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Children - Our Future One Year On



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2007 Review of Children & Young People's Plan Summary





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Welcome

Welcome to our review of the first year of our Children and Young People's Plan for North Lincolnshire.

When we published our plan last year we were very proud of what we had achieved together.

We believe that we have already made progress in many of the areas we have identified as our priorities and that we are beginning to make a real difference for children and young people, and their families. We will build on this over the coming year and report on progress in next year's review of our Children and Young People's Plan.

Children are our future. We hope you enjoy reading this summary of our review.

Cllr. Tony Gosling
Children's Services Cabinet Member

This is a summary version of the review. The full review is available on the North Lincolnshire Council website

www.northlincs.gov.uk/NorthLincs/SocialCare/childcare/ChildrenandYoungPeoplesPlan2006.htm

Children - Our Future

Why have a first year review?

We reviewed our Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) in the first year to make sure we are making a difference for the children and young people of North Lincolnshire. The Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) gave us guidance in February 2007 with a deadline of 14 June 2007 for us to complete the review.

Since we published our Children and Young People's Plan last year we have reviewed our ambitions and Children's Trust arrangements via our partnership groups.

What does it do?

The CYPP review looks at progress to date on our ambitions and priorities for children and young people in North Lincolnshire. These are presented under the five Every Child Matters outcomes. We also looked at progress in establishing our Partnership Children's Trust, which is the vehicle for delivering our collective aspirations for children in North Lincolnshire.

How did we carry out the review?

We involved children and young people in the review of our plan and sought their views about our priorities, whether they are still the right ones and which are the most important to them. A well-attended partners' consultation event was held in May 2007 asking similar questions of the agencies involved in delivering the Plan.

We established five multi-agency 'Turning the Curve' action groups (one for each Every Child Matters outcome) for partners to work together to review and implement the plan and monitor outcomes.

Drafts of the review were made available to the public via the North Lincolnshire Council website and comments were taken into account before agreeing a final copy.



Frances Hird
from St. Hughes

be healthy

What difference will it make?

What did the review tell us?

We looked again at our comprehensive needs assessment for North Lincolnshire to see whether any significant changes had occurred which might lead us to question whether our priorities are the right ones. We did not find significant differences that would require a change of direction in our plan.

Our consultation with children and young people told us that our 2006/9 priorities were the right ones. Partners confirmed the CYPP priorities clearly focussed on our ambitions for children and young people.

We concluded that the priorities set for 2006-2009 remain relevant. Although progress can be shown against the priorities, in the short period since the Plan was published none of them have yet been completely achieved. They therefore remain relevant in terms of the needs of the community.

We decided that we should not rewrite our Children and Young People's Plan in 2006/07. We intend to focus on our priorities until 2008 and then begin the process of rewriting our Children and Young People's Plan for 2009-12.

Our first year review looked at progress towards establishing a full partnership Children's Trust by April 2008. We are on target to achieve that goal. The full review contains a detailed description of these arrangements and the detail behind the brief summary of the review on the following pages. It also explains what we are doing over the coming year to continue to make a difference.

Be Healthy

What are our Be Healthy priorities?

- ✓ To reduce obesity and promote physical activity and healthy eating
- ✓ To reduce the use and effects of alcohol, drugs and smoking
- ✓ To promote emotional and mental well-being

What are we doing about it?

- Encouraging young people to eat healthily and take more exercise in schools and in the community. For example through the Healthy Schools Programme.
- Providing a whole range of information and support for young people to help them avoid or stop using harmful substances.
- Creating better mental health and emotional well-being services for young people.

What difference have we made?

We are helping children and young people make better-informed and healthier choices about their lives. Some of them have told us that it is making a difference for them. We know that more schools are making progress in the Healthy Schools Programme.

Teenage Pregnancy figures are improving in North Lincolnshire.

A wide range of groups and agencies are working alongside health services and schools on improving the Be Healthy outcomes, including Children's Centres, Connexions, the emergency services, voluntary and community groups and so on.

stay safe

enjoy & achieve

Stay Safe

What are our Stay Safe priorities?

- ✓ To reduce the incidence and fear of bullying
- ✓ To reduce the harm caused by domestic violence
- ✓ To keep children and young people safe from accidents, in the home and on the roads

What are we doing about it?

- Ensuring that everyone is working to the same anti-bullying guidelines. We are making sure children and young people have someone to talk to when they need it.
- Giving out information about violence in the home so that people know what to do to keep safe. Gathering better information about when and how domestic violence occurs so we can take more effective action to prevent it happening.

- Giving better information and advice on how to keep safe at home, on the roads and in the community (for example through the 2007 Child Safety Week campaign).

What difference have we made?

Children and young people tell us that things are improving for them, they feel more confident that they have someone to turn to if they feel threatened.

There is greater awareness of domestic violence among professionals, volunteers and the public. The rate of domestic violence incidents appears to be reducing slightly.

Child deaths on the roads reduced by over 50% in 2006/07 compared to 2005/06.

Enjoy & Achieve

What are our Enjoy & Achieve priorities?

- ✓ To help children & young people improve their attainment through education
- ✓ To raise aspirations and celebrate all achievements
- ✓ To make sure all young people have an equal chance to enjoy and achieve

What are we doing about it?

- Improving care, play and learning in schools, nurseries, Extended Schools and Children's Centres for all children. We have encouraged parents to get more involved in children's early learning.
- Giving children and young people experiences that broaden their horizons. Encouraged all secondary schools to take part in the Aim Higher summer school programme. Continued with links to other counties, in particular China.

- Developing more community based play, sports and leisure schemes.

What difference have we made?

We can see improved outcomes for children in early years settings. Parents are getting more involved in their children's learning. Overall improvements in schools too.

We have involved over 300 pupils in Aim Higher activity. We have held several award ceremonies and celebration events to recognise achievements.

We have provided music, sport and leisure activities and workshops that have involved a wide range of children and young people, built their confidence and skills.

make a positive contribution

achieve economic well-being

Make a Positive Contribution

What are our Positive Contribution priorities?

- ✓ To raise self-esteem and build confidence so that young people respect themselves and others
- ✓ To ensure children and young people are involved in decisions that affect them
- ✓ To reduce incidents of CYP offending and acts of anti-social behaviour

What are we doing about it?

- Creating a wider range of volunteering opportunities for young people. We have supported local music, drama and film festivals to celebrate the talents of local young people.
- Ensuring children and young people are involved in key decisions through school councils, the X-Press Forum and consultation and involvement activities, in particular reaching our priority groups.

- Working in collaboration to provide effective diversionary activities that keep young people out of trouble and build confidence, self-esteem and social skills.

What difference have we made?

We have increased the numbers of young volunteers and feedback from young people about the music, drama and film festivals has been excellent.

We have successfully involved children and young people in decision making, not least in their contribution to this CYP review. We are planning for a Youth Parliament in North Lincolnshire to build on the X-Press forum and school councils.

We have reduced arson and youth re-offending rates and gained some positive media coverage for young people's achievements.

Economic Well-being

What are our Economic Wellbeing priorities?

- ✓ To enable young people to continue their education, training and get jobs in North Lincolnshire;
- ✓ To provide more affordable, accessible and appropriate accommodation for young people;
- ✓ To support young people to get a good start in life

What are we doing about it?

- Helping all young people to get better access to training and job opportunities.
- Improved the information database that all local agencies use to support young people with housing needs. We have changed the emphasis to preventing homelessness, rather than crisis intervention.

- We have targeted support for young people in our priority groups to enable them to live independently and make the transition into adult life.

What difference have we made?

We can see improvements in access to work for young people. Five Children's Centres have 'warm-phones' with direct links to Job Centre Plus. We have worked closely with the Crosby Employment Bureau to provide work opportunities to some of our more disadvantaged young people.

Care leavers continue to do better than their peers in achieving education, employment and training.



Morgan Janney
from Epworth Primary School



Jenny Anne Stansfield
Kirton in Lindsey

What are we doing next?

We are:

Children's Trust

- Establishing our partnership Children's Trust by April 2008

Be Healthy

- Making sure that all children have easier access to healthy activities through our Active Choices, Active Futures and Play Alert Strategies
- Providing easier access to advice and help to deal with addiction
- Improving access to CAMHS through the new CAMHS Strategy

Stay Safe

- Developing our anti-bullying strategy to make sure it reaches all children and young people who need help
- Improving our understanding of domestic violence so we can intervene more effectively
- Coordinating our information and support to prevent accidents

Enjoy and Achieve

- Ensuring that all children get access to the best possible

support with their learning at all stages

- Investing in non-academic learning and leisure activities in and out of schools
- Developing further our multi-cultural and multi-national links

Make a Positive Contribution

- Promoting positive stories about young people
- Developing a youth parliament in North Lincolnshire
- Developing a targeted youth service with more of a focus on vulnerable young people

Achieve Economic Well-being

- Working with employers to improve opportunities for young people to live and work in North Lincolnshire
- Delivering our Young People's Housing Strategy
- Making sure all young people have a successful transition to adult life

Where can I find out more?

You can get a full copy of the Children and Young People's Plan 2006-2009 and the first year Children and Young People's Plan Review from North Lincolnshire Council website
www.northlincs.gov.uk/NorthLincs/SocialCare/childcare/ChildrenandYoungPeoplesPlan2006.htm

Printed copies of the Children and Young People's Plan 2006-2009 are available from Local Links, through libraries and The Angel in Brigg and Pittwood House in Scunthorpe.

If you have any problems getting a copy of either document please contact us at The Angel, Market Place Brigg DN20 6ED or ring 01724 296401 and we will try to help you.

If have comments about the plan or the review or about the services you receive you can write to the Deputy Chief Executive and Statutory Director for Children Services, Richard Stiff, or Councillor Tony Gosling, Children's Services Cabinet Member, at North Lincolnshire Council, Pittwood House, Ashby Road, Scunthorpe DN16 1AB.

We hope you find this summary of the first year review of the Children and Young People's Plan useful and interesting. Please let us know what difference the Children and Young People's Plan makes for children and young people in North Lincolnshire.