

Children & Young People Select Committee

A meeting of Children & Young People Select Committee was held on Wednesday, 19th July, 2006.

Present: Cllr Mrs M Rigg (Chairman), Cllr Mrs J Beaumont, Cllr M Cherrett, Cllr M Frankland, Cllr D Harrington, Cllr Miss B Inman, Cllr B Jones, Cllr K Lupton, Cllr J M Lynch, Cllr R Rix, Cllr Mrs B Robinson (vice Cllr Mrs A Norton) Mr A Maxwell (Diocesan Representative).

Officers: G Birtle, Miss F Shayler (LD).

Also in attendance: Mrs C Dailey (Healthy Schools Programme); Councillor D Brown; Mr G Davies, Mr D Campbell (Non voting co-opted representatives).

Apologies: were submitted on behalf of Cllrs Coombs, Mrs Norton, Mrs Trainer; Mr Beach and Mrs S Moloney (Parent Governor Representatives).

377 Minutes of the meeting held on 5th July 2006

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th July 2006 were agreed as a correct record.

378 Review of Teenage Pregnancy

Members were provided with details of the 'Lucinda and Godfrey' programme, which was the beginning of Sex and Relationship Education (SRE) in Primary Schools. The provision of SRE wasn't compulsory in Primary Schools but it was felt good practice among many Schools for children to participate at an early stage. It was a requirement to be delivered as part of the National Healthy Schools Standard (NHSS).

The aim of SRE was to prepare pupils to cope with the physical and emotional challenges of growing up, and to give them an elementary understanding of human reproduction. The Lucinda and Godfrey Programme had been developed for Primary Schools to ensure that the information passed out to students was standardised and of the correct content for their age group.

Mrs Dailey detailed to Members the information that was sent out to Schools which included an information pack, lesson plans, Smart CD (sent out from September 2006). Basic Training had been given to 40 schools and Intensive training to 20 Schools in Stockton on Tees.

Members requested a list of Schools that had not participated in the training and would like to know which Schools, if any, were not offering SRE. It was also felt that the Children's Trust Board should be made aware if any schools were not offering an SRE programme.

Members were informed that Mrs Dailey delivered SRE through the Healthy Schools Programme on a part time basis (4 days per week), shared with other Tees Valley authorities. She informed Members that Hartlepool employed two part time staff, Redcar and Cleveland employed four part time staff and Middlesbrough Borough Council employed three staff, dedicated to assist Schools to deliver SRE.

Mrs Dailey had previously worked an additional 1 day per week for the Teenage Pregnancy Unit dedicated to assisting Stockton's Schools to deliver SRE, but

this post had since been removed.

Members were keen to investigate this issue further with the departmental link officer.

Concluded that:-

1.Information be provided on the Primary Schools that have not participated in the training for Lucinda and Godfrey Programme.

2.Jane Humphreys, Link Officer, Children, Education and Social Care, be invited to a future meeting.

3.A representative be invited to a future meeting from St Patrick's Roman Catholic School to discuss their SRE programme.