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The Newsletter for Lambeth's Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership (CYPSP)



Managing Change



*Phyllis Dunipace
Executive Director Children and Young
People's Services*

To celebrate and mark the launch of the new Children and Young People's Service (CYPS), an event for all CYPS staff was held at the Brit Oval Cricket Ground. This event gave staff an opportunity to meet colleagues from other teams and discuss ways of working together to make a positive impact on the lives of children and young people who live in Lambeth.

The main drivers for integrating the department were:

- The national change agenda - Every Child Matters
- To improve service delivery, reduce duplication and to support children and young people achieve the five outcomes; being healthy, staying safe, enjoying and achieving, making a positive contribution, achieving economic well being
- The Implementation of one of the priorities in Lambeth's Improvement Plan 2005 - 2008.

An executive director of Children and Young People's Service was appointed in July 2005 ahead of national deadline. The appointment of a director has increased the pace of change. The Director of Children and Young People's Services, Phyllis Dunipace has appointed her senior management team, the membership of which reflects the expertise of the combined services.

Children and Young People's Service (CYPS) Who's Who



Farrukh Akbar - Divisional Director
Resources Division

Key Priorities:

- Improve financial management of the CYPS
- Improve financial and contract services to schools and their customers
- Improve delivery of the Capital Programme



Chris Ashton - Divisional Director
Inclusion and Standards Division

Key Priorities:

- Continue to raise achievement of all pupils
- Ensure that all pupils have access to high quality education provision
- Continue to ensure all schools demonstrate to OFSTED and others that they offer at least a satisfactory quality of education
- Manage successfully the range of local/regional and national strategies for which the division is responsible



Sandra Morrison - Programme Director
Change Management

Key Priorities:

- Integration of Services, systems and processes for the new CYPS
- Ensure Lambeth meets its statutory requirement in relation to the national change agenda
- Work with managers to develop the workforce to meet the new challenges
- Ensure there is a strategic link between all change programmes across CYPS



Mike Pocock - Programme Director
Building Schools of the Future (BSF)

Key Priorities:

- Ensure the education vision is supported by stakeholders
- Create a deliverable programme
- Procure and create the partnership to fulfill the programme
- Transform secondary education



John Readman - Divisional Director
Community Learning

Key Priorities:

- Launch and implementation of Brightstart - the 10 year childcare strategy
- Develop Integrated Youth Services
- Develop extended schools to contribute to raising achievement
- Transform the YOT service and contribute to the reduction of youth crime



Doreen Redwood - Divisional Director
Strategy and Performance

Key Priorities:

- Ensure accurate recording and capture of all performance data
- Develop key strategic plans e.g. Departmental Service Plan
- Establish robust performance management tools for CYPS
- Equalities



Yashi Shah - Divisional Director
Social Care

Key Priorities:

- Safeguarding children
- Maintaining good quality social work practice and decision making
- Recruitment and retention
- Equalities

CYPSP Board Members

Board Members

Kevin Barton	Chief Executive, Primary Care Trust (PCT)
Judy Best	Chair of Voluntary & Community Forum
Anthony Bottrall	Executive Member for CYPS - Education
Judith Bowden	Head of Child and Adolescent Services, (SLAM)
David Boyle	Headteacher, Dunraven Secondary School
Martin Bridger	Chief Superintendent, Metropolitan Police
Steve Crow	Learning and Skills Council (LSC)
Phyllis Dunipace	Executive Director CYPS, Lambeth
Geraldine Evans	Councillor
Roger Giess	Executive Member for CYPS - Social Care
Chris Lee	Interim Executive Director Housing Services, Lambeth
Ian Jackson	Local Strategic Partnership Manager
Sally Prentice	Councillor
Jane Ramsey	Chair of the Primary Care Trust
Mike Richardson	Lambeth Governors Forum/Loughborough School Governor
Andrew Webster	Executive Director Adult and Community Services, Lambeth
Marie Devall	Education and Skills Team Leader Central and South Division, GOL
Anita Wright	Headteacher, Woodmansterne Primary School

The Board is supported by the Integrated Services for Children team and is chaired by Councillor Giess.

The Children and Young People's Service, which was created by the consolidation of Education and Children's Social Care, has a new vision:

'We will enable children and young people to feel valued, happy, healthy and safe and to achieve their full potential'

We will achieve our vision by:

- Ensuring effective and integrated services
- We will promote partnership working
- Encouraging the full involvement of users by focusing on their needs

If you have any questions about the the new department or the change management programme you can contact the Integrated Services for Children (IS4C) team by email IS4C@lambeth.gov.uk or visit www.lambeth.gov.uk/is4c

CYPSP

Vision: Judy Best

Judy Best is the elected Chair of the CYPSP Voluntary and Community Forum. Having worked within the voluntary and community sector for 20 years, Judy Best brings with her a wealth of experience. This ranges across Adult Education, private projects in partnership with the council and the Metropolitan Police and as Co-ordinator for the Family Support Unit (FSU) in 2003, as lead agent for Lambeth Children's Fund for the Vulnerable Families and Emotional Well-Being works team.

She has taken part in the CYPSP forum and assemblies since December 2004 and has been a constant voice for the voluntary and community sector. Judy states *'my interest in becoming Chair is to ensure that the children come first, that voluntary and community groups are integrated within the children's services agenda and we are informed and involved at each stage of planning and development'*.

As Chair of the Voluntary and Community Forum, Judy will also be a member of the CYPSP Board alongside chief officers from statutory agencies.

Recent work carried out by the Voluntary and Community Forum includes agreeing a number of strategic priorities that will inform the Children and Young People's Plan for Lambeth. All voluntary and community groups will find that these priorities reflect the work they are engaged in. *'The challenge for the voluntary and community sector is to ensure that statutory agencies acknowledge and value our input'* says Judy. See page 12 for further information on Lambeth's Children and Young People's Plan.

What is the Voluntary and Community Sector Forum?

This is a forum for the voluntary and community sector (VCS) that has been set up as a consultative body for matters relating to children and young people, so the voluntary and community sector can influence the development of strategies and policies for the partnership.

Who is it for and when is it held?

All VCS organisations working with children, young people and families in Lambeth, meetings are currently held monthly.

What does this forum do?

- Achieve two-way communication between the voluntary and community sector and Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership.
- Acts as a consultative body for the CYPSP
- Capacity building for the VCS
- Training and networking for the VCS

Benefits of membership to Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership

- Advisory body made up of service providers / professionals within the VCS.
- Representation for the families / children / young people the VCS forum work with
- Opportunity to hear about innovative practice / joined up working.

Benefits for the VCS Forum

- Opportunity to influence and contribute to service development and delivery
- Accessible information on developments within Children and Young People's Service
- Funding information / opportunities and contracts information

Representation

A representative of the VCS is elected from the forum each year. This representative will have a seat on the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Board. Also a Chair / Vice Chair will be elected each year.

Some of the recent work that the voluntary and community sector forum has been involved in include:

- Supporting the implementation of an education for looked after children project
- Working on the priorities for the Children and Young People's Plan
- Shaping the strategy for an integrated youth service
- Shaping the play strategy
- Participating in a voluntary sector grants review.

Phase one and two of change programme

Phase one of the IS4C programme is now complete and covered a number of key milestones and activities. There are five main statutory requirements that need to be in place by 2008. These include the appointment of the Children and Young People's Service Executive Director, the launch of the Children and Young People's Service - combining Education and Children's Social Service's departments and the appointment of two lead members which have been achieved.

Phase	Statutory Requirement	Status
One	To have a director of Children's Service	Phyllis Dunipace confirmed as Executive Director for Children and Young People's Service
One	To have a lead member for Children and Young People's Service	Councillor Bottrall and Councillor Giess confirmed as lead members
One	To have a local safeguarding board in place by October 2005	Local safeguarding board established in May 2005
Two	To produce and publish a single strategic plan for Children and Young People	Report is in preparation for approval
Two	To create a Children's Trust for planning and commissioning Children and Young People service	To be achieved by 2008

In addition we have begun the process of co-locating services; created the Lambeth Information and Sharing Assessment pilot; formed the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership (CYPSP), voluntary and community forum and the CYPSP programme forum to facilitate information sharing across the partnership.

A closure report for phase one is being written. During this process a number of activities and developments were identified that should be monitored in the coming financial and service-planning year, by the refreshed Improvement plan. This should be carried out as part of phase two of the programme, which will end in March 2007, these include:

- a. **E-Gov** activity to support the new CYP service
- b. The development of **work force development strategy** and associated reforms
- c. Development of the **Common Assessment Framework** will involve housing, voluntary groups, social care and schools
- d. **Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP)** and plan of action. The CYPP is a key document for the Council and its partners as it is a statutory plan that subsumes 19 existing plans. The priorities identified in the plan will provide the strategic guidance for all other plans and arrangements to support children and young people and provide the basis for Local Area Agreements in relation to all 0 -19 year olds.
- e. **Annual Performance Assessment 2006** preparation for the **Joint Area Review (JAR)**
- f. Developing multi agency joint commissioning and planning
- g. **Annual report from the CYPSP** that shows the link between the LSP and the CYPSP and decisions taken by the board.

Consideration is also being given to re-branding of the programme to show the developments to date, as significant progress has already been made in integrating services and processes for children, young people and their families.

Brightstart

Brightstart was launched in September 2005. It is Lambeth's childcare strategy, which sets out the vision, principles and strategic aims that will direct the work of the Early Years and Sure Start service for the next ten years. The service's core function is to enable all of Lambeth's under fives to achieve the best possible outcomes, by improving the quality and accessibility of childcare, family support services and early education.

Brightstart is designed to enable the service to support Lambeth's youngest children in achieving the five outcomes in Every Child Matters. It is acknowledged that investing in

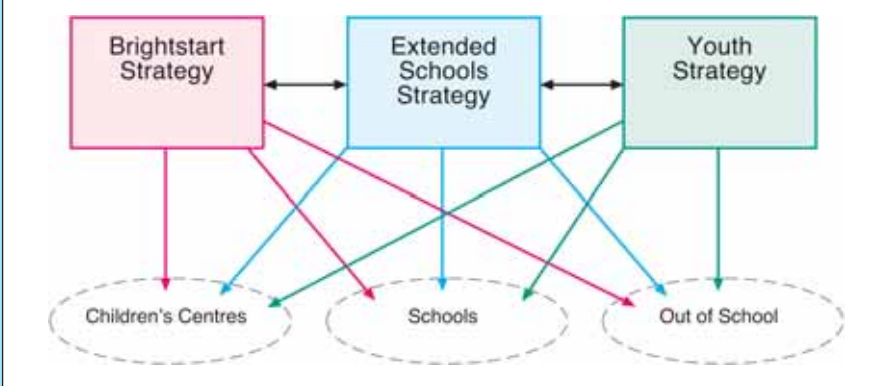
Early Years will have a significant impact on the long term outcome of children and young people. Parental participation and partnership are central to Brightstart, the implementation of which aims to:

- Involve parents and carers in developing the best possible child and family support services
- Consult and involve children whose lives are influenced by these services
- Develop existing partnerships and create new ones. This will be critical to ensure the needs of families and children are met

The Brightstart publication provides an overview of the National Childcare Strategy and sets out the new statutory functions of the council. It describes how the Lambeth Early Years and Sure Start service are approaching the challenge including its plans for children's centres. It acknowledges the achievements of combined Early Years services to date as well as those that are ongoing.

For further information on Brightstart contact Dean Brewer 020 7926 9558 or by email dbrewer@lambeth.gov.uk

Delivering and developing integrated services at every level



Children's centres



The Children's centre developments are linked to the wider children's service agenda. The local childcare strategy 'Brightstart' is linked to the five national outcomes, collaboration and partnership working form the basis of the strategy. Key to the strategy is access to services via a universal setting.

The next stage of the programme will add to the 14 Children's Centres, which will open in 2006. By 2008 ten new Children's Centres will be developed in Lambeth and every ward will receive support and services from a Children's Centre.

Children's Centres are the key delivery mechanism for integrated services for under fives and will bring together a range of services including integrated education and childcare, family support, access to health services and links with Jobcentre Plus.

The Council's Early Years and Sure Start Service recently invited expressions of interest from organisations interested in participating in Wave 2 of the Children's Centre programme. The response has been positive and the Early Years and Sure Start Service will be exploring possibilities with a number of schools and other early years and family support organisations.

The first wave of Children's Centres targeted the most deprived areas of the borough and so in the second wave we will be looking to locate Children's Centres in different areas to ensure universal coverage.

Many Children Centres will be located in primary schools and in or near extended schools, to support access to other services. Parents and carers are involved in these developments - building on Sure Start programmes, which had excellent parent and carer involvement.

Extended schools

The Lambeth framework for extended schools was launched in September 2005. Schools, voluntary and community groups and stakeholders were involved in its development. An increasing number of extended schools across the borough are offering after school activities or a breakfast club and currently there are three fully serviced extended schools. The Building Schools for the Future (BSF) programme will enable all secondary schools to be fully serviced schools. The Primary Care Trust (PCT) and Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services will also provide services in fully serviced extended schools.

The Children and Young people's Service senior management are reviewing its current arrangements to make sure a strategic approach is developed, and meet the targets set by government in November 2004.

Youth matters

In July 2005, the government launched a new Green Paper specifically targeting young people (11-19 years). It proposes to give young people "real influence over the range and nature of services on offer locally, particularly those that provide positive activities for young people".

Some specific plans are aimed at putting this into practice, for example:

- Opportunity Cards for young people which give concessions and discounts for a wide range of activities
- A government-funded budget to be spent as determined by young people locally
- Clarifying local authorities 'duty' to secure 'positive activities' for young people.



The government would like young people from a wide range of backgrounds and communities to be actively involved in activities out of school and identifies Children's Trusts as having 'a key role to play at a local level.'

In addition, the government proposes transferring responsibility for the provision of information, advice and guidance (formerly Careers Service) service from Connexions to Children's Trust.

For young people with additional needs, the government proposes a range of targeted support services to tackle crime, drugs and substance misuse, teenage pregnancy and getting young people into employment, education and training.

The Youth Service within Children and Young People's Service is currently developing an Integrated Youth Strategy through which it will be exploring delivery options for many of the above proposals.

Consultation on the Youth Green Paper ended on 4 November; however, if you would like more details on the proposals, the Green Paper can be accessed from:

<http://www.dfes.gov.uk/consultations/downloadableDocs/Youth%20matters%20pdf.pdf>

or you can contact Lambert Allman, Assistant Director - Youth, CYPS, 020 7926 9349 lallman@lambeth.gov.uk

The Common Assessment Framework (CAF)

All local authority areas are expected to implement the Common Assessment Framework (CAF) between April 2006 and the end of 2008. All areas should be preparing for this during 2006; Lambeth is currently piloting the CAF in a local secondary school.

The CAF will provide an opportunity to bring together a number of initiatives such as Lambeth's Information and Assessment Systems (LISA), and work force development reform. The roll out of the CAF will support further development in use of the 'lead professional role' across the partnership.

All agencies are expected to train at least some of their staff in using the Common Assessments Framework. A number of awareness raising sessions have been organised to enable all services and agencies to begin thinking about how the CAF will impact on their present assessment processes. The following sessions will offer the opportunity to:

- Receive information about the CAF and what it will mean to you and your service
- Begin the process of developing a common understanding of 'thresholds'
- Discuss in multi-agency groups casework scenarios.

Date	Contact	Venue	Time
13 April 2006	Katie Myhill	Lecture Theatre International House	2.00 - 3.15pm 3.30 - 5.00pm
2 May 2006	Katie Myhill	Lecture Theatre	4.00 - 5.30pm
16 May 2006	Katie Myhill	International House	2.00 - 3.15pm 3.30 - 5.00pm

The sessions are being widely circulated and all interested parties across the partnership will be welcome at a session.

To book a place on one of the above courses please call Katie Myhill on 020 7926 1106 or email kmyhill@lambeth.gov.uk





Lambeth Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB)

LSCB is the local statutory safeguarding board that brings together senior managers from each of the main agencies in Lambeth responsible for helping to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

What does the LSCB do?

The aim of the LSCB is to co-ordinate what is done by each group represented on the board and to make sure the welfare of children is safeguarded and promoted.

Who is on the LSCB?

- Executive Director of Children and Young People's Service (Chair)
- Lambeth Children and Young People's Service Officer
- Lambeth Police Child Abuse Investigation Team
- Lambeth Primary Care Trust
- South London and Maudsley NHS Trust
- Guys and St Thomas NHS Trust
- Kings Healthcare NHS Trust
- London Probation Area
- Lambeth Youth Offending Team
- Lambeth Housing
- Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Services

What does it mean for you?

It means that you have a local statutory board of senior managers from each of the main agencies in Lambeth, responsible for helping to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. If you would like to make suggestions or highlight any concerns about safeguarding children practice in Lambeth contact your LSCB representative (see www.lambethacpc.org.uk for contacts) who can then raise them at LSCB meetings.

If you wish to make a referral

Complete the Inter-Agency Referral Form found on the ACPC website or contact one of the following:

CYPS Referral and Assessment Team
020 7926 6508

Out of hours duty worker
020 7926 1000

Police Child Abuse Investigation Team
020 7232 6384

For further information contact: Jane Pell, Policy, Planning and Development Officer
Lambeth Safeguarding Children Board on 020 7926 4759 or visit www.lambethacpc.org.uk



Picture this

art competition winners announced

In December last year we ran an art competition for young people, with great prizes up for grabs ranging from the new iPod shuffle to leisure vouchers and family days out. The objective was to help us identify priorities for the new Children and Young People's window.

The challenge was to imagine you were Prime Minister for a day. How would you make Lambeth a better place and what would you change?

We had a fantastic response to the competition with over 100 entries.

The judging panel was made up of two children (aged 9-10): Thomas Martin and Shaiyann Fairweather - Graham from Streatham Wells Primary School; Kim Abidoph, learning mentor, Streatham Wells Primary School; Doris Simpson from Kennington Surestart and Lambeth Youth Council representative, Martha Nantale (18).

The judges scored each picture according to the following four criteria:

- 1) Matches one of the competition categories: be healthy; stay safe; enjoy life and do well; make a difference in the community or to have a better life and future
- 2) Has a positive message
- 3) Shows creativity
- 4) Is specific to Lambeth

Under eights



1st place, winning an Apple iPod
Shani, Age 8, Henry Cavendish Primary School



2nd place, winning a Ritzy Cinema family ticket
Rachel, Age 7, Wyvil Primary School



3rd place, winning 10 swimming vouchers
Lenia, Age 7, Wyvil Primary School



4th place, winning 10 swimming vouchers
Hannah, Age 8, Reay Primary School

9 - 13 years



1st place, winning an Apple iPod
Delilah, Age 11



2nd place, winning a 12 week swimming course
Oliver, Age 9,
Elm Wood Primary School



3rd place, winning a Family ticket to London Aquarium
Shannon, Age 10, Elm Wood Primary School



4th place, winning 10 swimming vouchers
Zoe, Reay Primary School

14 - 19 years



1st place, winning an Apple iPod
Alwin, Age 18,



2nd place, winning a 3 month Harpers gym junior membership
Shaval, Age 16



3rd place, winning a family ticket to the London Eye
Manu, Age 15



4th place, winning 10 swimming vouchers
Alicia, Age 14

A big thank you goes to the competition sponsors; the Ritzy Cinema, Brixton Recreational Centre, the London Eye and the London Aquarium.

One of the entries was by five-year-old Matthew Cotton along with a letter from his grandmother.

Please find enclosed Matthew's entry for your 'Prime Minister for the day competition'. Matthew is only five but since the general elections earlier this year he has become fixated with wanting to become the Prime Minister when he grows up. He tells anyone who will listen to him, about his proposed vocation and that he will live at 10 Downing Street. When asked what he would do to make Lambeth a better place if he were Prime Minister he replied "Make people happy and smile!" A simple solution in the eyes of a five year old. Thank you for the opportunity to make children think about the future.

The winning entries (pictured) will all be used in Lambeth's Children and Young People's plan. Lambeth's Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership would like to thank everybody who took part and a goody bag and leisure voucher is on its way to you.

Children and Young People's Plan 2006-07

A high level strategic plan is being developed that will offer support to all 0 to 19 year old children, young people and their families within Lambeth. The Children and Young People's Plan is a one year partnership plan that brought together a number of agencies to focus on the main priorities for children and young people in the borough. A three-year plan will be produced from 2007 allowing the planning cycles of key partners to coincide.

A draft of the plan has been drawn up in consultation with young people, parents and carers, voluntary groups and other partners; it is due for completion for April 2006.

All partners have been involved in the development of the plan. The voluntary sector has been involved in a process supported by the local community empowerment network and the voluntary and community forum. Looked after Children and Children with Disabilities and Special Educational Needs have

contributed to the plan by expressing their priorities either through video consultation and art competitions or outreach activities.

Following the Annual Performance Assessment (APA), Children's Integrated Service Audit (CISA) and recent inspections and reviews by partners, strategic priorities have been agreed that will be reflected in the plan. The plan will be reviewed to ensure it informs the local area agreement.

See page 13 for further information and details on how the priorities were developed or visit the Integrated Services for Children website:
www.lambeth.gov.uk/services/healthsocialcareintegratedservicesforchildren

For details on the plan contact Liz Byron, project manager on 020 7926 0094 or by email lbyron@lambeth.gov.uk

Consultation



The views of children and young people, parents and carers as well as service providers are being used to develop the Children and Young People's Plan. For example, we have consulted on the following this year:

- Childcare, play and leisure provision for disabled children
- Advice, guidance and support for young people (teenagers)
- How employers can get more 16 - 18 year olds into education, employment and training
- Early Years Childcare Audit

- Early Years and Sure Start activities
- Youth offending and youth crime issues
- Family support services
- Achieving the Every Child Matters (ECM) outcomes
- Educational experiences of looked after children
- Homosexual bullying in schools.

This is not an exhaustive list but highlights some of the areas we have consulted.

If you would like details on any of these consultations, please contact the Integrated Services for Children (IS4C) team IS4C@lambeth.gov.uk specifying what area(s) you are interested in.

Have you done any consultation that can be fed into the Children and Young People's Plan and service delivery? If you have any suggestions or you feel there is a gap then, please contact us to let us know.

Prioritising the priorities

Background

The Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership (CYPSP) have identified 12 priorities for all agencies across the partnership. The criteria used to determine these priorities were as follows:

- Supports an improvement in outcomes for children and young people
- Promotes early intervention and preventative working
- An area for development that requires the added value of multi agency working
- Supports service improvement and delivery
- Allows the CYPSP to respond to the national and local change for children programme

Expectations in relation to priorities

There is a need to ensure that the CYPSP is able to demonstrate that agencies and individual services actively support the agreed priorities. Therefore it is suggested that prioritisation will be demonstrated across the partnership in the following ways:

- Resources have been targeted to support a priority across agencies and services
- Service plans reflect the priorities
- Activities to support the priority are monitored by senior management teams across the partnership
- Priorities are reflected in the performance management framework

Ownership of the priorities

Priorities have been drawn up in consultation with the following groups

- Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership (CYPSP)
- CYPSP Assembly
- CYPSP Programme Forum
- Voluntary and Community Group Forum
- Children and young people
- Parents attending Sure Start provision

Children and Young People's Plan

The following priorities will be year one priorities for the Children and Young People's Strategic Plan to be published in April 2006.

Other priorities may be reflected in the individual plans of services and agencies across the partnership but the strategic focus of the partnership will be on the following priorities.

National outcome	Priority	Business case for selection	Strategic links
Be healthy	HP1 Significantly improve young people's mental and sexual health	APA recommendation Area of unmet need identified in needs assessment Access issues CS Audit	Child health strategy Health promotion strategy Teenage pregnancy strategy NSF standard 4 NSF standard 9
Stay safe	SP1 Support parenting to safeguard children and young people	Duty to safeguard CYP PCT priority 4, 5 APA. CSC1 inspection recommendations in relation CPR	Childcare strategy 'Brightstart' Preventative strategy NSF standard 2 NSF standard 5 NSF standard 8
	SP3 Prevent young people from drifting into crime	YOT improvement plan APA CSCI CIS audit	Community safety strategy Youth Justice Plan
	SP4 Improve the transition arrangements for vulnerable children and young people in particular looked after children and children with disabilities	Needs assessment PCT priority 5	NSF standard 1 NSF standard 4 NSF standard 6 NSF standard 8
Enjoy and achieve	EAP 1 Increase access to quality local school places and good quality childcare places	OfSTED recommendation CYPS priority Pct priority 3	BSF strategic business case
	EAP2 Narrow the achievement gaps for specific groups and achieve floor targets	OfSTED recommendation CYPS priority Inspection report	
	EAP 3 Increase opportunities for all young people to participate in out of school activities	PCT priority 3	Community strategy Integrated youth strategy NSF standard 4
Make a positive contribution	PCP1 Increase opportunities for children, young people and their families to contribute to decisions about services they receive as a community	CS audit National agenda APA PCT priority 8	Community strategy NSF standard 4
Experience well being	WBP1 Increase the number of young people in Employment, Education and Training (EET)	Needs assessment Connexions audit Community strategy	
Service delivery	Prepare for CAF supported by lead professional and information sharing systems across agencies	National requirement PCT priority 3	NSF standard 1 NSF standard 2 NSF standard 4 NSF standard 6
	Recruitment and retention - workforce strategy, development and reform	National requirement PCT priority 7	NSF standard 3 NSF standard 5
	Develop joint commissioning arrangements across the CYPSP	National requirement PCT priority 10	NSF standard 3

Review and recommendations

As well as the council's own monitoring mechanism the Children and Young People's Service has been subject to a number of external inspection regimes. Since May 2005 the following inspections have taken place:

Inspection Body	Inspection Result
Annual Performance Assessment (APA) - concluded	The council's capacity to improve is excellent
Commission for Social Care Inspection (CSCI) - concluded	Promising prospects to serve most children well
Children's Integrated Services Audit (CISA) - concluded	"The London Borough of Lambeth and Lambeth CPT are making good progress towards achieving integrated services for children and young people for whom they have responsibility. There is evidence of a strong commitment to improving outcomes for children, young people and families across the partnership. Currently the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership is on target to achieve the requirements of the Children Act 2004." Audit Commission 2005
Priorities meeting with all children and young people's inspection regime plus the DfES and GOL advisors.	The feedback was positive and clearly identified areas for development.

These inspections were all positive and they also made recommendations in relation to identified areas for development, see IS4C website

<http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/services/healthsocialcare/integratedservicesforchildren/>

We are currently preparing for future assessments such as the annual performance assessment (APA) in June 2006 and the joint area review (JAR) in 2008.

Why we are developing integrated services

We are currently looking at how services should be delivered in the future to reduce duplication and increase efficiency, while supporting value for money principles and meeting the needs of the community. All services are considering preventative working and local access to specialist services.

Some of the challenges faced in achieving these goals include spreading limited resources across a number of settings, not having a consistent model for service delivery across the partnership and trying to ensure uniformity in relation to quality and access to service provision.

Over the next months we will be exploring the following issues:

- How should we organise ourselves across the partnership?
- How will area based service delivery impact on individual services?
- Which services could be delivered at a local level?
- What are the views of local communities?



CYPSP

The CYPSP Board is the primary body for formulating strategy and making decisions. The Board is responsible for considering input from the Programme Forum and the Assembly, for cascading information down through their agencies, for ensuring that the appropriate actions are taken and that approvals are sought from relevant decision-making bodies and management teams. It ensures that required resources are committed; it provides key decision-making and conflict resolution; it represents the business and user interests as well as the programme to external stakeholders. The CYPSP Board will meet on a three monthly basis in order to monitor and progress work and actions.

CYPSP Programme Forum

The Programme Forum is the group of key managers who will interpret strategy into policy and practice, and drive the implementation of decisions. It will enhance partnership working within, and between, key agencies and will seek to use partnerships to improve outcomes for children and young people to make efficient use of scarce resources. The CYPSP Programme Forum meets every six weeks.

The CYPSP Assembly

A consultative forum, that provides feedback on policies and plans as they are developed. Participants are encouraged to offer innovative solutions based on their knowledge and experience of public facing service delivery. It is open to all who work with children and young people in the borough and meets quarterly.

Please contact Nick Kampelis on 020 7926 9472 if you wish to attend.

Voluntary and Community Sector Forum

This is a monthly forum for the voluntary sector that has been set up as a consultative body for matters relating to children and young people.

Key Dates

Date: Wednesday 29 Mar 06
Time: 2.00pm to 4.00pm
Venue: Lecture Theatre, International House, SW9
Description: CYPSP Programme Forum

Date: Tuesday 25 Apr 06
Time: 2.00pm to 4.00pm
Venue: Lecture Theatre, International House, SW9
Description: CYPSP Programme Forum

Date: Friday 5 May 06 (TBC)
Time: 2.00pm to 4.00pm
Venue: Lecture Theatre, International House, SW9
Description: CYPSP Assembly

Date: Wednesday 17 May 06
Time: 2.00pm to 4.00pm
Venue: Lecture Theatre, International House, SW9
Description: CYPSP Programme Forum

Date: Tuesday 23 May 06
Time: 6.00pm to 8.00pm
Venue: Lecture Theatre, International House, SW9
Description: Voluntary and community sector forum

N.B. All meetings subject to confirmation, please contact Nick Kampelis on 020 7926 9472 for further details or if you wish to attend.

Contact us

If you have any questions or comments about the IS4C programme, please e-mail the team at is4c@lambeth.gov.uk

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