

Feedback from Thematic Partnerships: February 2010

Thematic Partnership

Fareham Childrens Partnership

Main Aims of the Partnership

To Improve the life chances of children and young people in the Borough

Emerging Priorities

To be revisited and confirmed at the meeting

Links to Hampshire Local Area Agreement Priority Outcomes

LAA Priority:

- Better parenting.
- Improved sexual health and fewer teenage pregnancies.
- Widen participation in range of sport, recreation and cultural activities available for young people.
- Healthy eating / reduce childhood obesity.
- Improved mental health of children and young people by developing the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service.

Progress since December 2009

Since the last meeting of the networkfareham Board, there has been a significant amount of work undertaken by the FBC Community Development Manager and the HCC District Manager to secure a meaningful representation of the many groups across Fareham who have a part to play in the Children's Thematic Partnership.

We are pleased to report that the forty schools across Fareham have agreed a representation framework which will mean that there is a stronger voice and listening ear within the partnership to make real change to current priorities for children and young people across Fareham. This will lead to all schools, primary, special and secondary, becoming fully engaged with their local partners and at the heart of improving outcomes for all children and young people. As a result there will be a consistent approach to key issues within the Action Plan for Fareham, something that has been lacking in the past.

In order to knit together the complicated array of early intervention and other key support services, meetings have been held with the Extended Services Development Officer, Children's Centres Development officer, Locality Team Manager and Area Director for Children and Families.

There has been good progress in this area so that future projects in Fareham will be able to move forward in a more productive manner because an agreement has been secured that services will be more quickly got to those that need them most. There is a clear commitment to securing a collective, determined local response which will make the future work of the Thematic Partnership more capable of attacking some of the areas of performance, which have previously been resistant to change and which have such a profound impact on children's life chances.

There has been participation in forums which have looked at how best to represent the voluntary sector in the Children's Partnership, as there are some 200 voluntary sector groups have important perspectives on the issues pertinent to the Partnership. Strengthening the communication network is a necessary way forward so that there is a better awareness of priorities, policy and funding.

Fareham Youth Concern meets monthly and has in the past secured high attendance and involvement of organisations linked with young people. It is proposed that a Fareham Children and

Young Peoples Conference is run in the very near future to illustrate the important aspects of partnership potential. It is proposed that this will happen in June/July. Meetings will take place with Fareham Youth Concern to ascertain the best way to enable joint working and effective action, alongside the Childrens Partnership. Much valuable debate has also been directed via discussions focused around 'Your Future Your Fareham', and this has proved to be a beneficial document to show how FBC is working with local people, including children and young people and how partner organisations are helping to make it all happen.

One example of the work being undertaken by organisations is the – Learn, Enjoy and Achieve through Participation (LEAP) advantage subsidy being directed at children and young people in Fareham co-ordinated by Susie Higgs (Fareham East Extended Services Co-ordinator). This funding is being distributed to support children and young people to access many different forms of youth and out of school activities, the subsidies are available through grants directed to children and young people. This funding will help subsidise access to opportunities (particularly out of school activities) by children, young people and children in care, who through their economic circumstances would otherwise not be able to participate.

Everyone connected with children and young people is anxious to build further capacity to secure improvement in life chances and delivering a really effective Thematic Partnership reporting into the Local Strategic Partnership and also playing a significant part in the Hampshire Children's Trust as a thriving Local Children's Partnership. This work has taken some time but the effectiveness of the forum is now more sustainable and therefore will have a better chance of success and a sustainable future for the benefit of children and young people locally.

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networkfareham Board: Representative

Name:	Temporarily until a board member is secured, this will be undertaken by Janie Millerchip & John Lace		
Organisation:			
Address:			
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Name:	To be advised following election.		
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Proposed Membership

Representative	Organisation
Area Manager, Education and Inclusion (Interim Chair)	HCC
Community Development Manager	FBC
Child Health Lead for Fareham Borough (TBC)	PCT

Locality Team Manager	HCC
Children's Centres Development Officer	HCC
Senior Development Officer, Early Education and Childcare Unit	HCC
Area Manager for Children and Families	HCC
Extended Services Development Officer	HCC
Churches Together Representative	Children and young peoples projects in the faith sector
Fareham Youth Concern Representative	Children and young peoples groups in the voluntary sector
Representatives from each of the three Education and Extended Services Partnership (inc all 40 Primary, Secondary and Special Schools in the Borough)	Each Extended Services Cluster - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portchester and the East • Neville Lovett Cluster • Brookfield Cluster
Representative from the Police for Schools Liaison	Hampshire Constabulary
Next Meeting Date	
Date:	Friday 12 March
	Subsequent dates to be arranged at this meeting.