

East Herts District Children's Trust Partnership Children and Young People's Action Plan 2008 - 2009 APPENDIX 'A10'

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<p>This template is pre-populated with the Hertfordshire draft Children and Young People's Plan key themes and outcomes 2008-09 and Local Area Agreements. A limited number of local priority outcomes have been chosen so that resources can be concentrated on where improvements are needed most. . The priorities have been decided through examination of local data and needs analysis evidence for the priorities are included in the plan.</p>							
<p>Theme : Safeguard all children and young people in Hertfordshire</p>							
<p>1. Countywide key outcome. Children and young people are safe from abuse and neglect</p>							
<p>Local issues, focus and level of priority (L) <i>The proportion of children under five yrs involved in accidents was lower in East Hertfordshire, than the county average. As was the proportion of children 5-18yrs involved in an accident in the East Hertfordshire district being 1.4%.which is below the county 1.7% and second lowest in the County. However, the number of children involved in road accidents in the EH2 (Beane Valley) children's centre area was 0.97% of the child population aged less than 5 years, this being above the 0.29% countywide and above the 0.28% observed within the district and second highest CC area in the County.</i></p>							
<p>1. The number of children and young people involved in road accidents is reduced</p> <p>Self safety initiatives are further promoted</p>	<p>Investigate why the number of road accidents involving under 5yrs in the EH2 appears so high</p> <p>Depending on information above determine actions to address</p> <p>Being addressed by Community Safety partnership</p>	<p>CCM</p> <p>Police</p>	<p>Road Safety Unit , police PCT,Police, CCM, PIO,CVS</p>	<p>Within existing resources.</p>		<p>LAA S-A6 LAA S-A5.1. LAA C-CD7 LAA S-A12 deliberate fires LAA S-A1.1a-h PSA23 DCSF DSO safeguard the young and vulnerable</p>	
<p>Local issues, focus and level of priority (H,) <i>The focus is local safeguarding and safe recruiting because only 0.14% of the district child population was on the Child Protection Register which is the lowest observed for the county at 0.25%, East Hertfordshire also had a very low population proportion of referrals passed to Social Care intake team.</i></p>							
<p>Safeguarding children measures are developed</p>	<p>Develop stronger awareness of the work and role of the safeguarding board</p> <p>promote a consistent, multi-agency awareness raising and training programme for front line staff.</p> <p>promote awareness of responsibilities within S.11 of Children Act</p> <p>support development of safeguarding measures within vol sector</p>	<p>Safeguarding unit and all DCTP , CSF Learning and Development team</p>	<p>CP specialist nurse</p>	<p>Within existing resources.</p> <p>May need additional resources</p>		<p>LAA S-A6 LAA S-A5.1. LAA C-CD7 LAA S-A12 deliberate fires LAA S-A1.1a-h PSA23 DCSF DSO safeguard the young and vulnerable</p>	
<p>2. Countywide key outcome. Children and young people in care are well equipped to make the transition to adult life</p>							
<p>Local issues and level of priority (L) <i>Actions included elsewhere in the plan See below: Children, young people and families live in decent homes in a clean, safe and secure environment</i></p>							
<p>3. Countywide key outcome . Children and young people are confident to respond to bullying</p>							
<p>Local issues, focus and level of priority (H) <i>In the East Herts Health Related Behaviour Survey 2006, 28% of pupils aged nine to 11 reported feeling afraid to go to school because of bullying at least sometimes. 20% of boys and 29% of girls in Year 10 feel likewise. Most bullying takes place at break times. 20% of younger pupils feel that they are bullied because of the way they look and 16% feel that it is because of their size or weight.</i></p>							

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children and young people are more confident to report bullying	Reduce the number of pupils feeling afraid to go to school because of bullying, particularly targeting students making the transition to secondary	Attendance Improvement team	Esco's	within existing resources		LAA C-CD6 PSA12C-CD6 – Reduce the % of children aged 11 – 15 who state they have been bullied in	
	Take steps to increase internet safety ,promoting blocking access to sites and deal with cyber bullying	IYSS	police	Within existing resources.			
	Promote the HABI (Herts Anti -bullying Initiative) leaflet "Bullying in School" Information and advice for parents and carers	ESCO's	DCTP	Within existing resources.			
Theme : Narrow the gap between vulnerable children and all children in Hertfordshire							
4. Countywide key outcome. Children and young people with emotional and mental health problems are well supported							
Local issues, focus and level of priority (H,) e.g. there is not sufficient provision locally for children and young people with less complex needs							
Information on community based counselling services (CHeCC) promoted	Expand counselling services in Bishop Stortford	CHeCC		Bid for Prevention 513			
The number of schools using the Counselling in schools service is increased and the benefits identified and reported.	Promote the counselling in schools service through Children's Centres and Extended Schools.	County Counselling Strategy Manager	school nurses	bid for Prevention 513			
Emotional health and wellbeing supported	Feelin' Good Week is promoted and support in schools that have not engaged I date	PIO, PSA, ESCO, CCM	IYSS,YOT				
'Keeping Your Child Safe Toolkit' promoted	Toolkit used to deliver sessions at school parents events, in Children Centres and other settings					PSA12. LAA C-A2 (Healthy schools)	
	Parenting courses targeted for vulnerable groups			Surestart Parenting commissioning			

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5. Countywide key outcome. Children and young people have a healthy weight							
Local issues, focus and level of priority (M,) Only 3 schools in the East Herts District have not joined the Healthy Schools programme however this is 25% of the schools not joined in Herts. 29 schools are working towards Healthy Schools Status							
All schools in the East Herts District achieve Healthy schools status	Encourage the schools that have not yet joined the Healthy Schools programme to do so	Healthy Schools Team,	School Nurses, ESCO's, CCM's	Funded through the Standards Fund (Education & Health Partnerships). £230 available to each school through the Healthy Schools		C-A2 – Increase the % of Hertfordshire schools achieving Healthy Schools status	
Local issues, focus and level of priority (M,) : In reception year East Hertfordshire had the least proportion of children that were obese at 7.5% this being 1.1% less than the next closest district .East Herts had the lowest proportion of overweight children and was the only district to have a level for both less than the county position for 2002 In year 6 East Herts has the second lowest proportion of obese children but a greater proportion of overweight than the county level Focus on children being a healthy weight , to include children with eating disorders							
Healthy Eating is promoted	Breastfeeding is promoted through Children centres in areas with low rates	PCT	Health visitors, CCM's	Within existing resources.			
	Healthy Cooking on a budget parenting programmes in areas of need	ESCO's	PIO's., PSA's. CCM	Surestart Parenting commissioning funding			
	Cooking projects for young people in extended schools services	ESCO's		Within existing resources.			
	Seek to introduce healthy menu options to out of school hours providers			Within existing resources.			
	create healthy eating packs and distribute	ESCO's	CSF,schools, school nurses	Within existing resources.			
	determine which schools should be targeted	ESCO's	Schools, DPT, ESCo's, CCM's PCT	Within existing resources.			
	arrange a number of sessions of specialist visitors for schools	ESCO's	Nutritionists Allotment assoc Slimming world Voluntary sector	Within existing resources.			
	Determine funding sources to support healthy eating initiatives	ESCO's		explore resources			
6. Countywide key outcome. Vulnerable children from 0-5 years are well prepared for life							

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Local issues, focus and level of priority (H, East Herts have the highest number of phase 3 Children Centres to develop before MARCH 2010. These are : EH1 Buntingford EH3 Bishops Stortford North EH5 Bishops Stortford Thorley EH6 Sawbridgeworth Much Hadham and villages EH7 Ware North EH10 Hertford South							
All 6 Phase 3 Children Centres areas have identified lead agencies and are designated by March 2010	Expressions of interest are encouraged and submitted by end of April Process for appointing lead agencies is followed Children centre managers are appointed Children centres are designated	DPT	Schools, childcare providers	Surestart funding		PSA2,8,10,11,14,15. LAA E-A9 and E-A10	
Local issues, focus and level of priority (M,) All children in East Herts reach above the county average for the foundation stage profile apart from children in EH10 Hertford South) and EH2 (Beane Valley) children centre areas							
All children achieve at least the county average for personal, social and emotional development and communication, language and literacy	Investigate why children in EH10 (Hertford South) and EH2 (Beane Valley) Children Centre areas do not appear to reach the County average for Foundation Stage Profile	CCM'S	EARLY YEARS TEAM,PRESCHOOLS.SCHOOLS	within existing resources			
Local issues, focus and level of priority (M,) East Hertfordshire district has an overall average IMD score rank of 10 demonstrating the lowest levels of overall deprivation relative to the other 9 districts within the authority. None of the Children's centre areas contains 30% most deprived LSOA The percentage of children whom live within Hertfordshire, attend the county maintained schools and, whom are eligible for free school meals is less than half that observed on a nationwide basis wherein 15.8% of children are eligible.. The proportion of children eligible for free school meals in EH9 (Hertford selections) CC area is 2.8% ,EH4 (Windhill) CC 2.6 %, EH8 (Ash valley) CC 1.3% greater than the 4.3% of the district as a whole but lower than the 7.6% calculated for the county The district with the lowest proportion of children dependent upon workless benefits was St. Albans with 12.4% whilst East Hertfordshire was a close second with 12.9% of the cohort. (However CC areas of EH6 (Sawbridgeworth), and EH9 (Selections) had the highest number of children under 5 living in households dependent on benefits)							
Additional and targeted financial advice for families and young people is provided	Help people avoid getting into debt or becoming reliant on benefits, including facilitating family "life skills" learning (e.g. form filling and financial accountability and savings scheme) by using Children's Fund Family Finance Model in schools and children's centres to develop financial literacy.	CAB	Herts Savers Credit Union Children's Centres / Job Centre Plus Money Advice Unit	CTSF		E-A2 – Increase the number of lone-parents gaining work of at least 16 hours per week for 13 weeks or more	
	Publicise new CAB initiatives via networks and signposting, as well as the children's services directory.			Within existing resources.			
7. Countywide key outcome. Vulnerable children and young people achieve as well as others.							

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<p>Local issues, focus and level of priority (H,) Evidence: East Herts ranks 9th out of 10th in the County for fixed term exclusions and much less than the County average A rank of 1 denotes the area with the largest proportion of children whom were excluded. However 45% of those children in the East Herts district excluded were in the EH4 (Windhill) CC area.</p> <p>East Herts ranked only 6th with regards to caution and Youth offending however (Windhill) Children's centre EH4 had a total number of 72 offences which is above the 35 average offences per children's centre within East Hertfordshire district. This was equivalent to 1.9% of the total number of offences within the county and overall, this area ranked 17 of 82 children's centres (wherein 82 is the least affected by youth crime). In relation to the number of young persons committing these offences there were 36 within this children's centre, 1.8% of the overall county total number of young people committing offences, with a rank of 14. As such, the impact of youth offending is high within this children's centre area with respect to East Hertfordshire district particularly amongst females aged 10 – 18yrs</p> <p>The impact of youth offending is also reasonably high within EH9 (Hertford Selections)and EH8 (Ash Valley) children's centre area with respect to the East Hertfordshire district but mainly boys aged 10 – 18yrs</p> <p>East Herts has the lowest proportion of young people who are NEET</p>							
Hotspot areas for anti-social behaviour are targeted for development of initiatives	Investigate why the level of permanent exclusions are so high in the EH4 Children centre area as this can lead to antisocial behaviour and youth offending ward constables and PCSO's to look at ward profile and develop initiatives to address	Headteachers Community Safety Partnership	PCSO's, IYSS, ESCO's,Integration team	Big Lottery Play Programme		PSA2,8,10,11,14,15. LAA E-A9 and E-A10. LAA C-E10, C-F11, C-F12, C-F13 LAA C-FG14a, b,c,d, E-A2, 4 and E-A7. HD13, HD14 Close gap in educational achievement (DCSF DSO)S-A1.1a – Reduce the % of people surveyed who consider teenagers hanging around on the streets to be a big or fairly big problem in their local area.	
Publish the Youth offer	Successfully target vulnerable and hard to reach children and young people through location & referral, and by promoting and signposting to positive activities	IYSS	ESCO's	Arts Development Budgets and Community Sports Network		S-A1.3 – Reduce the % of ABCs that are breached	
	Positive stories and images of Young People are promoted meeting arranged with editor of Mercury	Police , chair of communications group DCTP	LSP	Within existing resources.			
Integrated Practice is established across the district in a consistent manner	Increase the information available to parents, children and young people about service provided for youngsters in the District through communication, information and promotion of an events programme that all partners contribute to.	DPT, MAST	ESCO's	Youth Opportunities Fund, Positive activities funding			

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Young carers are supported	Young Carers are Identified and Support networks are developed	ESCO's		Within existing resources.			
Housing support services for young people Including supported accommodation for vulnerable young people such as care leavers, substance misusers, young offenders are developed	Pursue site for a FOYER or utilise Crouchfield funds for floating support IN Hertford and Ware	Supporting People	EHDC,RSL's	Crouchfield funds		H-D10 – Reduce the number of young people aged 16–17 who leave SP funded accommodation in an unplanned way.	
	Information and support to migrant worker families is continued	EHDC, PIO		Supporting People Funding		H-D12 – Increase young people's levels of satisfaction with their transition into their own tenancy	
				EEDA			
8. Countywide key outcome. Children and young people with learning difficulties and disabilities (LDD) reach their full potential							
Local issues, focus and level of priority (H,) : Due to the rural nature of East Herts there have been limited opportunities for disabled children and young people to access sporting and leisure activities							
<p>Bishops Stortford Swimming Club Pool time project for assistance with SBBC's hire of premises, coaching services and equipment, increase lane time available, improve access for disabled swimmers</p> <p>Youth CREATE Run a programme of weekly inclusive workshops for three different age groups to provide a varied programme of creative activities</p> <p>Street FM project Youth community internet radio. Co-ordinated by two staff. for vulnerable children</p> <p>ActOne ArtsBase Funding is for three projects, dancebase Ware, dancebase Hatfield and a training programme for learning disabled YP aged 19-25 years</p> <p>ADD-vance Specialist behavioural coaching in the home for 25 families with children with ADHD and low income families, travel costs for coaches to work throughout Hertfordshire, 3 hours a week for co-ordinators salary for a year, office admin services</p> <p>Special Olympics St Albans Aims to organise, encourage promote and develop sports training and competition for people with a learning disability on a year round basis, supports between the ages of 6-70</p> <p>Dyspraxia Foundation Hertfordshire Support Group Support families by providing a range of suitable activities which enable dyspraxic children</p>							
Vulnerable groups are able to engage in sport and other leisure activities	Ensure that vulnerable groups are aware and access the opportunities available through the successful Children Targeted services fund applications. See projects above		ehdc LINK PIO,esco NEWSLETTERS			PSA15	
		Vol sector		Within existing resources.			

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	Develop ongoing needs analysis on access of target group and DPT sharing of info across local partnerships.						
	Adjust Criteria for funding to attract applications for target group.	EHDC	VOL SECTOR	Within existing resources.			
	Audit current provision and identify barriers to making it accessible	EHDC		Within existing resources.			
	Make applications to funding bodies eg prevention 513 to address above to allow access to leisure and out of school activities	DPT	ESCO'S				
	explore opportunities for olderLDD children to learn life skills	DPT	HR College ESCo's		bid for Prevention 5' June 30th		
	Ensure that needs of Children and YP with disabilities and learning difficulties are addressed in specification for services		EHDC Leisure contracts CSF	Within existing resources.			
	Identify joint funding opportunities	Chair of DCTP		Within existing resources.			

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9. Countywide key outcome. Young people (aged 14-19) maximise their potential by having opportunities to learn outside of school (outside curriculum hours)							
Local issues, focus and level of priority L) see actions elsewhere in the plan							
						LAA C-FG14d LAA E-A2 LAA E-A7	
10. Countywide key outcome. Children and young people make a positive difference to decisions about services							
Local issues, focus and level of priority M,) The East Herts Children and Young People's Trust Partnership feels that children, young people, parents and carers should be involved in both personal and public decision making if outcomes and services for children and young people are to be improved							
The actions from the Youth council are incorporated in the CYPP Agree arrangements and structure for involving young people in the DCTP	Youth councils and Forum's • have access to Local Government decision makers • have opportunity to ask questions and be represented at Council meetings • produce a marketing plan • produce a website newsletter • has more involvement with the Youth Parliament and Youth Advocates • attendance at youth conference utilised to promote and engage young people in the cyplan develop a website with generic e mail address for access by youth council	Chair of youth council supported by EHDC youth advocates IYSS		Within existing resources.		LAA C10.1.2.3 (adults)	
Local issues, focus and level of priority H,) Agencies and organisations within the Partnership feel that media coverage of children and young people focuses disproportionately on anti-social behaviour and the like and not enough on showcasing the very real achievements of children and young people. Likewise, youngsters consistently feed back at EHC's annual youth conference that adults think they are intent on causing trouble. The Green Heart consultation on Sele Farm in 2006 also highlighted the suspicions that different generations have of one another until they are brought together to share ideas and experiences.							
Increase levels of volunteering by children and young people	Build the volunteer workforce in East Herts by: *Improving links with existing infrastructure bodies; * Publicising opportunities for children and young people to volunteer (particularly through schools); * Piloting "matching / coordinating volunteering opportunities (perhaps through an online database); * Supporting volunteers in community groups & clubs to meet local needs; and *Publicising the benefits of volunteering (particularly through schools).	"V" Involve , of E IYSS CVS, Vol bureaux ESCO's	D ESCO's Vol orgs	within existing resources Within existing resources.		S-A3.4 – Increase the number of community based projects benefiting from unpaid work E-A8 – Increase in key public services delivered by the VCS and social enterprise organisations S-A3.2 – increase the number of young adult apprentices / volunteers completing time specified activity S-C9.1 – Increase the number of people aged 16+ who affirm they have undertaken formal volunteering S-C9.2 – Increase the number of people	

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	promote directory of volunteering	vol orgs	ESCO's	Within existing resources.			
Further Local Priorities/key outcomes : DCTP's to identify any other local priorities for action, contributing also to the children and young people themes of the local strategic partnership community strategy, for example:							
Countywide: Play Strategy							
Local issue and level of priority (H, M, L) Develop and manage the play strategy and play initiatives							
East Herts play strategy is implemented	Out to play – informal play sessions Extension of the mobile wheels bus provision Consultative adventure play project – King George Road, Ware Inclusive play ground equipment – Bentley Rd	EHDC		Lottery funding		LAA C-A1	
Countywide: Youth offer, Positive activities							
Local issue and level of priority (H,) Things to do and places to go, including 'positive activities' for young people.							
To develop a youth offer including the provision of positive activities including those that are targeted or diversionary	To form an 11-19 subgroup of the DCTP - to produce an integrated "Positive Activity Plan" for young people in the District including: - identifying priority areas and groups - identifying delivery partners - setting targets for participation - setting other indicators to evidence success	IYSS	IYSS,BBC,ESCO, VOL SECTOR, YOT	Existing plus YOF/YCF		Sub-group formed May 2008 Initial Plan produced May 2008 Delivery partners mapped Voluntary Sector partners supported Offer publicised (web and paper) Numbers of young people engaged in positive activities	
Children and young people are able to access out of school provision of their choice	out of school provision developed in the Ware and Beane Valley children centre areas			Within existing resources – staff time		PSA12 DCMS DSO encourage more widespread enjoyment of culture and sport. LAA C-A1 LAA C-E8 and E10	

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Countywide: Promote positive behaviour for young people and volunteering; Youth Crime Reduction Strategy							
Local issue and level of priority (H, M, L) <i>Promote positive behaviour for young people and volunteering, reduce numbers of young victims of crime</i>							
See also theme one						PSA 14. LAA S-C3 LAA S-C9.2 LAA S-C9.3, 9.4. LAA S-A1.3 S-A6	
Countywide: Reduce substance misuse: Young People's Substance Misuse Plan 2007-08							
Local issue and level of priority (H, Evidence: <i>East Herts had the third highest recordings of year 10 pupils consuming one or more unit of alcohol in 7 days and the second highest for both those in year 8 and at primary school. East Herts was the only district that attained more than the county average percentage of children drinking one or more unit of alcohol in the week prior to the Health Behaviour survey across all three categories. Latest figures indicate that 15 young people from East Herts are in treatment, of whom 4 are under 16 and the remaining 11 are 16-18 yrs. (5 male and 10 female) CDRP Strategic assessment. Herts Constabulary activity over Feb half term to test new powers on confiscation of alcohol (Home Office pilot) identified under-age drinking in Bishop Stortford. Percentage of under 15's a concern. The largest percentage of year 10 children regularly smoking was reported in East Hertfordshire district as 255 , This was 9% greater than both the County position and the next highest district . In year 8 EH had the second highest number .The lowest number of young people accessing services and ceasing smoking was within 2 areas , one being the SE Herts PCT area.</i>							
.The incidence of substance misuse, particularly alcohol is reduced	Target information and services relating to alcohol misuse and smoking at Year 6, 8 and 10 pupils (as informed by the Health Related Behaviour Survey) Promote the age check scheme and ensure 'validate card' application forms are available in wide range of settings Establish a smoking project based on the model currently being piloted in Hertsmere and Bishop's Stortford (subject to evaluation report in June) Maximise opportunities to inform Parents of new national guidance on alcohol at information events at schools and in the community	Extended Schools IYSS District Manager IYSS District Manager IYSS District Manager Young People's substance misuse team ESCO's, PIO, CCM		Within existing resources – staff time Substance misuse funding Within existing resources		PSA 14, PSA25, LAA C-B4, C-B5, LAA S-A4 LAA SA1.4C-B4 – Reduce the % of children who are regular smokers C-B5 – Reduce average alcohol consumption S-A1.1c – Reduce the % of people surveyed who consider people being drunk or rowdy in public places to be a big or fairly big problem in their local area	
Countywide: Improve sexual health and reduce under 18 pregnancies							
Local issue and level of priority (L) <i>Improve sexual health and reduce under 18 pregnancies</i>							
Young people are provided with information that will allow them to make informed choices about sexual activity and its outcomes for them	sexual health and teenage pregnancy educations sessions deliver to young people across the district promote C card scheme at Hertford County and Chauncy school	Integrated Youth Support Service PCT	Teenage pregnancy unit	Teenage pregnancy strategy and existing IYSS budgets		PSA14 Teenage Pregnancy Strategy targets	

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Countywide: Access good quality early years provision, childcare and parenting education and support (See also countywide priority 6)							
Local issue and level of priority (M,) see <i>childcare sufficiency survey and Hertfordshire's Information and Parenting Support action plan</i>							
Sufficient childcare is available in East Herts to enable parents to return to, or remain in, work	Development of childcare places to fill gaps identified in the CSA in Children's Centre areas: full day care in Bishop's Stortford, childminding places in Ware South and Hertford North, out of schools places in Sawbridgeworth, Much Hadham and Hunsdon	DPT, NCMA	Children Centre's	CSA grant		Early years targets	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of childcare places to fill possible gaps identified in the CSA in Children's Centre areas • Development of out of school places in Buntingford • Development of full day care and out of school places in the Watton-at-Stone area • Development of full day care places in Bishop's Stortford North • Development of full day care places, sessional places and out of school places in Bishop's Stortford Thorley • Development of out of school care places in Ware North • Development of full day care, sessional and out of school places in Ware South • Development of out of school places in Hertford North • Development of full day care places and sessional places in Hertford South 	DPT		CSA grant			
	Continued assessment of local need for childcare places of all types through CIS ,Children's Centre and Extended schools data, Ofsted data (e.g. enforcement actions, deregistrations)	DPT,SSE, PSLA		Within existing resources.			