




# Update on Worcestershire Children's Trust Arrangements



# Changes in Statutory Requirements

- In July the new coalition government announced that it will be repealing the legislation on Children's Trusts and the Children and Young People's Plan.
  - There is still a statutory responsibility to produce a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Child Poverty Strategy.
  - Worcestershire Children's Trust Board wish to continue with the partnership and its work.
  - WCC and NHS Worcester will continue to move towards jointly commissioning services
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# Partnership's function

- Set the key priorities for Worcestershire
- Challenge and support progress on these
- Express these through a Plan
- Task partners to tackle 'complex issues'





# Children and Young People's Plan


What sort of CYP Plan is it likely to be?

- High level
- Expresses the key priorities as a point of reference for all other activity
- Sets out the performance measures so that everyone can see what progress has been made.






# Priorities to be informed by...

- Inspections
  - Needs analysis data
  - Consultation with parent / carers, children and young people and stakeholders
  - WSCB
  - National policy
  - ...and ultimately how much resources we have
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# Inspections tell us...

- Safeguarding, in particular social care responses to children in need of protection, and partnership working
  - Looked after children
  - CAMHS
  - Transition to adulthood
  - Voice of the child and parents / carers
  - Educational achievement
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# Needs assessment tells us...

- too many children in care
  - too many children with Child Protection Plans
  - educational attainment below statistical neighbours
  - Young people Not in Employment Education or Training (NEET) – rising numbers
  - unequal outcomes across communities – by geography and by need – in relation to health, education and social care
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# Consultations with CYP tell us...

- Listen to what we have say and feedback
  - Bullying still an issue
  - Safer communities
  - More positive activities and more equally available
  - Better information about what is available
  - More healthy lifestyles education and targeted at a younger age group
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# Consultations with parents / carers tell us....

- Low cost activities, inc physical activities
  - Bullying still an issue
  - Safer communities
  - Positive activities across all ages good and need to be sustained
  - Tackle the impact of poverty / low incomes
  - More opportunities to have a say
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# Consultation with HTs tells us...

- ensure educational achievement has a high priority in strategic planning
  - better communication
  - recognise local differences and respond accordingly
  - partnership working is key to address funding issues
  - co-ordinated and coherent approach to support
  - ensuring appropriate balance of support and challenge
  - Wychavon: event held in Droitwich in September with an additional event for Evesham & Pershore on 19 November.
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## Consultation with governors tells us...

- Going well: partnership working between schools; strong leadership; improving standards and achievements
  - Not going well: school infrastructure and finance; attainment; bureaucracy; engagement of parents variable
  - Barriers: funding and deprivation; parental engagement; employment opportunities
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# Consultation with other stakeholders tells us...

- Staying safe No 1 priority
  - Going well: positive activities, partnership working and early intervention
  - Not going well: access to CAMHS and Speech Communication & Language Needs services; providing services to 'hard to reach' groups; accessibility to services, especially rural areas
  - Need to improve: communication, inc data sharing
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# The WSCB tells us...

Safeguarding priorities are:




- Adolescents
- Domestic abuse
- Referral and assessment

There has also been an Unannounced and  
Announced Ofsted Inspection








# Safeguarding Unannounced Inspection

- In July Ofsted visited WCC for an unannounced inspection which looked at safeguarding contact referral and assessment processes.
    - areas for concern were identified
    - full Ofsted inspection took place between 4<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> October carried out in conjunction with the Care Quality Commission (CQC).
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# Safeguarding Announced Inspection

- During the two weeks of the inspection, the inspectors held almost 90 interviews or focus groups, and met with almost 500 members of staff, 43 children and young people, and 40 parents/carers. They read 88 case files and requested over 200 pieces of written evidence or data
  - The joint Care Quality Commission and Ofsted report has now been published and is available on the Ofsted web site: <http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/cms/education-and-learning/three-yearly-inspection.aspx>
  - Ensuring our most vulnerable children are protected remains our highest priority
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# National policy tells us....

- Child poverty
- Localism
- Market choice
- Commissioning
- Targeting resources
- Less resources



*.....more to follow.....*









# Our initial draft priorities are...

- Children and young people have the opportunity to grow up in stable and secure families
- Children and young people will be protected from harm and neglect
- Educational attainment will be improved
- Children and young people will grow up healthily
- Young people will move successfully into adulthood






Each of these priorities have 2/3 areas of focus and are now out for consultation.





## ...in order to achieve these, we will have to...


- Listen to the voice of the child / yp
  - Engage and support parents to be parents
  - Provide support at an early age and before difficulties occur: prevention and early intervention
  - Share information appropriately
  - Build effective partnerships, strategically and locally
  - Target resources on areas and communities of highest need
  - Jointly commission services from a range of providers, especially VCS
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# Future CYPP Considerations

- Remove the present Performance Management Group infrastructure and establish alternative Performance Management arrangements. The new arrangements will be based on:
  - a maximum of 3 indicators for each priority
  - the Partnership providing challenge and support on progress...



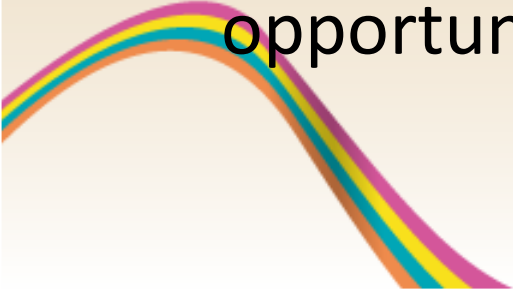




# Local Children's Partnerships

- LCPs will be included into the Partnership. The purpose of LCP's
    - Understand local needs and aspirations and what resources there are`
    - Agree local priorities
    - Plan how to target those priorities
    - Co-ordinate the deployment of local resources
    - Commission services -
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# Positive Activities for Young People

- Reductions in available budget but WCC still committed
  - Move from providing services to commissioning to meet local need in all areas by 31 March 2012
  - Local commissioning via LCPs
  - ‘Expectations’ of commissioning using WCC money – must be targeted on young people / areas of need
  - Part of a local ‘Youth Offer’ – this is the big opportunity of that LCPs bring
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# Positive Activities

Funding allocated based on the Acorn system

- Bromsgrove £103k
- Malvern £78k
- Redditch £189k
- Worcester City £220k

[already jointly commissioned with City and contracted to WCCT]

- Wychavon £183k
- Wyre Forest £224k

Subject to WCC Cabinet approval 26/5/2011






# Challenge for Local Children's Partnerships

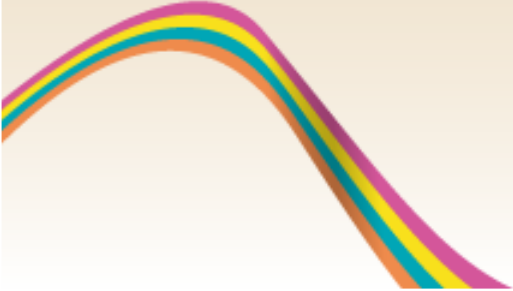

- Effective partnerships
- Representative of key stakeholders
- Develop a 'youth offer' for their area
- Commission targeted PA

## **WCC Support:**

- ✓ Capacity building
  - ✓ Commissioning and contracting advice
  - ✓ Chris Allen – Appreciative Inquiry
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# What Next?

- Work with district partners to establish Local Children's Partnerships
  - The new CYPP priorities are out for consultation until 4 Feb.
  - Draft CYPP to be presented to the Children's Trust Board on 3 March
  - Establish new Performance Management Arrangements
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