

Children's Wellbeing Networking Event Round-up Tuesday 14 November 2017

Herefordshire's Children and Young People's Plan

The event was opened by Chris Baird, Director of Children's Wellbeing, who welcomed everyone.

Today's theme, Herefordshire's Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP), was introduced by Councillor Jonathan Lester, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Young People and Children's Wellbeing. The CYPP is a single, high level plan for all local services for children and young people. Cllr Lester informed us:

- that the CYPP is not 'council owned' but is multi-organisational plan, and
- why a partnership plan is needed and reflected on achievements and challenges since 2015

We were then challenged as to:

- What is on the horizon?
- What key changes will we need to deliver together in the next few years?



Interactive sessions:

Picking up the challenges given by Cllr Lester, the workshop was led by Amanda Price, commissioning lead for Children's Wellbeing, and split into two parts.

Workshop 1 centred on:

- Early help
- 0-5 Early years
- Mental health and emotional wellbeing

Workshop 2 covered the three remaining areas:

- Children & young people in need of safeguarding
- Addressing challenges for teenagers
- Children & young people with disabilities



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Information on the positives, key challenges and future priorities were identified for each of the areas. Each table was asked to share and discuss the 'positives', 'key challenges' and 'future priorities' within their own area. During the discussions, everyone was invited to record their views and comments on post-it notes for the individual elements and to place them on to the corresponding chart on their table.

A message from Amanda:

"The feedback we received during the day has been extremely valuable and alongside information gathered from children, young people, families and other professionals, it will help to shape the new Children and Young People's Plan. The wealth of knowledge, experience and commitment of attendees was clear, and has given us some real insight into the key issues affecting children and young people locally. At the next Networking event in March we intend to give an update on the development of the plan and give further opportunity to shape its development."



Coffee and Networking:

During the coffee break everyone was asked to "go and talk with someone not yet known to you" which led to many conversations taking place.

WISH (Wellbeing Information and Signposting for Herefordshire) have been undergoing some changes and two computers had been set up so that people could "test drive" the new WISH website system and learn more about it.



Organisations attending

Each table had a list of the organisations who had booked to attend with the contact details of one person. Anyone who did not want their details to be made available after the event was asked to 'opt out'. This list is attached as Appendix 1.



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Summary of event feedback

Places available – 60 (100%)	Places booked – 57 (95%)	Attendees – 46 (81%)		
Non attendees – 11 (19%)		Feedback received from – 34 (74%)		
How would you rate the event:	Excellent – 4	Very good – 23	Good – 6	Blank – 1
Was enough time allowed for discussion?	Too much – 1	About right – 32	Blank – 1	
Were the interactive workshops useful?	Very useful – 15	Useful – 16	Blank – 3	
Positives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key questions asked so that group discussion could be recorded • How it was facilitated – focus maintained • A good forum for joint discussions from many different agencies • Background information and rationale • Learning that the CYPP existed • Interesting having organisations from out of Hereford taking part as shared information • Getting our points out about how much Early Years are expected to do • The sharing of ideas element - this will enhance my practice • Everyone able to speak freely • Well structured – good balance of LA lead info & stakeholder collaboration • Opportunity to hear multiple views on the same issues • Clear aims & objectives put into event and activity • Networking & wide range of service engagement • To share areas of work & how it can positively contribute to the plan • Informal 'group' discussion allowed everyone to feel comfortable making a contribution • Diverse group of people meant a variety of perspectives - eye-opening • Great feedback between each table - allowing for more ideas and knowledge broadening for myself 			
Negatives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need a mix of people on each table to get a wider balance • Difficult with organisations from out of Hereford taking part as they have no knowledge of local areas or services 			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seemed to be more challenges with practice rather than positives within our discussions and currently no way forward. However, I appreciate this is the aim of today • Would have liked more schools represented • Perhaps a case-study to emphasise positive and negative outcomes? • Not having young people's voices to feed into the discussion • Some research evidence available for statistics and to help increase our knowledge (references) • No biscuits • Location
<p>Suggestions / comments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Really enjoyed the event, it was good to meet a variety of people from all channels • With reducing budgets it will be important to identify in partnership/ joint leadership how the community can achieve the outcomes • Maybe look at shortbreaks and respite services and youth groups/ after school clubs for CWD and special needs. The difficulty families have accessing these services in a rural area. • Communicate challenges with providers with the aim of creating a positive action plan to address larger issues • On a very personal note - please can laptops be banned during feedback so that everyone is engaged! • Room for more representation from Herefordshire organisations & services • Could have had opportunity for agencies to have info stands around sides to share info • Is this going to be reductive? • Is inclusion going to be central? • Look forward to the next one!

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Appendix 1 – Organisations represented:

There may be more than one representative present at the event but only one contact is given.

Organisation:	Contact:
Acorns Childrens Hospice, Worcester	vickie.williams@acorns.org.uk
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