

YOUNG PEOPLE'S INVOLVEMENT

The ECM project has worked with an Investing in Children Group to make sure young people's active participation is at the heart of our vision.

This group, which includes young people from varied backgrounds and others before them, worked on the vision. The young people then considered what their priorities would be and then ECM Development Group used these and added in other key issues in the development of the "Durham 5".

We are seeking to involve School Councils in our work from now on, to give as many young people as possible the chance to be involved. The next edition of this newsletter will have Young People's Involvement throughout County Durham as a key theme.

Organisations work together on **SUMMER SCHOOLS**

Young people from the Chester-le-Street area took part in projects funded by COSIP through Positive Activities for Young People (PAYP), managed by The Youth Engagement Service.



Fourteen young people, including some who have disabilities, attended a Rock Instrumental School. They were taught how to either play or improve skills on electric guitars or drums. They compiled songs and cut their own CDs.

During a DJ Workshop at Bishop Auckland College, they used high tech equipment, learned how to mix their own CDs and took these away.

Referrals came from:

- Social Care and Health
- The Chester West Youth Inclusion Programme for 8 -12 year olds
- Education Welfare Service
- Chester-le-Street Leisure Services

Thanks to Holly Watson for the pictures.

Eighteen young people aged 10 -18 years went motorcycling at the DL Holmes Motorcycle Training School. They learnt about the health and safety as well as the legal implications. The Community Police identified those who would like to take part and then were involved each day. This project attracted funding from Positive Futures, managed by Chester-le-Street Leisure Department on behalf of the Youth Engagement service.

Roseann Szomoru, Full Service Schooling Coordinator, managed all these projects locally in partnership with the project deliverers.



We have identified two pathfinder projects to illustrate integrated practice.

These will look at:

- services for disabled children and their families
- service delivery for children pre-birth to adulthood in a local area

Other pathfinder projects are also being considered.

Current and future Service Provision – Mapping Update

The Countywide mapping exercise outlined in Newsletter 1, is now underway.

We have already collected some preliminary data about the need for services in Durham and will shortly be gathering information about existing services for children, young people and their families. Working within the Local Preventative Strategy, we need to identify what is best about current provision as well as gaps and areas for development. A group of young people is working with us to develop an audit process that will help us to find out how well current provision meets the needs of those who use it.

We need your help to get the most accurate picture we can. So if you are asked to contribute please remember you are helping to build services for the future!



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Every Child Matters (ECM) Implementation Team and links to Executive Group

An ECM Implementation Team is currently driving key areas of development work on the Every Child Matters agenda, pending the establishment of an Executive Group of key statutory partners. The ECM Implementation Team (formerly known as the CYPSP Development Group) is led by officers from Education, Health and Social Care, and includes key officers from Health, Police, Youth Engagement Service, Connexions and one of the District Councils..

The key pieces of work currently being progressed include:

- Countywide mapping of services and future needs
- Development of a joint commissioning strategy
- Development of key processes to support services, including integrated assessment system and information sharing protocols

The Executive Group is not likely to be set up until later next year. It will manage the integrated services and deliver on a Joint Commissioning Strategy for Services for Children, Young People and their Families in County Durham in the future.

Every Child Matters in County Durham Road Shows -

This is your opportunity to get together with colleagues from other agencies. Participants will be encouraged to share ideas about the strategy for the Every Child Matters project, including 'The Durham 5' and hear about its progress in County Durham.

Derwentside	September 29th,	10am - 12pm	Consett Civic Hall
Peterlee	October 1st,	10am - 12pm	Shotton Hall
West Auckland	October 4th,	2pm - 4pm	Manor House Hotel
Sedgefield	October 15th,	10am - 12pm	Spennymoor Leisure Centre
Murton	October 20th,	2pm - 4pm	Glebe Centre
Durham City	October 29th,	2pm - 4pm	Feren's Park Football Club, Belmont

The ECM Project thanks the District Councils of Easington, Derwentside, Teesdale, Sedgefield and Wear Valley that are generously contributing funding to support the Roadshows.

Every Child Matters Autumn Conference

Tuesday November 23rd at the Riverside Cricket Ground, Chester-le-Street. An important opportunity to give your views and get an update on the Every Child Matters Project

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Feedback on a Shared Vision for Services

Education held briefings on the outcomes of the April ECM conference outlined in the previous newsletter. Staff in Education support services were asked:

1. Is this the kind of service you believe will achieve better outcomes for children, young people and their families? There was general agreement that:

Outcomes will be better for children, young people and their families because the approach can be more child focused and holistic, it will allow inter-agency work with shared targets and responsibilities helping clients to develop a clear perception of the services offered and must ensure no loss of quality.

2. How can your team/ service become involved from now on in the creation of such a service?

- Improve liaison across services
- Should build on existing multi-disciplinary work
- Improve clarity of roles and responsibilities
- Must maintain confidentiality and avoid repetition for parent carers
- Need to consult with children, young people and their families
- Consider training for key worker role
- Build bridges with 'hard to reach' families and young people
- Build partnerships and joint funded posts
- Share facilities, premises and share good practice from existing multi-agency projects

Key Partnership Groups

These Groups link together to ensure that Every Child Matters in County Durham

Group name	What it does...
<p>County Durham Strategic Partnership (CDSP) Includes representatives from all key agencies across the County, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> County, District and Borough Councils Primary Care Trusts Police Business Community Voluntary Organisations Reps. of local strategic partnerships 	<p>Works together to improve services and the quality of life for people in County Durham, has 20 year vision for the area.</p> <p>Represents the interests of County Durham within the North East and nationally.</p>
<p>Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership (CYPSP) Include representatives from all organisations delivering services to children and young people. Functions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Children's Fund Executive ● Prevention Strategy Steering Group ● ECM Implementation Team (CYPSP Development Group) 	<p>Lead body for planning for children and young people, aims to develop a commissioning framework for services.</p> <p>Monitors the impact of the CDSP's work on children and young people.</p>
<p>Local Strategic Partnerships (LSPs) Include representatives from key agencies working in local districts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Durham Chester-le-Street Derwentside Teesdale Wear Valley Easington Sedgefield 	<p>Looks at things important to people in their own local area. Prepares a community strategy, a long term plan for partners to work on together</p>
<p>Local Children and Young People's Planning Groups Include all those partners that provide services and/or work with children, young people and their families. Include representatives from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> County, Borough and District Councils Other statutory and voluntary agencies Community and charity initiatives 	<p>Focus on 0 – 19 agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate and monitor service delivery Deliver Local Preventative Strategy Promote good practice Influence local and countywide policies Ensure children and young people's involvement; and respond to local needs.

The biggest influence on the success of these groups and the way they work together is the involvement and on going dialogue with children, young people and their families.

Strengthening the Partnerships in all areas...

Local Children and Young People's Planning Groups have begun work to make sure that Every Child Matters right across County Durham.

The **Durham and Chester-le-Street Group** is now in a position to agree a chairperson and terms of reference. The Group held a stakeholder day in May to explore and agree priorities for action.

Task groups reporting to the Planning Group are:

- Local Management Group - Children's Centres
- Local Preventative Strategy group

The existing Youth Policy Groups in Durham and Chester-le-Street and the PCT Action group are now sub-groups of the Planning Group.

In **Derwentside** stakeholder workshops agreed the role of the Planning Group would be:

- To identify local needs, priorities, outputs and targets
- To develop a Children and Young People's Strategy for Derwentside
- To represent the Derwentside Local Strategic Partnership in the CYPSP
- To promote Best Value by integration of services and budgets for children and young people

The first Planning Group meeting tasked a small team of partners to plan a development day to agree an action plan.

Teesdale and Wear Valley will link to strategic planning those issues young people have told us are important to them. The group is developing a Youth Forum to ensure that we don't just listen to young people but work with them to solve problems, improve services, provide activities and information.

The group is developing links with a range of voluntary and community groups that provide services for young people. The agenda includes transport, respect for young people, school meals and the Local Preventative Strategy. The group also acts as the 'parent' group for the Children's Centre Task Group and COSIP ensuring that planning is joined up and efficient.

Easington Planning Group has developed a planning forum to improve services for children, young people and their families. An Executive Group of seven key agencies will plan strategy and commit resources. The wider and more inclusive Forum aims to turn strategy into action.

Over 50 people attended the first meeting of the Forum, open to anyone with a stake in services for children in Easington. The Executive Group has identified four key work streams for early action and has set up sub groups to make progress on them. The 4 areas are

- Children's Centres in Easington
- Local Preventative Strategy
- Involving children, young people and families
- Substance misuse issues

Sedgefield Children and Young People's Partnership involves approximately twenty organisations. Its purpose is "To be a forum for strategic thinking and action about an integrated approach to the planning, developing and delivery of services which meet the needs and increase the well-being of the children, young people and families within the Borough".

A Children's Centre action and implementation plan has been drawn up. We hope to appoint a development officer to work within the communities of Cornforth, Tudhoe, Low Spennymoor and Tudhoe Grange to ensure the Children's Centre in Sedgefield meets the needs of local communities.

In June, a seminar for Head Teachers explored the opportunity for integrating services in and around schools. A work stream will be established in September to pursue the "extended school model" further. We also intend to review the services for young people aged 14 - 19 years.

And what about young people themselves? We want to hear from as many and as wide a group of them as possible. We will attend carefully to messages from previous consultations.