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Young carers

[Multi-Agency Strategy for Young Carers](#)

Cornwall, July 2010

A new strategy, agreed by the Children's Trust, to ensure that the outcomes of the National Carers Strategy are implemented in Cornwall, and so improve the lives of carers in the community. The overall desired outcome of this strategy is to ensure that young carers are recognised and valued, receive support for their caring role, and are safeguarded against taking on responsibilities which prevent them achieving their full potential.



**Supporting Young Carers:
A Resource for Schools**

The Princess Royal Trust for Carers/The Children's Society,
October 2010

This resource pack has been produced to help schools across the UK to develop a deeper understanding of the issues faced by young carers, in order to support this vulnerable group of pupils more effectively.

The resource will guide schools through all the necessary steps to help young carers, from developing understanding and identifying young carers, to strategic and practical support, and building a healthy school environment where pupils who are young carers can flourish.

Supporting Young Carers and Young Adult Carers in Suffolk

Suffolk, April 2010

This strategy is designed to improve the outcomes for young carers, and young adult carers aged 5 to 24 years and for their families. National research and the initial findings of the Suffolk Young Adult Carers Transitions Support Service have begun to highlight the needs of young adult carers aged between 16 and 24. These, and other studies, underline the importance of supporting young carers aged 16-18 through their transition into adulthood. They suggest that as young adults they are likely to find extended, age-appropriate young carer services more relevant and acceptable than those normally provided by adult services, which many perceive as being for older people. The scope of this strategy and the associated delivery plan have, therefore, been extended to include these young adult carers where it is appropriate to do so, to help raise awareness and improve understanding of this group.

Against the Odds: Targeted Briefing – Young Carers

Audit Commission, August 2010

This briefing highlights the main findings of relevance to young carers of the July 2010 report **Against the Odds: Re-engaging Young People in Education, Employment or Training**, which focused on how councils and their partners can use limited resources to help young people who may be a cost to society to become contributors to it instead. The briefing draws on published research and the evidence collected for the study.

Related documents

Recognised, Valued and Supported: Next steps for the Carers Strategy.

Department of Health, November 2010

Carers at the Heart of 21st-Century Families and Communities.

Department of Health, June 2008



Child poverty

[Working Together to Tackle Child Poverty in Nottinghamshire](#)

Nottinghamshire, December 2010

A briefing produced for stakeholders involved in the child poverty agenda. It outlines the importance of tackling child poverty on a partnership basis and highlights key priorities for the development of a local strategy.

[Children's Trust and Darlington Partnership Conference](#)

Darlington, 24 November 2010

Darlington's Annual Children's Trust Conference this year was held jointly with the Darlington Partnership. Delegates were provided with an overview of national and regional practice in tackling child poverty.

Presentations from the event are available.

CAMHS

[Thinking Young Minds](#)

Surrey, September 2010

This, the Surrey Alliance strategy for children and young people's emotional wellbeing and mental health, covering the period 2010-14, sets out recommendations for a universal-progressive model of provision that offers a range of services to meet different levels of need and ensures early intervention when difficulties arise. This will create an effective local offer that supports children and young people's mental health through a holistic approach. Within a climate of increasing financial challenge for all public services, it is recognised that resources need to be targeted towards the individual children, groups and communities that need them most. The recommendations have been informed by a comprehensive analysis of child and adolescent mental health needs in Surrey.



Participation Strategy for Barnet Children's Trust

Barnet, November 2010

The objectives of this strategy are to:

- ensure that structures are in place to enable practitioners to develop participation in their service area, department or organisation
- ensure that structures are in place to provide children and young people with opportunities to participate in decisions that affect them
- make services more responsive to issues affecting children and young people
- ensure a joined-up approach to participation between all partner organisations
- embed participation best practice into team plans
- develop and embed a simple framework for monitoring and evaluating participation across the Children's Trust.

This needs to happen at three levels of participation:

- individual - where children and young people participate in shaping services around individual needs, such as reviews or care plans;
- community - where the Barnet Youth Board, service user forums and school councils are supported and developed;
- leadership level - where clear channels of communication are developed between the Children's Trust Board and children and young people, for example, through the Barnet Youth Board and community youth forums.

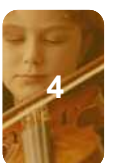
YorOK Involvement Strategy 2010-13

York, August 2010

This strategy sets out the vision and aspirations across YorOK (York's Children's Trust) for children and young people and their parents and carers to participate and engage in all services that affect them.

In this strategy, involvement includes all work that encourages engagement, participation and consultation, as well as active involvement in service planning, delivery and design.

The intention is to ensure that the strategy is lasting and flexible enough to adapt to changes over time. The principle of local people being involved in services that affect them is not new and will not disappear. However, the structures that support it, or the terminology and language used, are likely to change and develop over the lifetime of this strategy.



Multi-Agency Protocol for Safeguarding Children in Domestic Violence Cases

Bexley, June 2010

This protocol has been developed by the Local Safeguarding Children Board with the support of the Domestic Violence Forum and ratified by the Children's Trust. It is intended to be used by all organisations and individuals who work with children or their parents/carers where domestic abuse is known, or believed, to be happening.

Children who live in an environment where there is domestic violence are at risk of significant harm and early intervention is essential if the level of harm is to be managed. The most effective assessment and support for children and families comes through early identification, clear communication between agencies, good information sharing, joint assessment and understanding of the level of need, joint planning, professional trust within the inter-agency network and joint action in partnership with families.

Multi Agency Domestic Abuse Strategy 2010-14

Manchester, November 2010

A refreshed strategy developed to improve protection and support for survivors and their children experiencing domestic abuse.

The aims of the strategy are to:

- ensure domestic abuse is a strategic priority for all
- improve early identification and prevention of domestic abuse
- reduce the prevalence of domestic abuse
- ensure that victims of domestic abuse and their children are adequately protected and supported
- hold perpetrators accountable through effective and early interventions.



Facing the Future: Innovation, Integration and Inclusion

Knowsley, September 2010

A presentation from the Knowsley Children's Trust Partnership Conference, held on 29 September 2010.

The aim of the conference was to develop a view of the key challenges and priorities for children and young people within the current context of reductions in public expenditure, which demand an ever greater need for collaboration, joint commissioning and integration. The focus was on seeking innovative approaches to improving the wellbeing and life chances of all children, young people and their families and narrowing the gap for the most vulnerable.

The conference put forward three key themes:

- Innovation: how do we seek new insights and innovative approaches to solving long-standing issues?
- Integration: how can we move into a new spirit of partnership collaboration in the current climate?
- Inclusion: how do we ensure we promote community cohesion and the inclusion of all children and young people?

Other conference presentations are also [available](#).

