

New Children and Young People's Plan 2008-2011

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LOCAL ADMISSIONS FORUM

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Purpose

To advise the Local Admissions Forum (LAF) on the current consultation on the new Children and Young People's Plan (attached). The LAF is one of the statutory bodies that must be consulted with in producing the new plan.

Financial Implications

The plan will inform future commissioning of services for children and young people in Herefordshire.

Considerations

The Children's Trust is a statutory partnership of local agencies across Herefordshire that commission and deliver services to children, young people and their families. This covers children and young people from 0-19 years of age and up to 25 for those young people with learning difficulties and disabilities.

The partner agencies include:

- Herefordshire Council, including schools
- Herefordshire Primary Care Trust, including GPs
- Learning and Skills Council
- Connexions
- Youth Offending Service
- Probation Service
- Voluntary Sector organisations
- West Mercia Police
- Herefordshire Hospitals NHS Trust

The Children and Young People's Plan, a statutory document, contains the key priorities of the Children's Trust. These priorities have been debated and discussed during November and December 2007 at various forums to arrive at this draft document. This has included children and young people and professionals. This document is about the essential services that should be provided for children and young people in Herefordshire. The priorities in this plan have been raised and debated by children, young people and professionals working with families, as those that are critical for us to deliver.

The plan is currently in an 8 week public consultation period which finishes on the 3 March 2008, and individuals, agencies and organisations are being asked to contribute their views. Awareness of the plan is being raised with children and young people through a competition to design the front cover of the plan; this is being advertised through schools, colleges,

youth services and children's centres.

Recommendation

THAT the Local Admissions Forum consider the draft plan and respond to the consultation exercise.