

Welcome to the 16th Partnership e-update

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This electronic update is for staff and volunteers across key statutory and non-statutory partners providing services for children, young people, and families in Surrey. Previous issues of the e-update can be found on www.surreycc.gov.uk/partnership. The Surrey Children and Young People's Plan for 2009/10 is now available to download from the Surrey County Council's website at www.surreycc.gov.uk/partnership.

To get in touch or if you would like to submit an article for the next issue please contact Sarah Wood at Surrey County Council (sarah.wood@surreycc.gov.uk).

Surrey Alliance for Children, Young People and Families

Update

The proposals for the new Children's Trust arrangements under the banner of the Surrey Alliance for Children, Young People and Families have been positively received. The proposed Surrey Alliance will replace the Children and Young People's Commissioning Partnership (CYPCP).

Consultation feedback confirmed that the proposals would create stronger, more focused working arrangements for delivering services and improving outcomes for children and young people.

Overall, respondents suggested that the success of implementation would centre on communication, consistency of approach, and clarity of governance and funding.



Developing the Alliance

The proposals were developed through a six-month engagement process. Partners shaped the proposals at a joint workshop in December 2008, which were then sent to over 1,000 organisations including all the representatives on the CYPCP and all Surrey Schools for comment and feedback between 16 March and 9 April 2009.

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The CYPCP held an away day on the 1 May. Representatives of the Area Partnerships, Schools Confederations, 14-19 partnerships, schools, and colleges joined members of the CYPCP Board. The feedback on the draft proposals were discussed and these were further refined with a particular focus on how the new arrangements would work in the local area.

Following the away day and an analysis of responses to the draft proposals, the Commissioning Executive Group are now agreeing the final details of how the new governance arrangements will work.

A full consultation summary and report will shortly be available for download [HERE](#).

Children and Young People's Partnership Assembly

Children and young people in Surrey are gearing up for the next Children and Young People's Assembly on **Monday 29 June, 4.30 – 8.00pm**, to launch the Surrey Alliance for Children, Young People and Families.

The event will give delegates the opportunity to develop ways of working together. There will also be presentations from young people and opportunities to discuss how best to engage with children and young people in the new arrangements.

The event will kick off at 4.30pm with a finger buffet at the Hilton Cobham, Seven Hill Road, South Cobham, KT1 1EW. Click [HERE](#) for directions.

If you would like to attend please contact Christopher Hayes

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Child Accident
Prevention
Trust

Child Safety
Week Safer
Together
22-28 June 2009



Accidents are one of the biggest childhood killers in the UK, with five children and young people dying every week. This is four times as many as those killed by family abuse or neglect, and twelve times as many killed by strangers. Accidents also put more children in hospital than any other cause. Every week over 2,000 children and young people are admitted to hospital because of their injuries. Many are left scarred for life or permanently disabled. Children from less well off families are particularly vulnerable – they are far more likely to be killed or admitted to hospital with serious injuries than their better-off counterparts. However, many of these deaths and serious injuries **can** be prevented without wrapping children up in cotton wool. Child Safety Week helps people to understand the real risks to children and the simple changes that can be made to reduce those risks.

A free Child Safety Resource Pack is available. Email:

safe@capt.org.uk <http://www.capt.org.uk/csweek/default.htm>

Other resources available include:

- ❖ Accidents and Child Development. An excellent guide for raising awareness of common accidents at different stages of development from birth to 11 years.
- ❖ Fact sheets on a wide range of topics
- ❖ Posters
- ❖ Activities for children

Forms for professionals submitting reports to,

Child Protection Conferences

Another reminder to all professionals who are asked to submit reports to CP Conferences that a pro forma for the report is available on the [SSCB website](#).



Caroline Budden



Caroline Budden joined Surrey County Council in April as the New Assistant Director – Services for Children and Safeguarding (formerly Head of Children's Services). Caroline joins us from Medway Council, where she was the Assistant Director, Children's Care. Caroline's career in social services spans 19 years and has included roles as Services Manager, Family Support Services Manager, and Family Centre Manager. She started out in Local government as a social worker following 10 years as an officer with Kent Police.

Caroline tells us about her first weeks with Surrey County Council,

"Halfway through the week 3, and a mixture of emotions. Excitement, anticipation and that big question . . .

Am I really sure I want to do this?

Most certainly – to turn around the challenges and take advantage of the opportunities that lie ahead. I have joined a new management team who are enthusiastic and committed to deliver improvement, but more importantly to ensuring that we deliver better outcomes for children and young people in Surrey".

Caroline Budden

Garath Symonds



The CYPSP welcomes Garath Symonds who takes up the role of Head of Services for Young People. Garath joins Surrey County Council from Lambeth Council and has shared his first feelings about his first week

"Starting a new job is not easy for anyone, in my first few days I have felt uneasy and unsure about my new organisation, excited and at the same time anxious .My feelings of anxiety are fading quickly as I become at home with an organisation that faces huge opportunity to deliver better services to Surrey Children, Schools and Families. The new management team is almost in place—I took up my role as Head of Services for Young People in April; with at team of permanent officers we can look forward to a period of stability and new strategic direction .The strategic direction of services for young people will need to balance targeted services for the most vulnerable while delivering excellence for all young people."

I am looking forward to working with my colleagues across the council and wider partnership to make Surrey a better place for young people.

Garath Symonds

Special Educational Needs (SEN) Consultation



A thorough review of [SEN Provision in Surrey](#) has recently been completed. During the course of this review, a study of best practice internationally and within the UK was also conducted. The knowledge gained, in the context of Surrey's recently published [Social Inclusion Framework](#), has influenced significantly the strategic direction and objectives proposed in the Plan.

Having consulted widely during the period of the review, Surrey's SEN policy and principles have also been revised. The Council's Corporate Management Team have endorsed this plan.

Subsequently, the Executive gave their agreement in principle to the strategic direction, outlined for the next five years, and for the plan to go public.

The consultation period will run from 27 April to 17 July 2009.

Your [feedback on the consultation](#) is welcome.

For further information please contact Tina Fenwick on 020 8541 8503.

How do our Schools rate Surrey Services?

For a period of six weeks in June and July, maintained Schools in Surrey will have an opportunity to feedback and comment on their experiences of the services offered by Surrey County Council and partner organisations across the county.

They will be given access to a national web-based survey conducted by the Audit Commission, containing 65 questions under the five Every Child Matters headings and a sixth area focusing on strategic management. – reviewing the leadership of senior officers and members of the council, as well as the opportunities there are for schools to influence policies, plans and procedures around Children's Trust and local Partnership arrangements.

The survey is an important opportunity for schools to identify services they feel can be improved as well as highlighting those performing well. It is intended to help the council and its partners in the self-evaluation process. This survey is very different to previous years because it no longer focuses exclusively on education services. The results, benchmarked across England, will also be used in the new Comprehensive Area Assessment and Annual Performance Rating for Children's Services across Surrey.

The survey will begin on 3 June and run until 15 July with details being sent directly to head teachers and results available at the end of September 2009



How do I refer for an assessment by Social Care

This is a reminder that the telephone number for the Social Care Contact Centre has changed and the number that should now be used is,

0300 200 1006 Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm
01483 517898 Emergency Duty Team – at all other times

[Surrey Safeguarding Children Board –Newsletter May 2009](#)

Next issue of the CYPCP e-update Issue No 17: June 2009

Please submit any items you would like included in the next edition of the e-update to **Sarah Wood**.

Deadline for submission of articles:
Friday, 23 June 2009

**TRAINING FOR WORK WITH PARENTS
2009-2010
CITY & GUILDS QCF Level 3 AWARD**

PARENT * PRACTITIONER *** TRAINING**

Surrey Parenting Education & Support are pleased to announce that the next C&G WWP Course is due to start in September 2009. This **16 day training course** is designed to equip those individuals delivering frontline parenting services with the essential knowledge and skills to enable them to work with parents effectively. The four core mandatory units that meet the National Occupational Standards for Work With Parents, as recommended by the NAPP (National Academy of Parenting Practitioners) are:

- **Build & Maintain Relationships in Work With Parents**
- **Enable Parents to Reflect on Influences on Parenting & the Child-Parent Relationship**
- **Work With Parents to Meet Their Children's Needs**
- **Enable Parents to Develop Ways of Handling Relationships and**
- **Behaviour that Contributes to Everyday Life With Children**

Learners will be expected to complete a written portfolio and demonstrate work-based competencies through professional discussion, reflective accounts and observation in the work place.

Who is the course aimed at?

- Home School Link Workers
- Parenting Group Leaders/Facilitators
- Senior Support Workers
- Multi-Agency Staff Delivering Parenting Support

Venue: St Francis Centre, Southway, Guildford, Surrey

Time: 9.30am – 4.30pm

Dates: 1st Module: 4 weekly sessions commencing 17 September 2009
 2nd Module: 4 weekly sessions commencing 15 October 2009
 3rd Module: 4 weekly sessions commencing 19 November 2009
 4th Module: 4 weekly sessions commencing 07 January 2010

Interviews: Tuesday 30 June 2009

Cost: £300 for those working within Surrey
 £600 for those working outside the County

For further information and an application form, please email
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