

CASTLE POINT AND ROCHFORD CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP (CPYSYP)

What is it?

This Partnership has been established to improve the coordination of planning activity and the elimination of duplicated effort through effective partnership working on the children and young persons' agenda. The partnership should set the direction and drive forward the development of initiatives designed to improve the health and wellbeing of children and young people.

What are its terms of reference?

These are as follows:

1. Provide high level and coherent leadership on the commissioning and performance of local planning and provision of services for children and young people
2. Report to the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) and the County CYPSP
3. Develop a locally coordinated approach to the commissioning of services to children and young people
4. Identify areas of need within service provision for vulnerable children, young people and their families
5. Involve all relevant local stakeholders (including representatives of children, young people and their families) in planning, delivering and monitoring existing and new services
6. Establish time limited, task orientated working groups to achieve specific agreed objectives
7. Receive, where appropriate approve, and monitor local plans and impact on services to children and young people across the locality of the CYPSP and, where appropriate, make recommendations to the LSP
8. Receive update reports from other working groups focussing on children and young people operating within the locality of the CYPSP, to ensure a seamless coordinated approach to service provision across all ages (0-19).
9. Identify internal and external resources and finances to commission new and innovative projects to support local implementation of the agreed objectives

10. Take into account the recommendations set out in the Victoria Climbié Inquiry, the Green Paper “Every Child Matters” and current and subsequent legislation, in promoting effective joint working with the aim of commissioning and assuring, where appropriate, locally integrated services, shared information, and shared resources that secure more effective ways of working.

Who Attends?

The membership is extensive. The County’s Children and Young Persons Care Services are the lead agency. All statutory and voluntary sector organisations which impact on the lives of children and young people are represented. The complexity around this growing area of partnership is illustrated by the attached “simplified” County diagram which attempts to look at the structure at both County level and district/borough level.

Is it Statutory/non-statutory?

Non-statutory, but is seen as key by Government in delivering the “Every Child Matters” agenda. District Councils are expected to participate fully.

This will be a growing area of work.

What is our Contribution?

No financial contribution. Our commitment currently is in terms of officer time. This is likely to grow.

How often does it meet?

Four to six times per year and growing.

Outputs to Date

Predominantly within the statutory bodies dealing with children and young people. Nothing tangible as yet for the District Council as it acts on the periphery in the areas of Housing and Leisure. Ensures that the requirements of the Crime Reduction Partnership are considered by other agencies within the context of the childrens’ agenda.

The childrens’ agenda is very much in the forefront of national objectives. Essential for Rochford to be involved in order to ensure we are fully aware and included in initiatives that affect children and young people in our area.

County Council:

- Learning and Social Care Strategic Core
- Schools Service
- Early Years Service
- Children and Family Service
- Youth Service
- SENaPS
- Youth Offending Service
- Library Service
- Pathfinder Children's Trust

Strategic Health Authority:

- Children and Families Lead

Association of Secondary Heads in Essex

Association of Special Education

Senior Manager in Essex

Children's Fund Essex

Essex Community Foundation

EST Connexions Service

Essex Drug Action Team

Essex Council for Voluntary Youth Services

Essex Primary Headteachers Association

Healthy Schools Partnership

Learning and Skills Council

Police Service

Chairs/representatives of Local

CYPSPs

Early Years CC Partnership

Teenage Pregnancy Partnership

(note - subject to additions)

