

North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership - Executive

10 February 2011

Thematic Partnership updates

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To highlight recent activity and progress by the North Yorkshire Children's Trust and the Adults Strategic Partnership.

2 At the Executive meeting of 15th April 2010, members agreed that a standing item would be taken from two of the Thematic Partnerships at each Executive. The purpose of this would be to provide an update on recent activity and progress within the relevant Thematic Partnerships and provide an opportunity for further discussion at the Executive level.

3 Enclosed at Appendix A are updates from the Adults Strategic Partnership and the North Yorkshire Children's Trust.

5 It is recommended that the Safer Communities Forum and Economy and Enterprise thematic partnerships provide updates for the 5th May 2011 meeting of the NYSP Executive.

6 Recommendations

- 6.1 That members note the update reports provided by the Thematic Partnerships; and
6.2 Agree that Safer and Economy and Enterprise will provide the next updates at the May 2011 meeting.

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Adults Strategic Partnership (ASP) activities 2010

1. Performance Review Grant Bids

The partnership is due to receive £2,082,000 Performance Reward Grant in March 2011 for meeting the LAA stretched targets. Four bids were selected and have been forwarded to the NYSP for consideration at their meeting on the 10th February 2011.

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2. Physical and Sensory Impairment Partnership Board

The PSI Board have concluded the refresh of the Equal Lives Strategy, which has been extended to 2016 and was approved by the ASP.

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3. Older People Partnership Board

The ASP received regular reports from the Older People's Partnership Board who have considered several important documents including the North Yorkshire Older Person's Charter and the national Ageing Well programme. The Lifelong Learning and Transport sub groups continue to pursue some of the priorities set by the OP Board for 2010-11.

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4. JSNA 2010 Interim Report

The partnership received a presentation on the JSNA update which was undertaken in 2010 and confirmed some of the key are of needs across the county and in specific localities.

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5. New national strategies

The partnership considered new national strategies being published since the arrival of the new coalition government including 'A Vision for Adult Social care' the public health white paper 'Healthy lives, healthy people' and Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS.

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Strategic Priorities

During the past six months the Children's Trust has given significant focus to the changing policy and financial context for children's services. A 'development event' was held in September to refresh the needs assessment for children's services across North Yorkshire, and to consider the future priorities for partnership working. Work is ongoing to develop the new strategic priorities and associated planning and delivery arrangements, including a successor to the existing Children and Young People's Plan. The emerging priorities identified to date are:

- Safeguarding
- Parenting
- Mental and emotional health
- Education, employment, & training
- Young offenders
- Looked after Children
- Housing
- Risky behaviours

The LAA Performance Reward Grant proposals considered by the Children's Trust have been aligned to these emerging priorities.

Changes to the Children's Trust and its Constituent Organisations

Analysis of the financial situation and the implications of changes to partner agencies' operating context continues to receive specific attention at Board meetings. The Children's Trust itself is in a period of reform, with a comprehensive review of the partnership and associated sub-groups. This will be informed by the changing legislative context for the Children's Trust and for partner agencies, in particular the proposed NHS reforms, the Munro Review of Child Protection, and changes set out in the Schools White Paper (now laid before Parliament as the Education Bill.)

Performance and Annual Assessment

Significant progress has made against the commitments in the Children and Young People's Plan 2008-11, and against the Post-Inspection Action Plan, which has been regularly reported, with demonstrable improvements in social care performance indicators.

In December, Ofsted published the 2010 annual assessments of local authority children's services. North Yorkshire's services for children and young people were rated as 'performs well', which is the second-highest rating. Ofsted reported that the vast majority of provision in North Yorkshire is good or outstanding, and that outcomes for service users are impressive. The annual assessment recognised the improvements made following the 2009 safeguarding inspections, noting that a very large majority of services and settings are either good or outstanding at keeping children and young people safe.

Reports to the Children's Trust Board

Reports received by the Trust Board have covered a range of subjects including:

- Housing and homelessness
- Domestic abuse

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- Early intervention and preventative work
- Review of health visitor services
- Sexual health review
- NHS Transforming Community Services
- Parent Support Advisors

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