



## **Thematic Partnership Headlines – October 2009**

### **NYSP Wider Partnership conference 15<sup>th</sup> October 2009**

- North Yorkshire Children's Trust
- Adults Strategic Partnership
- York and North Yorkshire Development Board (Economy & Enterprise)
- Healthier Communities Strategic Partnership
- York and North Yorkshire Rural Partnership
- York and North Yorkshire Safer Communities Forum

The Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership has been re-named: it is now the North Yorkshire Children's Trust.

### **Children and Young People's Plan Refresh**

The Children's Trust has recently refreshed its Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP). The CYPP is a statutory document that provides the vision and strategic direction for children's services across the Children's Trust partners. The refreshed plan remains organised around seven substantive sections: one for each of the five Every Child Matters outcomes, plus additional sections on Building Capacity and Working Together (partnership arrangements). The section on safeguarding children has been re-worked to capture national and local developments following the Baby Peter case in Haringey. This includes clearer demarcation of the respective roles and accountabilities of the Children's Trust and the Safeguarding Children Board, and the development of a safeguarding strategy. The section on Building Capacity sets out the next phase of integrated service delivery.

### **Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) and Inspection**

The Children's Trust has produced its annual performance review of the CYPP, which represents an important piece of evidence towards the CAA judgements and the Ofsted annual rating of children's services. A draft annual rating (which replaces the Annual Performance Assessment) is expected from Ofsted in September, with a final rating published in December alongside the CAA judgements. CYPS received one of the new unannounced inspections of contact, referral and assessment arrangements in June. The inspectors found many strengths but also identified some areas for development and priority action. Children's Trust partners are now preparing for a 'full' inspection of safeguarding and services for looked after children, which could take place soon.

### **Round-Up**

Reports and presentations received at recent meetings of the Children's Trust Board include:

- Local Area Agreement: Performance Reports;
- Commissioning Strategy;
- Domestic Abuse Strategy;
- Localities and Common Assessment Framework;
- Play Strategy;
- Child Health Strategy;
- LDD Strategy;
- Workforce Development: One Children's Workforce;
- NEET update;
- Looked After Children Strategy;
- Teenage Pregnancy Strategy; and
- Drugs and Alcohol Strategy.

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**Cynthia Welbourn, Chair of North Yorkshire Children's Trust**

## Adults Strategic Partnership

### **Local Area Agreement (LAA)**

Good progress continues to be made towards achieving the ASP's LAA targets. Performance against all five stretch targets is on course and is predicted to meet 2009/10 targets thus securing the Performance Reward Grants. The ASP was successful in bidding for an extra £28,800 of Pump Priming Grant to support its work in safeguarding adults. Mapping of category 2 sheltered housing schemes has been carried out to consider how best to use these to extend extra care facilities.

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### **Older People's Partnership Board (OPPB)**

Four Task Groups have been formed. The Financial Wellbeing Task Group has undertaken a comprehensive study around fuel poverty and submitted a report to the Adult Strategic Partnership. At present, the group is working on a "Talking Leaflet" CD giving useful information about fuel poverty and winter warmth and signposting individuals to relevant benefits. The Isolation and Loneliness Task Group is conducting a questionnaire on Loneliness in conjunction with the Voice of Ripon group. The findings, together with recommendations, will be presented to the Adult Strategic Partnership in September. There are two other Task Groups also 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.

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### **Care Alliance for Workforce Development**

Launched earlier in 2009, this is a multi-agency workforce development group whose role is to: exploit opportunities for external funding; develop county-wide, cross-agency HR driven initiatives to attract staff with the right skills mix into North Yorkshire; encourage older people back into the workforce and underpin the wider work of the ASP by addressing common problems of recruitment and retention. The CAWD will be targeting schools and colleges in promoting social care as a career across all sectors.

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### **Physical and Sensory Impairment Partnership Board**

The PSI Board continues to meet quarterly. There is representation from all four Reference Groups that have a majority membership of people with disabilities. Two development days were held in April and August to consider the priorities of the PSI agenda for the next few months. The ACS Communicator Guide Service is now in place and four practitioners have been recruited to support deafblind people as well as to those who provide services for them.

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**Derek Law, Chair of Adults' Strategic Partnership**

## **York & North Yorkshire Development Board (Economy & Enterprise)**

### **Current Economic Downturn**

The Economic Partnership continues to monitor the situation regarding the economic downturn and the impact on North Yorkshire using key economic data and indicators to help monitor the situation and identify key areas of concern. The main concern for North Yorkshire continues to be the rise in claimant counts across all parts of the County.

### **Local Area Agreement 2008/11**

The Local Area Agreement indicators for economy and enterprise are progressing well. The only indicator that continues to cause some difficulties, irrespective of all the actions undertaken, relates to reducing the number of people in Scarborough on work related benefits. This therefore remains a priority for the Partnership.

### **Yorkshire Forward Geographic Programme for North Yorkshire**

Work continues on the delivery of the North Yorkshire Geographic Programme (what Yorkshire Forward will fund in North Yorkshire over the next 5 years). The Partnership Unit together with Partners are currently developing delivery plans for each of the priority market towns in order to attract and subsequently deliver £8million of Yorkshire Forward funding. Discussions continue with Yorkshire Forward and partners to ensure the county maximises the opportunities from Regional programmes as part of the Geographic Programme.

### **Economic Assessment and Integrated Regional Strategy**

A growing area for the Partnership is the preparation of a comprehensive economic needs assessment for the sub-region. This will help to direct future policy and funding and feed into the preparation of the Integrated Regional Strategy (the replacement for the Regional Economic Strategy and the Regional Spatial strategy). Some early scoping work has been carried out with partners, this will continue over the coming months resulting in the preparation of a comprehensive economic evidence base for the sub region. Further discussions will also take place with partners outside of the traditional economic focus, such as housing, transport and the environment, to ensure a more integrated approach.

### **Cultural Partnership**

The North Yorkshire Cultural Partnership is currently drafting its revised strategy. This will be launched at the first Cultural Partnership Conference on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2009. Early successes within the Partnership have included the improved integration of the tourism and cultural sectors, and being more proactive in ensuring that North Yorkshire benefits from the 2012 Games.

### **Business Support Partnership**

The Business Support Partnership brings together local partners, Business Link Yorkshire and Yorkshire Forward. Enterprise and access to finance will be the focus of its September meeting.

### **Work and Skills Partnership**

A Work and Skills Partnership (previously Employment and Skills) for North Yorkshire has recently been established and held its first meeting in June. Discussions are underway with partners to establish programmes and priorities for the future, prior to meeting in November.

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### **Local Area Agreement targets**

Delivery against the LAA targets remains good. However, the stretch target for reducing smoking in pregnancy is still giving cause for concern. Since the previous update an additional one and a half days smoking in pregnancy specialist support has been secured for Scarborough, Whitby and Ryedale areas. Also smoking in pregnancy toolkits have been obtained and circulated along with training for midwives. There have also been improvements in data quality for quarter 4 from Scarborough Trust following the implementation of a new data collection system.

### **Developing the Healthier Communities Thematic Partnership**

Further to the agreement earlier in the year to hold some meetings separately from the Adults Strategic Partnership, the HCTP agree that the changes made so far, including meeting in a different district each time, having a presentation on a local piece of work or project, and inviting the chair of the local LSP health theme group or equivalent, were all proving positive.

### **Altogether Better – The Big Lottery**

The HCTP received a presentation on the Altogether Better Big Lottery Funded project. In North Yorkshire and York there are two projects, one project based in Scarborough with a budget of £354,935 over five years and one based in York with a budget of £124,055 over three years. The project aims to help individuals to eat more healthily, be more physically active and improve their mental health well-being. The project aims to link the Scarborough Community Plan and the Healthier Communities Thematic Partnership aims and objectives and obesity targets. The project uses a cascade approach to help people take the lead for their own health by providing community health education, developing skills and knowledge of frontline workers and volunteers and signposting to relevant activities.

### **North Yorkshire Sport**

NY Sport are a partner in the delivery of NI8, with most interventions occurring at a local level, often driven by District Councils. There are a number of initiatives at present including the 'Go Dales' project which covers Craven and Richmond, promoting activities across the national park including kayaking and geo-caching. Also, eng-AGE is due to start this autumn. This new scheme aims to provide a clear progressive route for people over 50 to participate and sustain their involvement in a new sport of physical activity.

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**Peter Brambleby, Chair of the Healthier Communities Thematic Partnership**

## York & North Yorkshire Rural Partnership

### **Terms of Reference**

The Partnership is on the process of reviewing its Terms of Reference and once concluded will be submitted to the NYSP Executive. The Partnership wants to focus its energies in the areas that it can have the most influence concentrating on the Environment, Third Sector, Community Cohesion, Access to Services and Transport. The Partnership will maintain its current role of providing both a rural lead/expertise for the sub region and supporting the Stronger Communities elements on behalf of the NYSP (delivery of the Sustainable Community Strategy and the LAA targets).

### **Local Area Agreement**

The Local Area Agreement indicators for stronger section of the LAA are on the whole progressing well. Particular success has been shown by the targets concerning community transport, Joint Access Centres and biodiversity. Close monitoring of the target concerning affordable housing continues and although performance has improved this quarter there are long-term concerns for the success of this target. The Partnership at its meeting in June received a detailed report on the actions of the Housing partnership to tackle the current situation.

### **Climate Change**

The sub region, through the Sustainable Officers Group, has been successful in securing REIP funding for two projects. The North Yorkshire and York Climate Change Leadership Programme which will provide a series of consultant led workshops aimed at Elected members and senior officers from the nine local authorities and key stakeholders related to the three climate change National Indicators. The second successful bid has provided funding for the Schools Engagement Project which will involve work in schools to integrate climate change into the curriculum and assisting in reducing energy use.

### **Rural Framework and changes in regional structures**

In the region, a revised Rural Framework was submitted to the Rural Affairs Forum in June as there have been significant changes in the context in which the Framework operates including the Sub National Review, the creation of City Regions and new style Local Area Agreements. As a result of the Sub National Review four thematic groups, Transport, Work and Skills, Planning and Housing and Regeneration have been set up. At this stage it looks as though rural interests will be represented on the Sustainable Development Advisory Board which has yet to be set up. It is not known at this stage what the impact of these changes will be for the Rural Partnership.

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### **Community Safety Agreement (CSA)**

At its meeting on 11 June the Safer Forum adopted the Community Safety Agreement for 2009/10. This agreement provides the strategic direction for the Forum for the next year. The Safer Forum priorities are:

- Antisocial Behaviour
- Domestic violence
- Violent crime
- Public perception/confidence (fear of crime)
- Road traffic accidents

Drug and alcohol misuse issues are considered throughout all of these priorities. These priorities will be coordinated at County level, with a set of high level actions aimed at ensuring improvements in outcomes in these specific themes. A delivery plan has been developed which identifies the actions to be taken at a county level. A review of the Forum's structure and the Joint Coordination Group's (JCG's) is currently being undertaken to reflect the new priorities.

### **Single Confidence Target**

From March 2009 the only national police target is to increase public confidence by 15%, the new national target is 60%. The target does not however relate only to 'The Police' but to all those involved in Community Safety and particular local councils. This 'confidence target' will be measured by the British Crime Survey (BCS). A task and finish group has been set up to look what agencies are currently doing, any plans that they have, what related data collection/monitoring already takes place and ideas to take this forward on a multi-agency basis.

### **Local Area Agreement - Safer Performance (Quarter 4)**

Three of the ten targets are exceeding the target namely:

- NI47 People killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents.
- NI20 Assaults with less serious injury.
- L60 Reduce the Incidence of Violent Crime.

Five of the ten targets do not have numerical data available within Q4 as they were part of the refresh target setting process or as in the case of NI 30, Re offending rate of prolific and other priority offenders, there is a significant delay in data being available from the Home Office. A task & finish group has been set up to look at the concerns around NI19, namely the re-offending rate for young people aged 10 - 17. Following consultation between YOT and Children and Young Peoples Service NI 45, 'Young Offenders engagement in suitable education, training and employment', has been transferred to the management of the Children's Thematic Partnership.

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