



Welcome to the first Children's Trust Newsletter, which replaces our previous Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Newsletter. The Children's Trust Board will meet on a quarterly basis. A newsletter will be produced shortly after each Board meeting keeping you informed of developments within the Trust. There will be regular sections summarising news from both the Joint Commissioning Executive and the Performance Management Group. We hope you enjoy our new look.

The Children's Trust Board

The Children's Trust has developed from the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership and is a theme group of the Worcestershire Partnership. The following partners are represented on the Board of the Children's Trust: District Councils; NHS Worcestershire; Schools; Further Education Colleges; the Probation Service; West Mercia Police; the Youth Offending Service; Job Centre Plus; the Voluntary and Community Sector and Parents and Carers. Children and young people will be able to express their views through a 'shadow board', which will feed into the new Children's Trust arrangements.

The Children's Trust Board will be responsible and accountable for the delivery of the Children and Young People's Plan, the present version of which runs until April 2011, when following a consultation process a new three-year plan will be written. The responsibility for the Children and Young People's Plan previously lay with the County Council, but under the new arrangements the accountability is shared across the partners on the Board.

Joint Commissioning Executive

As part of the Children's Trust debate last year WCC and NHS Worcestershire developed joint commissioning arrangements for delivery of part of the CYPP. February/March was a transition period with the new arrangements becoming live in April. A Joint Commissioning Unit (JCU) for children and young people is in the process of being set up, similar to that already in place in Adult Services. The aim is to have a Joint Commissioning Unit Manager appointed in the Autumn and a formal agreement to pool budgets under section 75 of the NHS Act 2006 in place from April 2011.

Children's Trust Board signs off first major piece of work



From left to right front to back: Helen Allen, Probation; Marie McCurry, Worcestershire PCT; Ann Starr, Special Schools Representative; Sue Onions, Parent/Carer Representative; Marcus Hart, (Chair) Lead Member for Children and Young People; Carol Thompson, (Vice Chair); Gail Quinton, Director of Children's Services; Wendy Taylor, Middle Schools Representative; Ann Pierce, Jobcentre Plus; Lisa Peaty, Worcestershire County Council; Chris Morecroft, Post-16 Representative; Jane Horwood, Police Representative; Keith Barham, YOS; Hilary Thompson, Worcestershire Safeguarding Children Board; Simon Hairsnape, NHS Worcestershire; Trish Haines, Worcestershire County Council; Richard Keble, Worcestershire County Council; Michael Hunter, Voluntary Sector Representative; Malcolm Richards, Worcestershire Association of Governors; Clive Corbett, Secondary Schools Representative.

Worcestershire's newly-established Children's Trust Board is ready to deliver its first major piece of work – just weeks after being launched in the county.

The Children's Trust Board held its first meeting on April 28 at County Hall where the first major business item was to sign off the Information Sharing Protocol (ISP).

The ISP follows the implementation from April 1 this year of the Worcestershire Children's Trust - the local arrangements for fulfilling the co-operation duties set out in the Children Act 2004 and supporting regulations and guidance.

Councillor Marcus Hart, Chair of the Children's Trust Board, said: "This was the first item of business for the Trust and it demonstrates the commitment of all members of the Trust board to sharing information in a way which keeps children safe, but whilst protecting people's rights to confidentiality.

Organisations involved in providing services to children and young people have a legal duty to make sure their use of personal information is lawful, and that individual's rights are respected.

Performance Management Group (PMG)

The Performance Management Group met for its first meeting on 10th May. This group will evolve to ensure strategic alignment across planning for children and young people. The group discussed the Strategic Planning Groups that would be represented on the Performance Management Group along with the roles and responsibilities expected from each representative. The present performance arrangements will continue alongside the PMG during the transition period, with the new arrangements being in place when the new CYPP is launched in April 2011.

Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP)

We are now in the final year of the present CYPP and the Action Plan for 2010/11 has been signed off by the Children's Trust Board and will be available on the web site shortly. Work has started on the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment to inform the consultation for the new Plan which will be produced in April 2011.

Child Poverty Act

The Child Poverty Act has received Royal Assent and it places a duty on local authorities and partners to cooperate to reduce child poverty, to undertake a needs assessment and develop and deliver a strategy. This work will be developed by the Children's Trust.

Childrens Trust Board Members

Relevant Partners

Lead Member for Children and Young People
(Chair) Marcus Hart

Non-Executive Director of NHS Worcestershire
(Vice Chair) Carol Thompson

Director of Delivery, NHS Worcestershire
Chair of JCE) Simon Hairsnape

Director of Children's Services (Chair of Performance
Management Group) Gail Quinton

Chief Executive, WCC Trish Haines

Joint Director of Public Health Richard Harling

Senior person from Probation Helen Allen

Senior person from West Mercia Police
Jane Horwood

Participant Observer

Chair of the Safeguarding Children Board
Hilary Thompson

Leader or Chief Executive from one of the District
Councils Roger Hollingsworth

Head of Youth Offending Service Keith Barham

Senior person from Job Centre Plus Ann Williams

Head Teacher representative from Primary Schools
Vivienne Cranton

Head Teacher representative from Middle Schools
Wendy Taylor

Head Teacher representative from Secondary Schools
Clive Corbett

Head Teacher representative from Special Schools
Anne Starr

Post-16 representative Chris Morecroft

Other Members

Senior person from Acute NHS Trust (with lead role
for maternity services) Helen Blanchard

Associate Director from Worcestershire PCT (with
lead role for children and young people)
Marie McCurry

GP representative Vacancy

Chair of Worcestershire Association of Governors
Malcolm Richards

Representative from the VCS Michael Hunter

Representative from the VCS Sally Ellison

Parent/carer representative Sue Onions

Second Parent/carer representative or "supporter"
Rachel Adams

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