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[Strategic Commissioning and the Voluntary and Community Sector](#)

Leicester, May 2010

Report of an event held on 18 March, 2010 by Leicester City Council and the Leicester Compact, for voluntary and community sector organisations from across the city to consider the role of the sector in the council's new Commissioning Framework. The purpose of the event was to provide an opportunity for the sector to influence the way in which the council approaches commissioning and to highlight the sector's role in helping the council improve outcomes for people in Leicester.

The [slides](#) from the event are also available.



[Joint Commissioning Framework and Joint Commissioning Self-assessment Toolkit for the development of effective commissioning practice](#)

Staffordshire, June 2010

Staffordshire has updated its commissioning framework and self-assessment toolkit which, as well as achieving the Every Child Matters outcomes, aims to:

- manage the relationship between needs and services
- promote efficiency and make financial savings where possible
- shift the balance between service 'tiers' towards prevention and narrow the gap between the most disadvantaged children and the rest
- manage the relationship with expanding private and third sectors
- reconfigure public services in the context of overall need.

Integrated working

[No Wrong Door Conference 2010](#)

York, June 2010

This event was held on 11 June, with the theme *Think Family, Think Community: Working together so every child can reach their full potential.*

Building on the successful *No Wrong Door* series of events, this conference was for all practitioners working with children and young people in York. The event:

- celebrated the work undertaken in York to provide early preventative services and build resilience for children and young people
- shared the lessons and dealt with how to bring those lessons into everyday practice.

[Selected materials](#) from the day are now available.

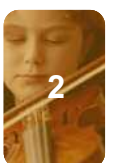
[Multiagency Locality Arrangements Briefing](#)

Herefordshire, May 2010

No Wrong Door is a project led by the Children's Trust to deliver multi-agency locality services for children, young people and families in Herefordshire. The proposals published for consultation in January 2009 outlined ideas for better integration of services in locality areas, so that they are easier to access and more responsive.

The proposals contained in this briefing represent the next major step to delivering multi-agency locality services in 2010. [Further information](#) can be obtained on:

- the consultation feedback from young people, parents and carers, staff and community stakeholders
- the project work being undertaken to develop the No Wrong Door proposals into a detailed design and implementation schedule for locality services.



[Family Nurse Partnership Celebration Event](#)

Nottingham, 22 January 2010

Funded by CitiHealth NHS Nottingham, and part of the City's Early Intervention Programme, which aims to tackle generations of complex issues and deprivation, the Family Nurse Partnership programme is designed to help improve parenting skills and outcomes for both parents. It aims to improve:

- pregnancy outcomes, by helping young women engage in good preventative health practices, including antenatal care, a healthy diet and a reduction in smoking and substance misuse
- children's health and development, by supporting parents to provide responsible and competent care
- the economic self-sufficiency of the family, by supporting parents to develop a vision for their own future, plan future pregnancies, continue in education and find work.

[Presentations from the event](#) are available from the Nottingham Early Intervention Programme website.

[Family Nurse Partnership Special Event](#)

East Sussex, 24 June 2010

East Sussex County Council and NHS Hastings and Rother teamed up during 2009 to launch the Family Nurse Partnership programme to help first-time young parents in the Hastings area.

It is hoped the pilot, one of several around the country, will help establish a blueprint that can be extended not just locally, but also rolled out across the country.

Under the scheme, four specialist family nurses have provided intensive support for the young parents, aged mainly under 19, from the 16th week of their pregnancy. This will continue right through to their child's second birthday.

The families receive weekly visits from the family nurse who provides intensive home support, advice and help across a wide range of issues. This includes helping the mother to look after herself during pregnancy and providing support as the family adjusts to parenthood and the arrival of the new baby.



Related research

[Nurse-Family Partnership Programme Second Year Pilot Sites Implementation in England: The Infancy Period](#)

DCSF, September 2009

[Nurse-Family Partnership Programme First Year Pilot Sites Implementation in England: Pregnancy and the Post-partum Period](#)

DCSF, July 2008

[Evaluation of the Parenting Early Intervention Programme: 1st Interim Report](#)

DCSF, February 2010

[Parenting Early Intervention Pathfinder Evaluation: Final Report](#)

DCSF, July 2008

[Parenting Early Intervention Pathfinder Evaluation: 2nd Interim Report](#)

DCSF, January 2008

[Parent Early Intervention Pathfinders: 1st Interim Report](#)

CEDAR (University of Warwick), March 2007

Child poverty

[Child Poverty Conference](#)

Wigan, 17 May 2010

Wigan Borough Partnership brings together representatives from local public, private, community and voluntary sector organisations in a forum for joint action to improve the quality of life across the borough.

Members are working together to deliver a whole range of exciting new initiatives under the umbrella of Wigan Life. People from across the sectors met recently to gain a deeper understanding of child poverty and to discuss their roles in addressing this vital issue.



**Wirral Brokerage Project:
Case Study**

Wirral, May 2010

The Wirral Brokerage Project set out to address a number of issues regarding young people with learning difficulties and disabilities (LDD) or those with mental health problems, and the difficulties experienced by some of them in successfully transferring from school into the arenas of employment, further education or training.

The project's combination of multi-disciplinary working and flexible use of resources has proven effective in overcoming the obstacles experienced by some of the most vulnerable young people in transferring from school. As a result of the project, a significant number of young people are maintaining successful post 16-19 provision and the authority's reliance on expensive out-of-borough provision has been reduced.

**Children and Young People with
Learning Difficulties
and/or Disabilities (LDD):
A Strategy for Transformation
2010-2025**

Sunderland, January 2010

This strategy, which was written in partnership with LDD professionals, parents/carers and children and young people, is intended to improve outcomes for children and young people with LDD by setting out the strategic imperatives and identifying governance arrangements to transform services. The strategy applies to all children and young people aged 0-25 who live in Sunderland and have a learning difficulty and/or disability.

Communications**Communications Strategy for North
Yorkshire Children's Trust 2010-14**

North Yorkshire, March 2010

This document outlines the improved communications strategy for and about the Children's Trust Board that was developed following a self-evaluation in February 2009. The *Children and Young People's Plan 2008-11: Year 2 Revision* outlined a commitment to develop a new strategy to address the issues identified.



[A Guide to Partnership Working](#)

[Partnership Directory](#)

Liverpool, June 2010

Working in partnership to deliver both individual and jointly agreed outcomes is now a core requirement in delivering effective public services. Liverpool works in partnership to deliver the vision contained in the Sustainable Communities Strategy, together with the three aims of the council: grow the city's economy, develop its communities and empower its residents.

To promote a broader understanding of the partnerships the council already has, and ensure new partnerships have clear guidance when they are being formed, the council has produced a partnership toolkit consisting of a guide to partnership working and a partnership directory.

The guide provides assistance with examples of the issues that should be considered when setting up a partnership and recorded within a memorandum of understanding.

The directory identifies the key partnerships the council has formed, together with information about the governance arrangements, resources utilised, outcomes and risk management arrangements for each partnership.

The partnerships have been categorised within the directory as either strategic partnerships or joint venture partnerships. Further general information can be obtained about [joint venture partnerships](#).

