

A closer look at...Thematic Partnerships

There are six Thematic Partnerships within the NYSP which are responsible for planning and delivering partnership programmes for their respective thematic area. In this issue, we look at some of the recent work by two of these Partnerships, namely Adults and Healthier Communities. Further information on all Thematic Partnerships can be found at www.nysp.org.uk.

Adults Thematic Partnership

Since its inception in October 2008, the **Older People's Partnership Board (OPPB)** has met on a regular basis and formed four Task Groups to look at a number of issues relevant to the lives of older people.

The Financial Well-being Task Group has undertaken a comprehensive study around fuel poverty and is also working on a "Talking Leaflet" CD which will give useful information about fuel poverty and winter warmth and will signpost individuals to relevant benefits that they might be entitled to.

The Isolation and Loneliness Task Group is in the process of conducting a questionnaire on Loneliness. This is being done in conjunction with the Voice of Ripon group. Approximately sixty older people have been interviewed in the Ripon, Masham and Pateley Bridge areas. The findings together with recommendations will be presented to the Adult Strategic Partnership in September.

There are two other Task Groups hard at work; one looking at the sustainability of the Third Sector/Voluntary Organisations and the whole area of volunteering. The other is concentrating on the issue of access and transportation.

For further information on the work of the OPPB, please contact Richard Jackson at rjackson1952@hotmail.com.



Healthier Communities

"MEND - Mind, Exercise, Nutrition... Do It!"

A new strategy has been launched by NHS North Yorkshire and York in a bid to reverse the rising tide of obese and overweight people in the area.

The **'Healthy Weight, Active Lives'** strategy aims to support children and adults to maintain a healthy weight by changing behaviours around diet and physical activity. As part of the strategy, childhood obesity has been set as a local priority, in line with the LAA. There are a number of initiatives being developed and delivered to tackle the priority areas, including the MEND programme.

The **MEND Programme** is a fun course for families with children aged 7-13yrs whose weight is above the healthy range for their age and height. It runs twice a week after school in two-hour sessions

over 10 weeks. The programme was developed by child health experts and aims to help children and families manage their weight better and lead healthier lives.

NHS North Yorkshire and York and Adult Education have recently carried out one MEND programme in Malton, and more are planned. You can find out about the next MEND Programme by contacting Kath Allardice on 0845 3006681 or alternatively you can enrol online by going on to this site www.mendprogramme.org.



North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership

Summer 2009

Wider Partnership Conference

15th October 2009

Planning is well underway for this year's Wider Partnership conference, which will once more be held at the Pavilions of Harrogate on Thursday 15th October 2009. This year's conference will look at the challenges facing North Yorkshire, with a keynote speech to be delivered by The Rt. Hon. David Curry MP. Admission is free but members will need to reply to an invitation which will be sent out by middle of August. For further details contact ppu@northyorks.gov.uk.

Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

North Yorkshire's first Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) was produced by the County Council in conjunction with NHS North Yorkshire and York and other partners and published earlier this year. The needs assessment looks at the information available for the communities of North Yorkshire and tells the story of the local population in terms of health and well-being. This allows these partners to understand the current and future health and well-being needs of the population over both the short-term (three to five

year), to help inform Local Area Agreements and the long-term future, to inform strategic planning. An over-arching Joint Strategic Needs Assessment has been produced, describing the whole of North Yorkshire. Local reports have also been produced for each of North Yorkshire's seven districts. All of these documents can be downloaded from www.northyorks.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=7006.

Working together with communities

A community engagement and neighbourhood management framework for North Yorkshire.

In April 2009 the NYSP Executive agreed the final framework and action plan for improving how partner organisations in the North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership involve communities within North Yorkshire. An associated community of practice has also been set up on the IDeA Communities of Practice website to allow practitioners across North Yorkshire to network and share best practice, ideas, events, and documents. For more information please visit

www.nysp.org.uk/html/community-engagement-and-neighbourhood-management.



If you have any comments or feedback on this newsletter, or suggestions for future issues, please contact Diane Parsons on (01609) 532750 or at diane.parsons@northyorks.gov.uk.

Place Survey results

The national place survey results were released by the government on Tuesday 23rd June 2009. The survey asked over 10,000 residents of North Yorkshire for their views on what it is like living in North Yorkshire and on their satisfaction with local services. North Yorkshire responses were more positive than the national and regional figures on all the 14 headline figures highlighted by the government. North Yorkshire also does better than the national average on all of the 18 national indicators that rely on the results of the place survey. The published results and national headline summary can be found at

www.communities.gov.uk/publications/corporate/statistics/placesurvey2008.



Area Self-Evaluation

In 2009 the NYSP Executive commissioned a self-evaluation of its activities to develop an informed view of how well the partnership is doing towards achieving its ambitions and targets. The self-evaluation has involved representatives from across the partner organisations including all seven district councils, the county council, police, fire, the PCT, national parks and the voluntary sector.

The process has shown that the partners are working well towards their goals. The self-

evaluation document provides a solid baseline of information and an improvement plan. They are available on the NYSP website at www.nysp.org.uk/html/our-achievements. The improvement plan will be monitored and the next, streamlined self-evaluation process will begin later this year, as part of the on-going performance management of the NYSP. For further information contact Claire Lowery at Claire.lowery@northyorks.gov.uk or call (01609) 235416.

Local Information System

Work has continued in relation to the development of a Local Information System (data observatory) for the County. A Regional Improvement and Efficiency Programme (RIEP) bid was submitted for North Yorkshire and the Regional RIEP team are now in the process of deciding how the monies awarded for the development of observatories is best spent across the Yorkshire and Humber Region. The NYSP LIS Steering Group is concentrating on the development of the detailed specification for the system, in order to be able to progress the project as soon as



decisions have been reached about the RIEP funds.

In the meantime, the Performance, Research and Intelligence Team have purchased InstantAtlas software which will enable the profiles to be web-based and provide interactive, statistical data and maps based on 'neighbourhoods'. Consultations are currently underway with partners in order to determine what information would be useful for local residents. www.northyorks.gov.uk/neighbourhood_profiles

Local Area Agreement 2008/11 Refreshed.....

The North Yorkshire Local Area Agreement 2008/11 was formally 'refreshed' earlier this year following a period of revisiting those indicators whose targets could not be confirmed during the initial negotiation process. The refreshed LAA was signed off by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government on 3 April 2009. Following the refresh the NYSP has continued to move forward in relation to its LAA indicator performance. Progress against LAA targets continues to be monitored quarterly by the NYSP; most recently in the form of comprehensive LAA risk assessment undertaken for each thematic partnership.

The refreshed LAA document is available to download at www.nysp.org.uk/html/local-area-agreement.

For further information please contact Kevin Brown at kevin.brown@northyorks.gov.uk or call (01609) 532996.



...and revisiting the Sustainable Community Strategy 2008/18

Work will commence early in 2010 to review the NYSP Sustainable Community Strategy 2008/18, to bring it into line with the review cycle for the Local Area Agreement, which will complete in 2011. This process will involve discussions and consultations with a number of partners about the key priorities and themes that we should continue to address going forward from 2011. A revised LAA will be developed alongside the revised Strategy to ensure that any revised priorities or themes are reflected through targets. Further details on this process will be provided in the next edition of the NYSP newsletter at the end of the year.

Join Us

We would be interested to know of any organisations or agencies not already involved in the Wider Partnership who may be interested in becoming involved or who may simply want to find out more about the work of the NYSP. For further details contact (01609) 532750 or see the NYSP website (www.nysp.org.uk/widerpartnership) for information.

Have you visited the NYSP website? The NYSP website is a useful source of information on recent developments, meetings, consultations and for downloads of documents such as the Local Area Agreement and Community Engagement and Neighbourhood Management Framework. Go to www.nysp.org.uk for more details.