please **contact Sally Greaves on 01332 332766 or email:**  
[sally.greaves@derbycitypct.nhs.uk](mailto:sally.greaves@derbycitypct.nhs.uk). To reserve a place, please complete the booking form attached to this bulletin and return it to Sally Greaves at Wilderslowe, 121 Osmaston Road, Derby, DE1 2GA or

fax: 01332 888105.

This training is funded through the NHS, so there is no charge for attendance. Places are limited and we have a clear expectation that agencies will support staff fully in attending once they have been nominated.

Agencies will be invoiced at the cost of £50 for each person if staff do not take up their places or cancel within five working days of the date of the course and have not identified another staff member to take part.

**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND, PLEASE CONTACT SALLY GREAVES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

***Sheila McFarlane, Teenage Pregnancy Commissioner, tel: 01332 711259,***  
**[sheila.mcfarlane@derby.gov.uk](mailto:sheila.mcfarlane@derby.gov.uk)**

## 15. Teenage Pregnancy Multi-Agency Delay Training

### Last chance to book

Derby's Teenage Pregnancy Partnership's highly popular multi-agency delay training is funded by the Partnership, and delivered in groups of up to 20. It's aimed at practitioners offering advice and support to young people about relationships and sexual health. The one-day training includes lunch and is delivered at venues throughout the city.

Please contact Karen Ford by email [karen.ford@derby.gov.uk](mailto:karen.ford@derby.gov.uk), or telephone 01332 718893 to check availability for the final date in this year's programme - Friday 26 February 2010 at Osmaston/ Allenton SureStart Children's Centre.

## Reasons to celebrate

### 16. Warm congratulations, Ellie!!!

News from Family Action Derby – on 8 December, VCS Engage East Midlands held the first Children and Young People Voluntary Community Sector Awards evening.

I am pleased to inform you that our colleague Ellie Fletcher – Participation Officer for Family Action Derby Children's Fund, was nominated and presented as a winner in 'Cross Sector Collaboration' category.

To read Ellie's story in the local paper, go on <http://www.thisisderbyshire.co.uk/news/Elle-s-actions-recognised-regional-accolade/article-1588415-detail/article.html>

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