

Message from the Chairman



The December meeting of the Derbyshire Partnership Forum was the first in the new six monthly cycle of meetings. Six months is a long period of time and we recognise that it is extremely important that we maintain communications with our partners. In addition to the information available on our website, we will continue to produce regular newsletters and hold specific events about key issues for the partnership. For instance, the Health and Wellbeing Stakeholder Engagement Forum which took place on 30th March 2012.

Health and Wellbeing is a key theme at the moment. One of our priorities within this is to develop a Health and Wellbeing Strategy and further information can be found below. I would encourage you all to get involved in the consultation process, as it will influence the work of many organisations over years to come.

Cllr Andrew Lewer - Leader of Derbyshire County Council

Health and Wellbeing Strategy



One of the key tasks of the Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Board is to develop a Health and Wellbeing Strategy for 2012—2015. This will guide its work, and that of many other organisations, over the next few years. The Strategy will set out key priorities for Derbyshire focusing on improving local health outcomes.

Earlier this year we consulted with a wide range of people and partners to make sure that the priorities we put in place are right and that the draft strategy has taken into consideration their views.

Five priority areas have been agreed and a draft strategy written. We now need your views on whether you feel the content of the strategy is right and whether you agree with the actions which have been suggested to address the priority areas.

The priority areas for action are:

- Improve health and wellbeing in early years. Every child fit to learn and attain the highest levels of literacy.
- Promote healthy lifestyles by developing services to prevent and reduce harmful alcohol consumption, substance misuse, obesity, physical inactivity, smoking and sexual ill-health.
- Promote the independence of all people living with long term conditions and their carers.
- Improve emotional and mental health and provide increased access to mental health services.
- Improve health and wellbeing of older people and promote independence into old age.

Further information on the development of the Strategy can be found at www.derbyshirepartnership.gov.uk/healthstrategy

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Sports Action Grants

The second round of the County Council's Sports Action Grants has proved to be extremely popular. 82 applications were submitted and a total of £47,250 has been awarded to 64 sports clubs and community groups to help promote healthy and active lifestyles. These range from £100 to £1,000 and have been awarded for projects including refurbishing changing rooms and showers, constructing a climbing wall, bowls equipment, a new boat trailer, 2 festivals of Judo competitions and 50% funding towards coaching courses.

Grants of up to £1,000 are available to provide a financial kick start to projects that will have a long term benefit to the community. Groups have to be formally constituted and deliver a project within the administrative boundaries of Derbyshire.

There deadline for the third and final application round of this fund is 10 September 2012. **More information including an application form and information to help groups apply is available on: www.derbyshire.gov.uk/sportsactiongrant**

Projects Awarded a Sports Action Grant include:

- Asterdale Hockey Club Long Eaton - introduce back to hockey sessions to encourage women to return to the sport or try for the first time.
- Bamford Lawn Tennis Club - Tennis posts, nets and centre bands for newly refurbished tennis courts.
- Bolsover District Cycling Club - Box trailer to transport bikes and equipment.
- Loundsley Green Community Trust - Sports equipment to run the Loundsley Green Sports Day.
- Wirksworth Swimming Pool - To buy new teaching and swimming aids for children.
- Trent Windsurfing Club - Equipment to hold taster weekends for people to come and try windsurfing.

Think Sprinkler



The Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service is engaged in a campaign to ensure that all newly built homes are fitted with domestic sprinkler systems. Sprinklers have been successfully used for the protection of property such as factories, department stores and shopping centres for well over 130 years and there is now a growing appreciation of their potential to save lives in domestic properties where the majority of deaths from

fire occur.

A small fire can escalate rapidly. Within 5 minutes the room can be at a ceiling temperature of between 600°C - 900°C. In these circumstances it is highly unlikely an individual would survive. The benefits that domestic sprinklers bring are huge. Not only do they sound an alarm, but they also suppress a fire and on many occasion can extinguish it. Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service has given advice to our communities to ensure they have a planned escape route and have fitted smoke detection through their Home Fire Safety Check Scheme. Sprinklers are now the next logical step forward.

The Fire Service would like partners to help us make domestic sprinklers compulsory in new homes. Please visit our website www.derbys-fire.gov.uk to sign the e-petition.

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Community Lives Programme

Derbyshire County Council's Community Lives programme aims to give people with learning disabilities more opportunities, choice and control over their lives. This programme will run for three years and lead to increased educational, leisure, housing and employment opportunities.

Around 1,000 people with a learning disability use council and independent day services, which enable family carers to take a break. Adult Care has set up a 'Community Connector' pilot which will work with people who are currently attending day services, but would like to explore other opportunities in the community.

To make Community Lives succeed, it is vitally important for partner agencies to help people with learning disabilities achieve their full potential and encourage people to benefit from universal services, paid and unpaid work opportunities.

Workshops were held in autumn 2011 involving a wide range of partners and from this a development plan is being prepared setting out what the council and partner agencies can offer people or what it can help them to do. Consultation on the proposed approach will take place during this year and we would like you to comment on the proposals.

For more information about Community Lives, please contact Iseult Cocking in Adult Care : iseult.cocking@derbyshire.gov.uk



The Youth Contract

The Youth Contract is a package of support worth almost £1 billion to help unemployed people aged 16 to 24 to prepare for work and find a job. In Derbyshire, young people aged 18 to 24 make up almost a third of the total unemployed, so it is vital that partners work together to support this 3 year programme which starts from April.

The main elements of the Youth Contract are:

- 160,000 wage incentives worth up to £2275 each for employers who take on 18 to 24 year olds from the Work Programme. Employers should register their interest with their local work programme provider.
- 250,000 Work Experience or sector-based work academy placements.
- A further 20,000 incentive payments to encourage employers to take on apprentices.
- The Government will invest £126 million over the next 3 years in programmes to support vulnerable young people aged 16-17 move in to full time education, an apprenticeship, or a job with training.

In Derbyshire, Jobcentre Plus have developed a strategy to enable young people to move into work as quickly as possible and maximise the resources of partners and providers. This will increase job outcomes, maximise the number of work experience opportunities, increase the take up of apprenticeships, build links with potential employers and support 16/17 year old NEETs. Further information can be found at www.dwp.gov.uk/youth-contract

If you can help young people move into work or require further information please contact sue.fielding@jobcentreplus.gsi.gov.uk or caroline.morley@jobcentreplus.gsi.gov.uk

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Transforming Local Infrastructure

Transforming Local Infrastructure funding of £376,123 has been secured by a group of 10 Derbyshire agencies working together to improve the support on offer to front line voluntary and community sector groups.

The funding will be used to improve the support available to the voluntary and community sector by accessing new sources of funding and making the best use of existing resources. Activities will include the development of new support services, including support from the private sector, help to groups to become more enterprising and to generate more of their own income, plus a re-design of some support services to make them more sustainable.

There was fierce competition from other areas of the country to secure Transforming Local Infrastructure funding and Derbyshire was one of the successful applicants.

The funding comes from the Government through the Transforming Local Infrastructure fund which is being delivered by Big Fund, the non-Lottery funding arm of the Big Lottery Fund.

For more information please contact Sylvia Green, Rural Action Derbyshire tel: 01629 821927 S.green@ruralactionderbyshire.org.uk

Community Action Grants

The County Council's Community Action Grant scheme is still open for applications. In the fourth round, 85 applications were received, and a total of £39,276 was awarded to 48 successful groups. There are another three application rounds, the next deadline being on 27 July 2012.

Grants of up to £1,000 are available to small groups who want to make a difference to the area in which they live and who need a small amount of money to make it happen. Groups have to be formally constituted and deliver a project within the administrative boundaries of Derbyshire.

More information, including the application form and information to help you apply is available on www.derbyshire.gov.uk/cag.

Projects awarded a Community Action Grant include:

- Willow Tree Family Farm - Three heaters to enable more people to access education and training courses in their education barn in the winter.
- Spring Bank Arts - Install a lighting rig and sound equipment in their arts centre.
- Tideswell Cinema - Installation of satellite equipment to receive content from the Royal Opera House and National Theatre.

Meeting dates and contact information

Derbyshire Partnership Forum meetings are held at County Hall in Matlock. The next meeting takes place on 14 December 2012 at 10am.

For more information and to access Derbyshire Partnership Forum papers, presentations and an electronic version of this newsletter, visit **www.derbyshirepartnership.gov.uk**

To submit articles for the newsletter, please contact policy@derbyshire.gov.uk