

Draft Priority Action Plan: Delivering Positive for Youth (DfE, Dec 2011) in Lincolnshire

| | Positive for Youth states the government is committed to: | Lincolnshire Current Position | Proposed Action/s | Timeframe | Progress to Date |
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| 1 | <p>Empowering young people by enabling them to inspect and report on local youth services and to help 'youth proof' government policy.</p> <p>BYC has been given the role to advise councils and others on how to involve young people in decision making and auditing services;</p> <p>In addition, each local authority area will soon have a new organisation called Local Healthwatch to make sure that young people will have a voice in shaping local health services</p> | <p>There is no formal young people involvement in 'inspecting youth services'.</p> <p>We have good "formal governance structures with Young People and we are refreshing our Participation Strategy to Incorporate Children and Families.</p> <p>Status of "Healthwatch" unknown</p> | <p>That the Participation Team, Inspection and Audit teams pursue this further and provide DMT with an action plan for implementation.</p> <p>We need to map and evaluate ALL of the ways we involve young people in decision making, and more importantly capture how we responded and what the outcomes were / difference it made</p> <p>Suggest working alongside 'health' colleagues and the Health and Well-being Board to progress this initiative.</p> | <p>June 2012</p> <p>October 2012</p> <p>October 2012</p> | <p>Completed.</p> <p>A Young Inspectors team has been established with roughly a dozen members. This has worked alongside the Commissioning team to inspect and audit commissioned services.</p> <p>The Participation strategy (including a Parent's strategy) and Charter was delivered in Summer 2012.</p> <p>We have developed the Stakeholder Engagement group (SEG) who identify the channels we use to involve children and Young people in decision making.</p> <p>The Young people's 'Healthwatch' panel</p> |

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| | | | | | has been established and is a member of the Lincolnshire Participation Action Group (LPAG). We have helped ensure their views are heard and acted upon. |
| 2 | Funding national helpline and website services to support and provide advice to parents of teenagers, and a programme to support the most troubled families (Families Working Together). | We have our website, www.teeninfoincs.co.uk Which can provide links to any national website. | Ensure that the site is regularly updated. Evaluate usage / hits | | Teeninfoincs.co.uk is the only website in Lincolnshire dedicated to providing information, advice and guidance to young people. We have over 2000 different user visits every month. The Families Working Together project is achieving ahead of targets and has been expanded to meet the Troubled Families agenda http://microsites.lincolnshire.gov.uk/children/partners/families-working-together/ |
| 3 | Completing the programme of 63 | The YMCA are the lead | Consider further how the | June 2012 | The Showroom |

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| | <p>Myplace youth centres to act as hubs for a wide range of services in disadvantaged areas. Also developing a national approach to exploiting the potential of these centres to be hubs for transforming local services led by communities and local businesses.</p> | <p>body in Lincolnshire for the Showroom in Lincoln. LCC are members of the strategic board and therefore key partners in this initiative.</p> | <p>'Showroom' can be developed to provide a Lincolnshire 'hub' for supporting youth services</p> <p>Quarterly review with Strategic Board and Locality Team Manager</p> | | <p>delivers a range of activities from Baby massage for young parents to climbing wall coaching. They link with a variety of teams including the Duke of Edinburgh Award Team and Short Breaks among many others.</p> |
| 4 | <p>Piloting the National Citizen Service - bringing together 16-year-olds from all backgrounds for a demanding personal and social development experience and opportunity for social action in their communities.</p> | <p>Education Business Partnership (EBP) has secured the Lincolnshire contract for developing the NCS pilot. Integrated teams already provide a significant referral point for the service.</p> | <p>Continue to support NCS through the integrated teams.</p> <p>Increase the take up of "vulnerable Young People" / Minority Groups.</p> <p>Presentation from EBP at a future CYPSP Meeting</p> | On-going | <p>The National Citizenship Service will this coming year have over 500 young people from Lincolnshire signed up. It has presented at the CYPSP and 14-19 strategic Partnership groups..</p> |
| 5 | <p>Publishing annually a new set of national measures to demonstrate progress in improving outcomes for young people.</p> | <p>Either directly or via YOS and Public Health, we already collect data.</p> | <p>Performance Assurance Teams discusses with YOS and Public Health how best to provide the data sets requested.</p> | April 2012 | <p>The YOS nad Public Health capture their own data and make this available. This is utilised by the Performance Assurance Team, CfBT, Youth Development Hub</p> |

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| | | | | | and Children's Centre Hub to plan future services for Children and Young People and families. |
| 6 | <p>Youth Contract to address youth unemployment and published a new strategy for supporting young people aged 16 to 24 to participate in learning and work</p> <p>The Government has already introduced significant reforms to education to drive up standards – including further empowering teachers, reviewing the curriculum, and providing additional funding for the most disadvantaged pupils.</p> <p>It is raising the age to which young people must participate in education or training to 17 in 2013 and 18 in 2015 to help prepare them for adult life and employment.</p> | | <p>Raising the Participation Age to include this within their work programme</p> <p>Request a report from the Raising the Participation Age Group</p> | <p>June 2012</p> <p>&</p> <p>Quarterly Updates</p> | <p>The Raising the Participation Age (RPA) was introduced from September 2013. At the 30th November 2013, 94.9% of young aged 16/17 people were participating in learning, just 5.1% of the eligible cohort had not yet been placed.</p> |
| 7. | <p>Community groups have the right to bid to take over the running of local council services through the Localism Act;</p> | <p>Part of the Community Engagement initiative linked to the use of Youth Centres.</p> | TBC | TBC | <p>The Community Engagement initiative has been very successful. As at the 9th December</p> |

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| | | Links more broadly to corporate approach to Localism Act. | | | 6 Youth Centre leases were already in place with another 13 imminent by the end of the financial year with another 4 well down the road to taking over the centres by then. All these are being supported by the Youth and Community Development workers, whose role profile will be revisited in the new year once the project nears completion. |
| 8. | <p>Helping young people's services to find ways of measuring what difference they make. To support this, they are funding the Centre for the Analysis of Youth Transitions to develop standards for evidence and Catalyst to develop an outcomes framework.</p> <p>Youth workers – supporting young people's personal and social development and helping them</p> | <p>Part of the Community Engagement initiative linked to the use of Youth Centres.</p> <p>Baseline Standards for Community delivery of youth activities has been developed.</p> <p>The 2012-13 Learning and Development Programme will build on</p> | <p>Agreed Baseline standards for youth work may need to be revisited following publication of the proposed "Outcomes Framework."</p> <p>This may have implications for how ASPIRE is used to manage and monitor</p> | TBC | <p>Each Youth centre transition is being assisted by the local Youth and Community Development workers. They are working to the 5 standards explicitly detailed in the Youth Centre stakeholder Group development document. The</p> |

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| | develop strong aspirations. | the initial Community Development training offered in 2011/12 to include youth work and personal and social development. | performance (see also recommendation from point 1) | | standards focus on Safeguarding, Equality and Diversity, Health and Safety, Quality Positive Activities and Sustainability Planning. |
| 9. | The media – taking responsibility for the impact of the images of young people they promote. | Lincolnshire's Youth Cabinet have been involved in the Children and Young People Now's 'Positive Images Campaign' | Work of Youth Cabinet around positive images should be embedded within Children's Services Comms. Strategy. Suggest Positive Images becomes part of the CYPSP work programme – ACT to be the lead? | Sept 2012 Jan 2013 | The Lincolnshire Participation Action Group (LPAG) is the new ACT group. This group includes representation from all the young people's groups in Lincolnshire including the Youth Cabinet. We hope that the Positive Images campaign will be a key priority next year as part of large campaigns around listening to children/Young people and Voting at 16. |
| 10. | Businesses – building partnerships through which to give time, expertise and money, to | We proposed that local business should be represented on the | Ensure local business are represented at the CYPSP | May 2012 | The Duke of Edinburgh Award in particular works |

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| | projects to support young people. | Children and Young Peoples Strategic Partnership at the February Meeting | | | closely with a number of local businesses. Gelders and Academies are represented at the CYPSP. |
| 11. | Local authorities – having the primary responsibility for improving young people’s outcomes and commissioning appropriate services. | The Participation Team are currently involved in regional work around the engagement of Young People in Commissioning services. | Participation Team to report on progress to DMT. Children and adults commissioning to report how they are currently meeting this requirement and how they will improve / increase activity. | July 2012 May 2012 | The Young inspectors programme has been set up through work with the Commissioning team and has been reported to DMT. The Youth Development Hub is currently completing a large scale audit of activities that children and Young people take part in. This will feed into ideas for increasing participation. |

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