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Child poverty

[Child Poverty Act 2010](#)

HM Government, March 2010

The Child Poverty Bill received Royal Assent on 25 March 2010. It places new duties on local authorities and their partners to:

- carry out a local child poverty needs assessment to identify the characteristics, needs and issues of local areas and residents
- prepare a joint local child poverty strategy, setting out the contribution that each partner will make, and address the issues raised in the needs assessment.

[Ending Child Poverty: Mapping the Route to 2020](#)

HM Treasury, March 2010

This document outlines the Government's strategic direction to inform a new UK-wide child poverty strategy, to be published within 12 months of Royal Assent of the Child Poverty Bill. It sets out the ways in which child poverty could be reduced in line with the targets and the potential impact of achieving various outcomes on relative poverty.



[Anti Poverty Strategy: 2010](#)

Oldham, March 2010

This strategy from Oldham Partnership:

- outlines how partners will work together to tackle poverty in Oldham
- introduces the key anti-poverty priorities and provides agreed action plans for them
- identifies key indicators against which progress can be measured
- will raise strategic awareness of poverty and link to the strategies and plans of each organisation within Oldham Partnership.

[Take-up Strategy for Benefits, Discounts and Grants 2010-11](#)

Bolton, March 2010

The complex nature of the modern welfare benefit system means that the potential beneficiaries of such schemes are too often not aware of their entitlement, or are put off claiming due to the difficulty of the application process.

The aim of this document is to enable Bolton to tackle known issues, to remove potential barriers wherever possible and to encourage the maximum take-up of any welfare benefit, discount or service available to the residents of Bolton.

[Draft Reducing Child Poverty Strategy](#)

Newcastle, November 2009

Newcastle Council held a Child Poverty Beacon Open Day on 26 January 2010. In addition to the draft child poverty strategy, presentations, workshops and the agenda are available through their [website](#).

[Local Authority Child Poverty Innovation Pilot: First National Evaluation Report](#)

DCSF, February 2010

This provides a synthesis of the findings from ten individual local Pilot evaluation reports.

[Work-focused Services in Children's Centres Pilot: Evaluation Baseline Report](#)

Department for Work and Pensions
Research Report No 602,
September 2009

This pilot is one of a suite of child poverty pilots that were announced in 2008. It is operating in ten local authority areas in England, providing work-focused services through a dedicated Jobcentre Plus Personal Adviser, as well as activities and support designed to assist local parents into the labour market.

The aim of the pilot is to test whether children's centres can offer an effective means of engaging parents in labour market activity, moving them closer to work and ultimately into employment.

See also

[C4EO's child poverty section](#).



Safeguarding Children in Kent: Defending and Developing the Service

Kent, April 2010

Kent County Council has published the final report of a review into child protection arrangements in Kent, which it commissioned in December 2008.

A key point the report makes is that the *Children Act 2004* expanded agencies' responsibilities, with the aim of improving outcomes for all children in addition to those considered to be at risk. This broadening of objectives, unless properly resourced, can have the unintended consequence of diminishing the resources and focus necessary to protect children at risk of significant harm.

The report acknowledges that the child protection service in Kent, despite the high stakes of the very occasional and virtually inevitable failure, is coping with enormous pressures but with its morale intact. In common with national trends, Kent has experienced a rise in referrals to children's social services – between April 2008 and end of March 2009 the increase was close to 22 per cent.

In terms of joint working between all agencies involved in child protection in Kent, the report says that much is working well already, but greater openness between all agencies on sharing the content of their internal reviews would be helpful.

The report makes 19 recommendations, which aim to strengthen child protection in Kent. Many of these recommendations may have relevance for other authorities in the UK.

Accident Prevention Strategy: Analysis of Need and Multi-Agency Commissioning and Monitoring Strategy

North Tyneside, March 2010

This strategy:

- highlights the extent of accidental injury among children and young people nationally and in North Tyneside, indicating where inequalities exist
- outlines national and local priorities for action and relevant targets
- maps current service provision
- provides recommendations for further action in order to reduce accidents among children and young people in North Tyneside
- suggests actions to further reduce inequalities in North Tyneside.



[Trailblazer Evaluation Findings: Final Report](#)

East Sussex, March 2010

The East Sussex Children and Young People's Trust has issued a final report on phase one of its Integrated Working Trailblazers initiative. In 2008-09, two Local Partnerships for Children areas in Eastbourne North East and North St Leonards trialled different ways to work together. Local workers had support from their managers to come up with innovative solutions to address local issues that had not been solved through 'traditional' approaches.

The projects were delivered jointly with people from at least one other agency and they were all low cost. The trailblazers resulted in at least 14 different projects, each of which is a valuable example of how working together can be better for families, for agencies and for individual workers.

[Additional information including project summaries and lessons learned.](#)

[Halton Children's Trust and HSCB Joint Frontline Event](#)

11th February 2010

Held jointly by the Children's Trust and Halton Safeguarding Children Board, this event was for frontline staff working within and alongside Children's Services across the borough. Its aim was to enable frontline staff to engage directly with both Children's Trust and HSCB Members. Staff were updated on both current and future developments within Children's Services, and had the opportunity to give their views about the issues they face in delivering services to children and families in Halton.

Included in the suite of documents made available is a summary of a recent review of the operation of the Common Assessment Framework in Halton, including recommendations.



[The Children and Young People's Workforce Strategy 2010-13](#)

[The Children and Young People's Workforce Strategy 2010-13: The Evidence Base](#)

Newcastle, March 2010

Following a period of development and consultation, the 2010-13 Children and Young People's Workforce Strategy for Newcastle Children's Trust was signed off by the Children's Trust Board in March 2010.

The aims are to work together to create a workforce that:

- is competent, confident, safe and well led
- people want to be part of, and where they can build satisfying and rewarding careers
- parents, carers, children and young people trust and respect
- works together in ways that make as much difference as possible to the life chances of children and young people.

[Integrated Children's Workforce Strategy 2010-13](#)

Sefton, March 2010

This is Sefton's first integrated workforce strategy as a Children's Trust. A number of challenges are identified to achieving what has been set out in the Children and Young People's Plan. Change needs to be managed in a way that supports employees and managers, maintaining levels of morale and performance. Buy-in has to be obtained to the shared identity, purpose and vision of 'one children's workforce'. An immediate challenge is to address the risks to recruitment that exist in some roles, such as social workers and their first-line managers.

[Integrated Drill Down Tool Report: Year Two](#)

Brent, December 2009

This report sets out the results of the research undertaken in relation to integrated working practices across the children's workforce in Brent.

The Children's Workforce Development Council's (CWDC) integrated working practices drill down tool is a part of year two of the three-year 'One Children's Workforce Tool'. This tool is designed to ascertain the current state of play concerning service provision for children and young people and their families.

The tool was used to analyse how successful, or otherwise, Brent is in terms of its integrated working practices and provide information about where further development is required. Children's workforces across the country are participating in this programme and regional and national reports are available on the CWDC [website](#).

Use Your Voice Event Report

South Gloucestershire, February 2010

The fifth Your Voice Event took place on 16th February 2010. The aim of these events is to effectively engage young people from across the local authority in a range of consultations. The events are coordinated and facilitated by the Youth Service Participation Team and held bi-annually.

The focus of the event was to seek young people's views on:

- open spaces, sport and recreation facilities in South Gloucestershire
- Connexions – competing successfully in the current job market.

Workshops were devised in partnership with colleagues in Planning, Open Spaces and Connexions.

