

Adults' Strategic Partnership - Update**Key Areas of Work at September 2008****1. Local Area Agreement**

Delivery and performance management of the nine indicators in the LAA2 which are the specific responsibility of the ASP is progressing well. The nine indicators are focused on safeguarding adults; helping people to live independently; giving people more choice in the services which they receive and how they are delivered; and support for carers. These fully capture the national priorities set out by the Government in the "Putting People First" national concordat. Performance to date is good in relation to targets with some exceptionally high results. Joint meetings continue to be held with the Healthier Communities Thematic Partnership in order to jointly address the health and wellbeing agenda.

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2. Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)

The JSNA is being developed by NYCC (Children and Young People's Services; Adult and Community Services), and the Primary Care Trust with district councils and voluntary sector partners and progress is being monitored by the relevant Thematic Partnerships. An action plan has been developed following initial consultation with stakeholders. The assessment of local communities needs is due to be completed in October 2008, initial findings were shared with the Commission for Social Care Inspection (CSCI) in the Council's annual review meeting. This is an excellent example of community empowerment.

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3. Older People's Partnership Board (OPPB)

Following extensive consultation on options, membership and terms of reference, an Older People's Partnership Board will be launched on 23 October 2008 following the Better Government for Older People (BGOP) conference in September. Funding arrangements are being discussed by partners. Members of the OPPB will represent local older people, older peoples' organisations and Local Strategic Partnerships. The overall aim is to ensure that the voice of older people (50 years +) directly influences the priorities, commissioning and service developments of partners in the Adults and Healthier Communities Partnerships at county and local levels. Dedicated support to the Board is from Age Concern North Yorkshire following a tender process in the summer.

Contact: Norma Sutton, NYCC Adult and Community Services.

4. Physical and Sensory Impairment Partnership Board.

The multi-agency Partnership Board was established in 2006 and meets on a quarterly basis. The ASP has continued to support the Board financially. Four area groups are also being established to develop user-led reference groups. A number of issues are being monitored by them through the "Equal Lives" strategy and action plan which is reported annually to the joint Adults and Healthier Communities Thematic Partnership.

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5. Integrated Workforce Planning Group

A group has been established to consider and develop key areas of mutual concern regarding workforce development. These include - new types of working (eg. joint appointments in health/social care); recruitment and retention; qualifications; work based learning.

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