



**Children and Young People's Trust**  
Improving outcomes for children in Solihull

## Solihull Children and Young People's Trust Board Workplan July 2011 – June 2012

### ***Introduction***

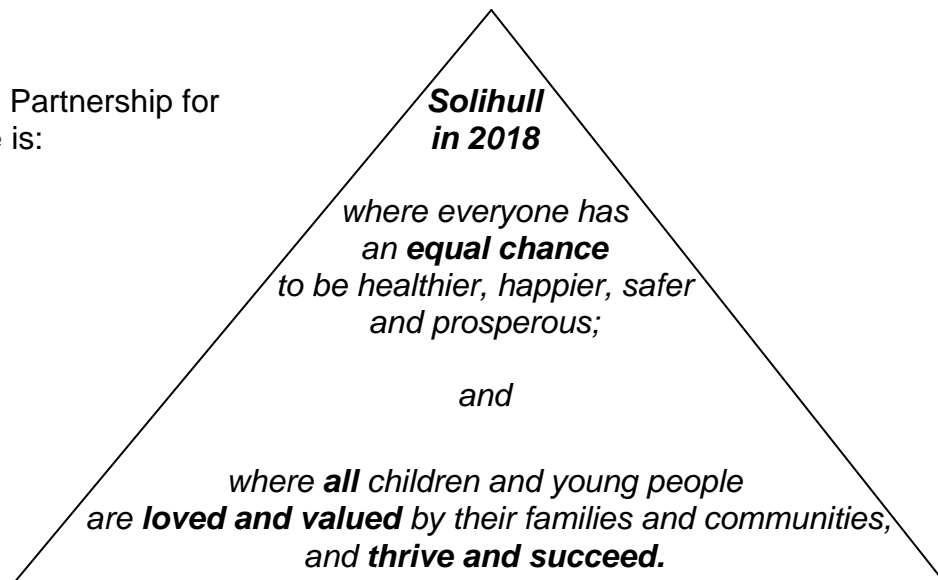
This is the Solihull Children and Young People's Trust Board's Workplan for 2011/12. Although the Trust is no longer required by statute to publish a Children and Young People's Plan partners in Solihull have renewed their commitment to work together to improve the lives of children and young people a priority, and this workplan sets out the areas which the Trust Board will focus on.

The Solihull Children and Young People's Trust evolved in 2011 in response to changes in national and local policy, and these changes are reflected in the Plan for this year. Trust Board members are keen to:

- prioritise action where improvements depend on a partnership approach;
- reduce any wasteful bureaucracy and avoid duplication with different partnership bodies or individual organisations;
- measure effectiveness in terms of the difference the Trust Board makes to the lives of children and young people in Solihull.

### **Vision**

The VISION of the Solihull Partnership for children and young people is:



Further explanation about the vision can be found in the Solihull Children and Young People's Plan 2010/11.

### **Mission**

Many organisations and partnership bodies have a role to play in achieving the vision. The Children and Young People's Trust Board has a particular part to play, and its MISSION is to:

- Directly improve the lives of children and young people in Solihull by taking practical actions where the change needed cannot be delivered by an organisation acting alone or another partnership body;
- Intervene early to tackle emerging problems for children, young people and their families, or with a population most at risk of developing problems.

### **Values**

The Solihull Partnership has four values that guide how partners behave and work together. These values are at the heart of how the Children and Young People's Trust Board will operate:

1. An equal chance for all
2. Nothing without the community
3. Sustainable change
4. Partnership with respect

## PART 2: TRUST BOARD PRIORITIES FOR 2011/12

The Children and Young People's Trust Board consulted widely with children, young people and parents, carers, staff and volunteers in 2010 to identify priorities for change. The results of these consultations, and the more recent 'Ask Parents' Survey 2011, are published on the Trust's website.

Stakeholders identified a wide range of issues which relate to individual organisations or partnership bodies. Trust Board partners have agreed a set of priority areas for work which meet the following criteria:

- Partners agree that a change is needed and commit to work together to deliver a tangible difference for children and young people;
- This work depends on a partnership approach but is not already being led or carried out by another partnership body.

### **Priority 1: Safe from harm**

We will

- Ensure preventative strategies keep children and young people safe from maltreatment, neglect, violence and sexual exploitation.
- Secure support for children and young people who experience domestic abuse, working with the Safe Solihull Partnership.
- Help children and young people to keep themselves safe from bullying.
- Help children and young people to use the internet safely.

### **Priority 2: Supporting parents and carers**

We will

- Strengthen information provision to parents.
- Secure a menu of parenting programmes.
- Agree a sustainable, integrated menu of family support.
- Ensure there is a consistent approach to parenting support throughout the workforce.
- Provide parents with opportunities to be involved in developing and delivering services, and to be involved in their children's learning.

### **Priority 3: Good physical and emotional health**

We will

- Implement a Borough Mental Health and Emotional Well-being Strategy.
- Further develop opportunities to increase physical activity and healthy eating.
- Roll out the Healthy Schools Enhancement model.
- Support young people to manage risk and make informed choices about use of drugs, alcohol and sexual behaviour.
- Continue to develop programmes to reduce smoking in pregnancy and increase breast-feeding.
- Reduce preventable accidents.

### **Priority 4: A full part in community life for disabled children and young people**

We will

- To give families greater control in meeting the needs of their children and young people.
- To create greater choice for families of disabled children and young people.
- Secure quality information services for families.
- Enable timely access to appropriate support, especially at transitions.
- Strengthen capability and confidence of services to meet the needs of disabled children and young people, to promote their independence and to raise their aspirations.

### **Priority 5: Things to do and places to go**

We will secure play provision, including inclusive play, beyond 2011.

### **Priority 6: Engaging children and young people**

We will

- Recognise and value the contribution made by children and young people to the development of Solihull.
- Actively work with children and young people to understand their concerns.
- Involve children and young people in influencing service delivery.
- Keep children and young people updated on how to access the services available.

## PART 3: WORKING TOGETHER

Solihull's Children and Young People's Trust Board is a statutory partnership between the organisations that have a duty to co-operate under the Children Act 2004 and other voluntary partners. The Solihull Children and Young People's Trust Board is part of the Solihull Partnership and reports to the Governing Board.

The membership of the Trust Board is as follows:

- Solihull Council
- Birmingham and Solihull Primary Care Trust
- Heart of England Foundation Trust
- West Midlands Police
- West Midlands Police Authority
- West Midland Fire Service
- Jobcentre Plus
- Parents Forum
- Solihull Governors Association
- Schools
- Voluntary Sector

The Children and Young People's Trust Board is responsible for putting in place robust arrangements for interagency governance and co-ordinating partnership working to ensure an improvement in outcomes for children and young people; and for developing and promoting better integrated front-line service delivery, organised around the child, young person or their family, by effective commissioning and workforce planning.

The Children and Young People's Trust Board delivers its work by identifying a Board member to be the strategic lead for priority areas. The Board strategic leads establish multi-agency groups as required and report back to the Trust Board on progress on a quarterly basis.

Key impact measures for each of the priorities are to be collected in a Trust Scorecard from March 2012.

This Plan sits alongside the business plans of each partner organisation to the Trust Board.

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### Trust Board workplan schedule 2011/12

Date	Action	Lead
July 2011	Trust Board arrangements for 2011/12 confirmed, existing work reviewed and Board lead officers identified for priorities	Trust Board Chair
September 2011	Progress reports from Board lead officers to Trust Board	Chief Superintendent Sally Bourner, Vanessa Bishop; Karen Murphy; Stephen Munday
December 2011	Performance reports from Board lead officers to Trust Board	Chief Superintendent Sally Bourner, Vanessa Bishop, Karen Murphy, Stephen Munday
	Trust Board Workplan confirmed by Trust Board	Ben Lewing
March 2012	Performance reports from Board lead officers to Trust Board	Chief Superintendent Sally Bourner, Vanessa Bishop, Karen Murphy, Stephen Munday
	Joint Trust / LSCB protocol agreed	LSCB & Trust Board Chairs
	Review of Trust Board progress and future arrangements confirmed	Director of Children's Services
May 2012	HRBQ children and young people biennial survey results published	Stephen Munday, Ben Lewing
	Ask Parents Survey 2012 results published	Karen Murphy
	Review of Outcomes for Children and Young People 2012 published	Ben Lewing
June 2012	Performance reports from Board lead officers to Trust Board	Chief Superintendent Sally Bourner, Vanessa Bishop, Karen Murphy, Stephen Munday
	Annual election to chair of Trust Board	Ben Lewing
	Partner workshop: 'Outcomes Review and Commissioning Priorities'	Ben Lewing
September 2012	Trust Board agrees a new Solihull Children and Young People's Plan	Ben Lewing