



## Children and Young People's Plan Consultation

Worcestershire County Council has a duty under the Children's Act 2004 to make arrangements to secure co-operation among partners to improve the well being of children and young people. The Children and Young People's Plan is produced jointly by the local authority and its partners.

In November 2006 the Worcestershire Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership published the Children and Young People's Plan, setting out our ambition for children, young people and families across Worcestershire for the next three years. This single, strategic plan for all local services enable activity across all partner agencies to be co-ordinated so that outcomes for children and young people in the county can be improved.

In June 2007 the Plan was reviewed and this outlined how all partners had worked together over the previous six months and provided a summary of key work and achievements. The Partnership had shifted its focus from structures and activity to impact on outcomes and identified 'areas for improvement' within The Review which reflect a stronger focus on making a difference.

The Review acknowledges the huge amount of work invested over the first six months by all those who engage with children and young people, and set out the next stages. We have continued to talk extensively to children, young people and their families to see whether they think we have been making a difference and to find out whether we are still tackling the right issues.

In striving to improve our services to ensure that children and young people in Worcestershire are achieving the best possible outcomes the Children and Young People's Plan is open for consultation for a refreshed plan to be launched in May 2008.

Some of the preparatory work in Worcestershire has already been completed through existing partnership arrangements:

- We have just completed a joint strategic assessment of need for children, young people and families In Worcestershire, which will inform the new Children and Young People's Plan.
- We have also developed with the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) 9 draft priorities for Children's Services

We are now seeking to consult with a wide range of partners, children, young people, their families and the community. The meeting you have been invited is to offer you the opportunity to feed any comments or views into this process and take part in the consultation processes around the new priorities for the Plan.

I look forward to discussing this further with you at our meeting.

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