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The Worcestershire Children & Young People's Strategic Partnership (CYPSP) is a theme group of the Worcestershire Partnership. It is accountable to the Worcestershire Partnership for delivery of the children and young people's element of the Local Area Agreement and Sustainable Community Strategy.

It has developed the Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) which was launched in May 2008, and is responsible for its delivery.

The local arrangements for fulfilling the co-operation duties set out in section 10 of the Children Act 2004 (Children's Trust Arrangements) come under the remit of the CYPSP.

The CYPSP is divided into two groups: the Partnership Advisory Body (PAB) and the Joint Commissioning Board (JCB). Together they enable partner agencies to work successfully on multi-agency issues whilst remaining accountable to their own governance arrangements.

The purpose of the CYPSP is to ensure services are jointly and efficiently planned, commissioned and delivered to improve the outcomes for children, young people and their families and carers.

Welcome to the CYPSP newsletter highlighting issues which have been discussed at the recent Joint Commissioning Board and the Partnership Advisory Body meetings. Minutes from these meetings and further information are available on the CYPSP web site: www.worcestershirepartnership.org.uk/children

[Draft Integrated Youth Support Strategy \(IYSS\) for Worcestershire](#)

The consultation on the IYSS was extended until 12 September and the results incorporated into a report to be presented to the PAB in October.

[Youth Manifesto](#)

The Youth Manifesto has been prepared following three years of work by the Youth Cabinet. It has been developed from responses to 'The Big Questionnaire', which was issued in the Autumn of 2007 and is based around the themes of: Be Healthy, Stay Safe, Enjoy and Achieve, Voice and Society and Move On. It identified three priorities: Education, Activities and Transport with each page listing the partners who can help young people to achieve their aims.

[Worcestershire Partnership Governance Review](#)

Oliver Goode, Links Consulting, visited the PAB as part of his work to examine existing Governance arrangements for the Worcestershire Partnership and make recommendations that will ensure the Partnership is able to deal with the requirements of the Local Area Agreement as well as future challenges such as the Comprehensive Area Assessment. Future services will be judged by the strength of their local Partnerships. Oliver is also looking at ways to further strengthen links between the Worcestershire Partnership and its Theme Groups.

[Funding Lots of Stuff – Youth Opportunities Fund](#)

District Youth Forums will in future allocate the funding, (£250,000) which will be determined according to the population of young people in each area. This money will be launched in January 2009.

[“Narrowing the Gap” Oldington and Foley Park](#)

Oldington and Foley Park is the most deprived area in Worcestershire and a presentation was made to the PAB by Nick Parker (Oldington and Foley Park) suggesting that work be done focussed around Birchen Coppice Primary School, which is in one of the three super output areas defined by the Joint Area Review. YMCA has been awarded a contract and is working with local VCS organisations and Bromsgrove Youth Homelessness is providing additional knowledge and expertise. The aim is to offer better co-ordination of services from a young person's perspective. Further developments will be discussed at the January 2009 PAB meeting.

[Partnership Advisory Body Membership](#)

Membership has been extended in line with the CYPSP Constitution and Terms of Reference to include: A Senior Representative from Probation, a Representative from Worcestershire Association of Governors, Representatives of the Specialist and Middle School Heads, a second Senior Health Representative, and a GP Representative.

[Joint Area Review](#)

Pre-publication of the JAR report was sent to the Council and Partners in September for checking for accuracy. The final report will be published on the Ofsted website on 18 November.

[Date for the Diary: CYPSP Annual Event 28 January 2009 \(am\)](#)

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

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Spotlight on Strategies discussed by the CYPSP

CAMHS Strategy 2008-2011

In 1999 'A Joint Strategy for the Development of Worcestershire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services' (CAMHS) was developed. A central priority of this strategy was the need for health services, social services and education services to work in partnership. A series of actions were recommended to develop the preferred service model in Worcestershire including developing the workforce, responsibilities for professional practice, joint commissioning and investment. The original 10-year strategy focussed on tiers 3 & 4 of the model and the strategy for 2008-2011 tiers 1 & 2.


Obesity Strategy

Childhood obesity is an increasing public health issue with rates having trebled in the last twenty years. The rise has been most marked amongst children aged 8-10, whose rates increased from 11% in 1995 to 17% in 2003. The result of childhood obesity includes increased rates of type II diabetes, heart disease and certain cancers, as well as the psychological impact of low self-esteem, depression and discrimination.

The strategy and action plan outlines the Worcestershire response to the ever-growing public health issue of childhood obesity. The strategy and action plan details what work is taking place across the county around healthy eating and physical activity, but also outlines new initiatives and interventions that will be taking place in 2008-2011.

Intergenerational Strategy

The upsurge in intergenerational projects countrywide, and the immense impact they are having on community cohesion, makes the case for a Worcestershire Intergenerational Strategy compelling. Pilot projects in other areas have led to the development of a strategy; which in turn has resulted in the production of an intergenerational resource pack that aims to create self-sustaining and community led projects. This item will come back to the PAB in December.

Partnership Advisory Body (PAB)		Joint Commissioning Board (JCB)	
Members		Members	
Michael Hunter	Chair. Voluntary & Community Sector Representative	Richard Hubbard	Chair. Director of Children's Services, WCC
Jenni Stephens	Vice Chair. Head of Specialist Children's Services. Worcestershire PCT	Lola Abudu	Vice Chair. Director of Planning & Partnerships, Worcestershire PCT
Helen Allen	Senior Representative from Probation	Liz Eyre	Cabinet Member for Children & Young People
Keith Barham	Youth Offending Service Manager	Richard Harling	Director of Public Health, WCC and Worcestershire PCT
Anne Binney	Head of Integrated Services, WCC	Richard Keble	Head of Commissioning and Quality, WCC
Jane Crysell	Chief Executive, Connexions	Bryan Smith	Chairman, Worcestershire Primary Care Trust
Sally Ellison	Voluntary & Community Sector Representative	Advisors	
Sharon Gibbons	Senior Representative from West Mercia Constabulary	Jo Hodges	Elected Member, Lead Scrutiny Member for Children & Young People
Richard Keble	Head of Commissioning and Quality, WCC	Michael Hunter	Chair of the Partnership Advisory Body
Marie McCurry	Associate Director of Provider Services (Children's Directorate) Worcestershire PCT	Asa Johnsson Humphries	SDM, Commissioning & Contracting, WCC
Lisa Peaty	Service Development Manager Quality and Performance, WCC	Adrienne Plunkett	Manager of Worcestershire Safeguarding Children Board
Malcolm Richards	Representative from Worcestershire Association of Governors	Sue Onions	Parent/Carer Representative
Anne Starr	Representative of the Specialist School Heads	Youth Cabinet Members: Alice Bond Peter Bullock Ryan Noakes	Attending in rotation (supported by Operational Manager, Participation and Engagement, Children's Services)
Phil Street	Senior Officer Representative of District Councils	Vacancy	Representative from the Leaders Group of the District Councils
Peter Sugg	Service Development Manager Community Capacity, Interim Partnership Manager		
Wendy Taylor	Representative of Middle School Heads		
Geoff Taylor-Smith	Head of Community Partnership, WCC		
David Thurbon	Representative of the Secondary School Heads		
David Waldron	Partnership Director, Learning Skills Council		
Colin Weeden	Head of Raising Achievement and Access to Learning		
Vacancy	Representative of Primary Schools Heads		
Vacancy	GP Representative		