

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.

The plan brings together in a single place all the different strategies and plans about how partners will work in the coming years to improve outcomes for children in a single document. The plan is aligned to individual agency plans such as the CAYA Service plan and the PCT Local Operating Plan.

PROGRESS

The new plan builds on the progress already made in developing district based services which improve life for children and young people. Achievements in 2008-09 include further increases in the numbers of young people involved in employment, education or training, fewer children in care involved in crime and the highest ever levels of attendance at school.

PRIORITIES

Our overarching priority for 2009 – 2012 is **to reduce inequalities**.

The main priorities we will tackle in 2009 -10 are to:

- **Safeguard vulnerable children**
- **Reduce alcohol harm**
- **Respond to the economic downturn**

We will continue to improve outcomes in the priority areas in our Local Area Agreement (LAA):

- Improve services for children and young people with disabilities
- Reduce health inequalities, in particular tackling obesity and reducing teenage pregnancy.
- Reduce bullying
- Narrow the gap in attainment and attendance, reduce exclusions and promote achievement for all.
- Increase positive activities
- Reduce the number of young people who are not in education, employment or training (NEET)

FINANCIAL

Proposed additional investment in services includes:

- Increased resources to safeguard children
- Development of a peer support project to increase breastfeeding
- Continuation of flexible budgets to prevent children being admitted to care unnecessarily
- Increased investment in extended services in and around schools
- Continued support to schools to increase the numbers of children achieving 5 A*-C GCSEs including English and maths
- Funding to mitigate the effect of the economic downturn on young people

We are determined to provide the best services we can with the money we have available. Individual agencies will continue to achieve efficiencies in how services are delivered.

MORE INFORMATION:

Separate briefing sheets are available on Be Healthy, Stay Safe, Enjoy and Achieve, Making a Positive Contribution, Achieving Economic Well-being and Use of Resources. 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 and CAYA Service Plan are available on DNet and at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/childrenstrust