

Children and Young People Block

32. The Government has identified its expectations for children and young people in 'Every Child Matters'. Our response is framed within the Oxfordshire Children & Young People Plan, which will be formally approved in April 06. The strategy http://portal.oxfordshire.gov.uk/content/public/LandC/every_child_matters/cypp/children_young_peoples_plan_full.pdf focuses on the five themes set out by Government:
- achieve educational success and develop life skills for a creative and positive adulthood;
 - enjoy good physical and mental health;
 - be protected from harm and neglect and grow up able to look after themselves;
 - make a positive contribution to the community and society
 - achieve their potential and make the most of their lives.
33. The CYP plan contains a comprehensive range of action. Within this broad range of activity, the Public Service Board has decided to concentrate its effort on the following priorities which are reflected in our proposals for stretch targets.
34. **Be Healthy** – overall children in Oxfordshire are healthier than in other parts of the country. However, there are particular areas of concern in relation to child and adolescent mental health, drug treatment services and teenage pregnancy.
35. **Stay Safe** – Child protection and care arrangements generally work well. However, there is a need for earlier, practical and accessible support for families. It is proposed to establish a network of Children's Centres and full service extended schools, offering a wide range of preventative family support services.
36. **Enjoy and Achieve** - Educational achievement at secondary level is in line with national levels but poorer than authorities with similar socio-economic profiles. Not enough schools in Oxfordshire have good 'value added' scores. The achievement of vulnerable groups of children is a particular concern. There is a need for a concerted effort to promote educational success and enjoyment from the earliest stages and ensure that young people leave school with the skills required for further education, employment or training.
37. **Positive Contribution** – A key priority is to secure the engagement of children, young people and families in the development of our services and make sure that this is co-ordinated effectively across the agencies.
38. **Economic Well-being** - Unemployment rates in Oxfordshire are about half the average for England, but there are wards in several areas where jobless rates are relatively high. Our initial targets for action will give attention to increasing the number of 16-18 year olds in work, education or training to complement action identified within the Economic development and Enterprise block.
39. The Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership (see 'governance arrangements' below) will maintain a detailed oversight of the targets in the CYP plan and report to the PSB. The Public Service Board will keep under review progress against the CYP Plan but will monitor more closely the specific stretch targets defined in the LAA.
40. The **stretch targets** are listed below:

| Outcomes | Indicators | Stretch Target | Funding streams contributing to outcomes |
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| Improved achievement at GCSE Achievement of vulnerable groups | Increase the % of pupils achieving 5 GCSEs A*-C (including English and Maths) Increase the % of children looked after achieving 1 GCSE A*-G and 5 GCSEs A*-G. | Increase % of pupils achieving 5 GCSEs A*-C or equivalent (including English and Maths) from 44.6 (2005) to 51.2% by Summer 2008 % of children leaving care achieving 1 GCSE A*-G (or equivalent) increased from 49% to 65% by 2009. % of children in care achieving 5 GCSEs A*-G increased from 54% to 70% by 2009. | Vulnerable Children's Grant PSA Reward Funding |

41. The non stretch targets are:

| Outcomes | Indicators | Target | Funding streams contributing to outcomes |
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| Increase employability of young people | Reduce the proportion of 16-18 year olds not in employment, education or training | Increase % of young offenders attending full time education, employment or training from 34% (41) to 40% (49) for those aged over 16. | YOT Budget Positive Activities for Young People Vulnerable Children Grant Connexions Learning and Skills Council 14-19 Strategy |
| Increase the number of healthy schools | Increase number of accredited healthy schools | Increase number of healthy schools from 30 (04/05) to 285 (08/09) ¹ | Healthy Schools Choosing Health |
| Increase participation in sport and PE | % of 5-16 year olds participating in a minimum of 2 hours per week PE and school sports | Increase % of 5-16 year olds from 60% to 85% by 2009 (Actual numbers for baseline and targets available by Sept 06) | |
| Reduce teenage conceptions. | Reduction in under 18 conception rates. | Reduce teenage conceptions from 34.3 per 1000 (04/05) to 17.3 per 1000 by 2010. | |
| Reduce young homelessness. | Reduce number of young homeless. | Reduce number of vulnerable homeless 16 and 17 year olds from 250 in 2004/05 to 125 by 2009. | County Council District Councils Voluntary Sector |

¹ All LAA targets including interim targets will be included in the CYPP, which will be finalised by April 2006 and will be signed off and monitored by the CYP Board.

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| Increase early preventative family support | Increase number of children's centres and full service extended schools | <p>Increase number of children's centres from 2 to 25 and full service extended schools from 1 to 6 by 2009.</p> <p>Increase number of parents accessing support through Children's Centres from 2600 to 4650 by 2008/9.</p> <p>Increase number of Family Group Conferences from 9 (2005) to 50 (2009)</p> <p>Increase placement stability of children looked after from 70% (122 out of 163) (04) to 85% (130 out of 163) by 2008-9.</p> | Children's Centres Extended Schools |
| Increase access to positive activities | Baseline to be established in year 1 of LAA. | Increase participation in a broad range of high quality activities, both in and out of school, particularly by priority groups. (Baseline, including a definition of range of activities and high priority groups, will be established by Sept 06) | Positive Activities for Young People District Councils Parish Councils Extended Schools Children's Centres Big Lottery |
| Achievement of vulnerable groups | Reduce % half days missed by children looked after. | Reduce % of half days missed by children looked after from 12% (11,358) to 9% (8,340) by 2009 | Vulnerable Children's Grant |

42. No **enabling measures** requested.

43. The responsible officer for this block is Gillian Tee, Oxfordshire County Council.