

Dudley Youth Service – Briefing Paper

The Directorate for Childrens Services has recently restructured the Youth Service. This followed an internal peer review and has been linked to national guidance and information coming through over the last 2 years.

The new structure provides Universal Services through a township model and Targeted Services which respond to specific needs, as identified within Dudley's Targeted Youth Support Plan. The new structure was thoroughly discussed and ratified with the Select Committee Working Group for Young People and maximises front line service impact to ensure full benefit to young people.

We now wish to consult on the detail of planning and how we will deliver these services to young people over the next 2 years.

In order to do this, we are preparing a consultation document which will be released in early October for a 13 week consultation period.

The document will cover the following aspects:

- The structure
- Resource deployment
- Operational arrangements
- Highlight how young people will participate in the development of the Youth Service
- Offer to young people
- How it will work in partnership with other agencies in order to achieve an integrated youth offer which is supported by all Childrens Trust partners.
- Outline draft mechanisms for joint working.
- Performance management arrangements for Key Performance Indicators and Outcomes
- Identify the linkage to local and national agendas
- Implementation timeline from consultation to implementation

In order to ensure that the consultation is widely shared the directorate intends to consult in the following manner:

- Website
- Agenda item at relevant meetings
- Meetings with key partners
- Discussions with staff
- Meetings with young peoples' groups

Where organisations have been a part of meetings in early September the detailed consultation paper will be presented at a subsequent meeting during the autumn, in order to ensure that any queries/question can be responded to before the end of the consultation period.

Following the close of the consultation period on the 6/1/09, all responses will be read and analysed and a final set of youth documentation will then be made available, this will include a detailed 2 year action plan.