



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, 18th February 2008

1. "Narrowing the Gap"

This is a two-year research and development project funded by the DCSF, hosted by the Local Government Association (LGA) and supported by the Improvement and Development Agency for local government (IDeA).

The overriding purpose is to make a significant difference, on a national scale, to the performance of Children's Trusts in narrowing the gap in outcomes between vulnerable and excluded children and the rest, against a context of improving outcomes for all. The focus of the project is on 3-13s but with some consideration of the issues for under -3s and for 14-19s.

2. Children and Young People's Plan 2008-2011 (CYPP)

The draft CYPP, draft vision, values and priorities are now available for viewing on the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership web site: www.worcestershirepartnership.org.uk/children. (see spotlight). Feedback is invited from individuals, groups/organisations from all sectors of the community. A questionnaire is has been designed for this purpose and is also available on the link from the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership's web site. Various consultations/events will also be taking place raise awareness and encourage feedback into the new Plan.

An all partners consultation event took place on 30th January 2008, which informed the process, and a follow-up event will take place on 4th March 2008.

3. Joint Area Review (JAR) Update

JAR is an extension of the County Council's Annual Performance Assessment, which takes place each year. The Annual Performance Assessment (APA) will be done one month after the JAR. The JAR report will be received whilst the APA is taking place. A project plan will be discussed at the next CYPSP meeting.

JAR newsletters and up to date information is available on www.worcestershire.gov.uk/jar.

4. Date and time of next meeting

2-5 pm on 17th March 2008 at Perdisswell Children and Young People's Leisure Club

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Spotlight on..... Draft Children and Young People's Plan 2008-2011

The draft priorities for the new Children and Young People's Plan are as follows:

Be Healthy

1. Support children and young people to have healthy lifestyles (physical, sexual and emotional).
2. Children and young people have a good start to life.

Stay Safe

3. Prevent bullying and support children and young people who have been affected by it.
4. Ensure that children and young people remain safe, and protect those who are at risk of harm, neglect, and domestic abuse.

Enjoy and Achieve

5. Raise the educational achievement of all children and young people from those who find learning challenging to the most gifted and able.
6. Ensure that children, young people and their families have positive things to do and enjoy in their communities.

Positive Contribution

7. Enable children and young people to be responsible citizens

Economic Well-being

8. Ensure that 14 -19 provision is appropriate for and accessible to all young people enabling them to progress to employment, education and training.
9. Enable young people to make an effective transition to adulthood

Cross cutting themes:

1. Narrowing the gap (includes supporting children and young people with a disability and/or special educational needs, supporting looked after children)
2. Supporting families

To comment on any of these priorities or to view/comment on the draft Children and Young People's Plan, or its Vision and Values please visit www.worcestershirepartnership.org.uk/children

Children & Young People's Strategic Partnership Executive Group Members

Richard Hubbard	Partnership Board Chair, and County Council Children's Services Director
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Jenni Stephens	Head of Specialist Children's Services, Worcestershire PCT
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Sharon Gibbons	Acting Superintendent (Community Safety), West Mercia Constabulary
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