

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SELECT COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Children and Young People Select Committee was held on Thursday 28th September, 2006.

Present:- Councillor Mrs Rigg (Chairman), Councillors Mrs Beaumont, Frankland, Inman, Lupton, Mrs Robinson (vice Councillor Coombs); Mr A Maxwell (Diocesan Representative).

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

Also in attendance:- Mr G Davies, Mr R G Lupton (Non Voting Co-opted Representatives); Dr Toks Sangowawa, Mr M Talford, Ms V Watson (North Tees PCT).

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Cherrett, Coombs, Harrington, Jones, Lynch, Mrs Norton, Rix and Mrs Trainer. Mr Beach and Mrs S Moloney (Parent Governor Representatives). Mr Campbell, Mr Percival (Non voting co-opted representatives).

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th September 2006 were agreed as a correct record.

Review of Teenage Pregnancy

Members were provided with a presentation by Dr Toks Sangowawa and members of his Team from the PCT. Dr Sangowawa was the lead for sexual health which included Teenage Pregnancy and served on the Teenage Pregnancy Board. Ms Watson, Young Peoples Health Co-ordinator highlighted the work being done by the PCT including training of 'C' card, and raising confidence of staff to deliver and provide advice and guidance. An important part of their role was to disseminate good practice amongst providers looking at other authorities both locally and nationally. Close working relationships with Sure Start Plus, School Nurses, Connexions and other voluntary organisations had been developed working together to run the Sex Education Roadshow.

A programme for Sex Education was to be rolled out to 9 schools in the 7-11 age group. An SRE pack was also being tailored for young people not in School, with work was being aimed at hard to reach and vulnerable groups.

Research had shown that many teenage pregnancies occurred due to risk taking behaviour and work was therefore being undertaken to address drink and drugs awareness. Confidence training was an important factor to raise individuals self esteem, to help them make the right choices for themselves. The VIP course had been introduced which was a 6 week course including

sessions on health and SRE, and included a positive activity of their choice to partake in during the course. Feedback on the programme had been positive.

Discussion was held on commissioning and funding of services as all partners involved wanted to ensure continuity. It was felt that once the Teenage Pregnancy Coordinator was recruited on a permanent basis this would assist in providing better working relationships between all partners.

Concluded that the information gathered be noted.

Project Plan

Members were updated on the project plan by the Scrutiny Officer.

Concluded that the update be noted.