

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 "stay safe" outcomes for children and young people will improve.

KEY PRIORITIES AND SELECTED ACTIONS

The two key priorities agreed with central government and local partners are:

1. Protect children from abuse

- Continue to follow inter-agency child protection procedures for all children that require it. We will review and update these procedures in light of evidence from serious case reviews, management reviews and evidence based good practice
- Fully implement the recommendations of Lord Laming's 'The Protection of Children in England: a Progress Report'
- Introduce ContactPoint, the national database
- Develop systems to reduce administrative burdens on social care staff and increase the amount of time spent in direct contact with families
- Appoint an independent chair to the Safeguarding Children's Board
- Improve induction training, supervision and support of newly qualified social workers

2. Reducing the severity and numbers of children who are bullied

- Extend the use of Derbyshire's anti-bullying ABC Scheme to all settings: schools, children's homes, youth service settings and voluntary and independent sector organisations
- Further develop the 'Playground Pals' scheme in primary schools
- Develop a scheme to combat bullying in the community in conjunction with partners in community safety
- Share existing effective strategies between schools and settings

Secondary Priorities

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

- Further developing services to prevent and to tackle the impact of domestic abuse
- Improving personal safety and reducing the number of children and young people injured or killed in accidents
- Reducing the number of children and young people missing from home or from care
- Providing stable and consistent places for children in care to live in
 - Increase the amount of choice of placement by increasing the number of foster carers and prospective adoptive parents
 - Improve the quality of matching children to the right carers, including placing children close to their homes when it is safe and practical to do so
 - Review the commissioning arrangements for managing the demand for placements both internally and with the independent sector
 - Raise the quality of care in all children's homes
 - Introduce new National Standards to comply with Care Matters

MORE INFORMATION:

Separate briefing sheets are available on Be Healthy, Stay Safe, Enjoy and Achieve, Making a Positive Contribution, Achieving 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