

The Worcestershire Children & Young People's Strategic Partnership (CYPSP) is a theme group of the Worcestershire Partnership, set up to oversee the longer-term development of all services for children and young people on behalf of the Worcestershire Partnership.

It has developed the Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP), and is responsible for making sure it gets delivered.

The focus of the Partnership is on prevention and early intervention, and it meets the Children Act 2004 requirement to ensure that there is a broad local partnership of interest to improve the well-being of children & young people.

The Partnership operates by enabling Partner agencies to work together successfully, brokering agreements. Partners remain accountable to their own governance arrangements, but report to the CYPSP Executive Group on multi-agency issues.

The CYPSP Executive Group leads the work of the Partnership, and manages performance against the Children and Young People's Plan.

## CYPSP Executive Group Meeting Summary, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2008

1. Big Questionnaire – See spotlight.
2. Children and Young People's Plan 2008-2011 (CYPP)  
The consultation on the CYPP continues. The CYPSP Executive Group have finalised the draft 'Visions, Values and Priorities' and the cross cutting themes. The CYPP will be going to the Cabinet on the 17<sup>th</sup> April alongside the Needs Assessment and Consultation Report. The new CYPP will be considered by Full Council on 8<sup>th</sup> May with the official launch the following week on the 14<sup>th</sup> May. After the launch the plan will be available to download on the CYPSP website:  
[www.worcestershirepartnership.org.uk/children](http://www.worcestershirepartnership.org.uk/children)
3. Extended Services  
The development of Extended Services in and around schools has formed part of the actions in the Children and Young People's Plan: this strategy outlines how we plan to move this forward from 2008-2011. There is a national recommendation that all Local Authorities publish a strategy outlining how it will support schools and partners to meet the extended schools 'core offer'. It is important that this strategy is shared with, and owned by, all partners. The strategy has been developed based on the extensive consultation with schools and partners through the cluster. For more information please contact Zoe Cookson:  
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4. Parenting Support Strategy / Family Support Strategy  
Government requires local authorities and their partners to designate a "single commissioner for parent support" and to develop a parenting strategy. This strategic approach should ensure that parents and families can access support that is at the right level for their needs and is at the right time. It encompasses all forms of support from the provision of information, advice and guidance to intensive intervention. The underpinning for this drive is research evidence that positive, active parenting is the single biggest determinant of positive outcomes for children. These two strategies, together with the Family Information Strategy and the Parental Engagement Strategy, which were approved by the CYPSP board on the 17<sup>th</sup> September 2007 and the Family Learning programme, are key elements in the strategic framework for parent support in Worcestershire.

Other developments, in particular those as a result of the recent review of the role of health visitors, entitled "Facing the Future", will also be key in achieving high quality services for families in Worcestershire.

### For more information on the work of the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership

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## Spotlight on..... The Big Questionnaire

The Big Questionnaire was designed by the Worcestershire Youth Cabinet and aimed at 11-19 year olds in Worcestershire. The questions were written by young people in order to find out the views of other young people across Worcestershire. A total of 8,623 questionnaires were completed, making it the largest consultation with young people across the County.

The questionnaire was based around five key themes:

- Health – Information, education and lifestyle
- Safe – Crime, bullying, the law and your rights
- Enjoy – Places to go, things to do
- Voice – Making a positive contribution
- Move – Transport, jobs and money

Highlights include:

### **Section 1: Health**

56.6% of respondents consider themselves to be healthy.

### **Section 2: Safe**

Almost two thirds of respondents (64.8%) said they feel safe when out and about in their local area.

### **Section 3: Enjoy**

The most popular current activities are cinema/films (70.0%) and general sports (64.3%). However, nearly 30% of respondents would be interested in doing extreme sports and water sports but do not currently do them.

### **Section 4: Voice**

A greater proportion of respondents feel that young people are represented badly (45.0%) in the media, rather than well (15.5%).

### **Section 5: Move**

Education and jobs are considered the most important issues by respondents, with 77.5% and 78.0% respectively, ranking them to be either important or very important. All of the other issues have similar profiles of importance.

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<b>Jenni Stephens</b>	Head of Specialist Children's Services, Worcestershire PCT
<b>Keith Barham</b>	Acting Head of the Youth Offending Service
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<b>Phil Street</b>	Corporate Director, Bromsgrove District Council, representing District Chief Executives
<b>Sally Ellison</b>	WAVOCC, representing the Voluntary Sector
<b>Jane Crysell</b>	Chief Executive, Connexions
<b>Councillor Jo Hodges</b>	County Council Members Representative
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<b>Serena Croad</b>	District Members Representative