

Community Planning Update

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Local Update - News

Consultation on Looking After Every Child: Child Health Strategy for Ayrshire & Arran 2008-2017: The strategy has been developed by the Child Health Strategy Writing Group which is a multi-agency, multi-disciplinary group. The Child Health Strategy Writing group would like very much to hear views on the draft strategy and action plan as part of a 3 month consultation taking between 6th April 2009 and 6th July 2009.

There is a summary version of the full Child Health Strategy 2008-2017 which can be obtained from the NHS Ayrshire and Arran website <http://www.nhsayrshireandarran.com> or by request to Clair Westcott, Project Co-ordinator, Health Promotion, Afton House, Ailsa Hospital. Telephone 01292 85834 or email clair.westcott@aapct.scot.nhs.uk

Various partners have been helping out this month with the filming of a new '**Partnership Works**' DVD, commissioned by the CPP for the launch of Community Planning Week, 18-22 May 2009. The DVD illustrates 7 case studies of positive partnership working, and will also be used for future training and awareness-raising sessions. Thanks to all those who have assisted! You should have received an invitation to the Launch Event on 18 May, but if not please contact Shirley Laidlaw in the CPP team for details.

CEiS Ayrshire hosted a Business Information Day for employers on Friday 24 April 2009 in their offices at 26 Eglinton Street, Irvine. The event highlighted the range of support that CEiS can offer to local businesses with regards to recruitment and training. Presentations were given by ASDA, XS Stock and Widden Design.

The **Scottish Advisory Group on Deafblindness (SAGOD)** meets four times a year throughout Scotland. On 13 May the Group will be meeting in North Ayrshire (10.30-3pm, Lauriston Hotel, Ardrossan). As part of their policy to promote deafblindness the Group invite Councillors, MSPs, social workers and others involved in the field to come along to meet deafblind people, and learn more about their needs and capabilities. If you are interested in attending, please contact info@deafblindscotland.org.uk, tel 0141 777 6111.

Local Update – Community Planning Groups

The **CPP Management Group** (Chair: Sandra Bale, NAC) met on the 15 April 2009. Members received reports and updates on the SOA/ SOA Action Plan; Progress Report on CPP Safer North Ayrshire Partnership; Strategic Partnerships Reporting Arrangements to CPP Board; Scottish Enterprise's Contribution to the SOA; Community Engagement Network; CPP Compact Reference Group; Ayrshire and Arran Alcohol and Drug Action Team (ADAT); Allocation of funding to CPPs to tackle Alcohol Misuse; Adaptive Leadership for Community Planning; Introduction to Community Planning Course; FNA Finance Report and Community Planning Week.

Local Update – Other Partnerships

A new **North Ayrshire Alcohol and Drugs Partnership (ADP)** is to replace the existing Alcohol and Drug Action Team (ADAT) arrangements, following the launch of the national 'New Framework for Local Partnerships on Alcohol and Drugs', in Edinburgh on 20 April 2009. The Framework was signed by Fergus Ewing, Minister for Community Safety, Shona Robison, the Minister for Public Health and Sport, and Cllr Ronnie McColl, CoSLA Health and Wellbeing Spokesperson. For more on

the national Framework, see: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/04/23084201/0>. The Framework is based on the findings of the National Alcohol and Drugs Delivery Reform Group, published in March 2009: (<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/04/23084251/0>). A webcast of the national event can be viewed at: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2009/04/20130938/Q/Video/546>. Further details about the new North Ayrshire Alcohol and Drugs Partnership will follow shortly.

National Update

The **Scottish Government** has recently published research regarding 'The Experience of Rural Poverty in Scotland'. The Full Report and Summary can be found under the **Income Inequality and Poverty** heading on the Research page of the Partners in Regeneration web site: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Built-Environment/regeneration/pir/learningnetworks/cr/research>

The Scottish Urban Regeneration Forum (SURF) hosted an open forum on 12 March in Edinburgh on '**Community Regeneration – what do we know about poverty?**'. Sixty delegates took part in the event, which built upon a variety of recent publications and other relevant activities around the theme of poverty and inequality in Scotland. Participants at the Forum were given the opportunity to explore what we know about poverty in Scotland, where the gaps in knowledge and skills lie, and what opportunities exist to make further progress. The focus was on a particular piece of recent research by the Scottish Government's Social Justice Analysis (SJA) team. To find out more, see <http://www.scotregen.co.uk/knowledge/events.asp?sid=9>

The **Scottish Community Planning Network** met in Glasgow on 29 April 2009 to discuss issues around the development of a new Third Sector 'Interface' between CPPs and the community and voluntary sector, and involving the Third Sector in the planning and delivery of SOAs. Andrew Wilson, Falkirk CPP, gave an outline of what Falkirk CPP and Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) have been working on. For more on the Third Sector Interface developments, which are led by the Scottish Government's Third Sector Division, see: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/People/15300/Localism>

New initiatives, publications and resources

The Scottish Community Development Centre (SCDC) are exploring further developments to the **VOICE (Visioning Outcomes in Community Engagement)** software, which was demonstrated in North Ayrshire in October 2008. VOICE is a new database planning and recording tool designed to assist individuals and organisations to design and deliver effective community engagement. Although SCDC have found the overall reaction to VOICE has been very positive, there have been difficulties in some areas (including North Ayrshire) in identifying a suitable IT platform for the tool which can be accessed by all partners, and enable the tool to fulfil its potential in assisting the overall co-ordination and management of community engagement. SCDC are currently consulting on developing a secure, national web-based system as an alternative to the MS Access version. Further information will follow once the outcome of this consultation is known. For more on VOICE, see <http://www.scdc.org.uk/voice/>

NHS Health Scotland, the Scottish Government and Angus Drug and Alcohol Action Team have recently published a report on the **Focus on Alcohol Angus Project**. The report summarises the learning from work in developing an outcome-focused plan and associated monitoring and evaluation framework for the Focus on Alcohol Angus (FoAA) Project. The report offers lessons relating to local strategic leadership, developing outcome-focused plans, using logic modelling, engaging communities, assessing options and measuring and managing performance. The report can be downloaded from <http://www.healthscotland.com/documents/3300.aspx>.

South Lanarkshire Council have published the **Better Government for Older People (BGOP) Transport Study**, into older people's views of concessionary travel and public transport services.

South Lanarkshire Council are seeking feedback on the recommendations for improvements in the report. For a copy please email christine.calder@southlanarkshire.gov.uk , tel 01698 286138.

Sustrans have produced a new information leaflet on Active Play and Travel, to show the benefits for children of active mobility and independent access to play. For more, see <http://www.sustrans.org.uk/default.asp?slD=1219246422665>.

New publications from the **Joseph Rowntree Foundation** include (www.jrf.org.uk):

- Should adult benefit for unemployment now be raised? A review of arguments for and against raising the value of Job Seeker's Allowance (JSA).

Calendar of upcoming events

You may have been e mailed directly with information on relevant events.

Upcoming events are also listed on our website at www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/communityplanning. Please check regularly as the website is frequently updated.

What's coming up within North Ayrshire CPP

Friday 1 May 2009	CPP Safer North Ayrshire Partnership
Tuesday 5 May 2009	CPP Economic and Learning Partnership
Friday 8 May 2009	CPP Environment Partnership

Contact details

The Update is circulated across North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership on a monthly basis. Please let us know of any information we should be highlighting in future editions. Contact us at:

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