



Child Poverty Strategy
Overview and Update: CYPSP
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Background

The Child Poverty Act (CPA) 2010

- ❖ Requirement for Central Government to produce a strategy every three years
- ❖ Establishment of Independent Child Poverty & Social Mobility Commission:
 - Role to assess Government progress against commitments in the plan
 - Aims to *"Ensure opportunities, income and life chances are widely available to as many people as possible"*

Central Government

- ❖ Commitment to end child poverty by 2020
- ❖ Existing target set in 1999
 - Cut in number of households with an income less than 60% of the median UK earnings
 - Unintended consequences?
 - Whether focus is on those closest to the 60% rather than those in deepest poverty

Role of Local Authorities

The CPA places specific duties on all Local Authorities to:

- ❖ Produce an assessment of the needs of children living in poverty in its area (Child Poverty Needs Assessment)
- ❖ Joint Child Poverty Strategy with relevant partners
- ❖ Co-operate with partners / other bodies to reduce child poverty and work to mitigate its effects

Comparison to Statistical Neighbours

Statistical Neighbour Authorities	Total Numbers of children in low income households	% of children in low income households
England	2,319,450	20.10%
East Midlands	179,245	18.40%
Nottinghamshire	27,700	17.00%
Lincolnshire	24,260	16.50%
Derbyshire	26,045	16.40%
Suffolk	22,280	15.10%
Worcestershire	17,735	15.00%
Dorset	9,865	12.70%
Northamptonshire	25,510	15.80%
Staffordshire	25,495	14.80%
Cumbria	14,485	14.90%

Comparison to East Midlands Authorities

East Midland Authorities	Total Numbers of children in low income households	% of children in low income households
England	2,319,450	20.10%
East Midlands	179,245	18.40%
Nottingham City	21,600	34.40%
Leicester City	24,250	30.00%
Derby City	13,660	23.70%
Nottinghamshire	27,700	17.00%
Lincolnshire	24,260	16.50%
Derbyshire	26,045	16.40%
Northamptonshire	25,510	15.80%
Leicestershire	15,655	11.60%
Rutland	565	8.00%

Comparison of Districts/Wards

District	Total Numbers of children in low income households for District	Highest Number of children in low income households for District (sum of LSOA 2011 data) Ward and Number	Lowest Number of children in low income households for District (sum of LSOA 2011 data) Ward and Number
Boston	2,440	Fenside 445	West Ward 10
East Lindsey	5,395	Scarborough Ward 350	Legbourne Ward 20
Lincoln	4,480	Birchward Ward 735	Carholme Ward 190
North Kesteven	2,465	Ruskington Ward 165	North Hykeham Forum 20
South Holland	2,645	Spalding St Pauls Ward 285	Spalding Castle Ward 35
South Kesteven	3,895	Earlesfield Ward 805	Witham Valley Ward 15
West Lindsey	2,965	Gainsborough East Ward 725	Sudbrooke Ward 20
Grand Total	24,285		

Lincolnshire's Strategy 2011-14

❖ Access:

- Reducing Digital Exclusion
- Transport Exclusion

❖ Economic:

- Communicating Welfare changes
- Maximise Family Income
- Tackling Fuel Poverty
- Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

❖ Aspiration:

- Skills Development
- Reduce Worklessness

Governance

- ❖ Agreed at Lincolnshire County Council's Executive
 - Children & Young People's Strategic Partnership
 - Satisfies partner co-operation
 - Strategic steer and expedition of any issues
 - Sub-Group
 - Key delivery partners, chaired by the Director of Public Health

Current Strengths

- ❖ **Strategy and Needs Assessment produced by LCC and Partners**
 - Links to LCC Early Intervention Strategy
 - Confirms the Universal Offer i.e. early help available to families
- ❖ **Recognises successful delivery through partnership**
 - Delivery model: each partner responsible for own projects
- ❖ **Review of strategy and action plan**
 - Fluidity, ensuring its success and continued relevance i.e. central government policies; welfare reform, latest consultation

Reality Check

- ❖ No additional funds from Central Government
 - Pre-existing strategic initiatives / cross cutting themes
 - Important to have a clear child poverty identity to avoid loss of focus

The Action Plan

- ❖ Approved by Children's DMT & Corporate Management Board
- ❖ Agreed at CYPSP October 2013

Ensuring successful delivery

- CYP Scrutiny Committee February 2014
 - Accountability: targets required, measurement of outcomes
 - Progress reports: each theme to be scheduled in on cyclical basis and update via 'accountable officer'
- Sub-Group - three workshops scheduled for 2014
 - Individual partner project action plans shared
 - Challenge; maintain ambition/focus; identify gaps in delivery actions/targets; avoid duplication; shared resources

The Workshops

❖ First Workshop – 24th March 2014

- Lincolnshire NHS Community Health
- Districts: ELDC & Boston
- Housing Renewal
- Education
- Public Health
- Transport
- Libraries
- Community Learning

March Workshop: Key Outcomes

- ❖ Action Plan – complete mapping exercise
- ❖ Review
- ❖ Raise Profile
- ❖ S.M.A.R.T
- ❖ Outcomes Focused – so what?
- ❖ Further consultation – ‘bottom up’ approach
- ❖ Embed within *all* policies and procedures

Next Steps

- ❖ Ensure robust mechanisms in place for monitoring and reporting of progress
- ❖ Strengthen Member's Involvement
- ❖ Identify central co-ordination of action plan/s:
 - Collation and analysis of outcomes
 - Resources
- ❖ Terms of Reference
 - Key aims and objectives of the group
 - Roles and responsibilities
- ❖ Risk Assessment
 - Identify and mitigate against risks to delivery
- ❖ Impact Assessment
 - Equality & Diversity of approach

Government Consultation 2014-17

- ❖ Supporting families into **work** and increasing their earnings,
 - ❖ **Improving living standards**, and
 - ❖ Preventing poor children becoming poor adults through their **educational attainment**
- Proposed two new targets
- Reduction in the educational attainment gap
 - Reduction of households with an income below 60% threshold for more than one year, *and*
 - At least one other problem such as entrenched worklessness

Thank you!

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