

Derbyshire Children and Young People's Plan – A Briefing Sheet for Staff

A new Children and Young People's Plan has been prepared by Derbyshire Children and Young People's Trust for the period 2009 -12. The Children and Young People's Plan is the over-arching plan about how outcomes for children and young people in Derbyshire will be improved. This briefing sheet highlights how "achieve economic well-being" outcomes for children and young people will improve. Throughout the plan, there is an emphasis on supporting children and their families to mitigate the effects of the economic downturn.

KEY PRIORITIES AND SELECTED ACTIONS

The key priority agreed with central government and local partners is **reducing the numbers of young people aged 16 – 19 not in education, employment or training (NEET)**.

This work will be particularly targeted at young people who are young mothers, care leavers and young people with learning difficulties and/or disabilities.

- Continue to achieve the nationally set NEET reduction targets and manage the transition to increasing the number of young people, 16-18, in appropriate learning
- Increase the number of 17 year olds in learning
- Promote apprenticeships by public authorities.
- Reduce significant differences in both NEET and learning between districts/learning communities, and key vulnerable groups

Secondary Priorities

The Children and Young People's Plan also sets out action on the following secondary priorities:

- Reducing child poverty
 - Directly provide, and signpost to, advice and assistance about benefits and debt
 - Continue to support the most vulnerable children with the flexible vulnerable children's budget
 - Provide access to training opportunities, job centre plus and childcare from Children's Centres to help parents return to the workforce
 - Promote the achievement of qualifications and skills that will enable the next generation of parents to be economically prosperous
 - Focus Children's Trust agencies in Districts on reducing a wide range of inequalities in the areas of greatest deprivation
- Improving services for homeless young people
 - To improve the supply of appropriate accommodation for young people including care leavers and other vulnerable groups
- Ensuring the sufficiency of childcare including for children with learning difficulties and/or disabilities

MORE INFORMATION:

Separate briefing sheets are available on Be Healthy, Stay Safe, Enjoy and Achieve, Making a Positive Contribution, Achieve Economic Well-being and disabled children. You will be briefed on the outcome most relevant to your service area.

All the briefing sheets and the full Children and Young People's Plan are available on Dnet and at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/childrenstrust