

Children's Wellbeing Networking Event Round-up Wednesday 21st March 2018

Herefordshire's Children and Young People's Plan Update

The event was opened and everyone was welcomed by Chris Baird, Director of Children's Wellbeing.

Councillor Jonathan Lester, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Young People and Children's Wellbeing, reminded everyone of what the Herefordshire's Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) is and what would be happening during this event.

Following on from the last event, Amanda Price, Children's Commissioning Lead, reported back the findings to-date. This was followed by two interactive workshops presented by Amanda.



During the first interactive workshop we were asked to discuss the findings and identify any gaps or key actions. The second workshop was to discuss and identify how we could work together to achieve change.



Summary of event feedback

Places available – 60 (100%)	Places booked – 60 (100%)	Attendees – 50 (83%)
Non attendees – 10 (17%)		Feedback received from – 26 (52%)
How would you rate the event:	Excellent – 5 Very good – 9 Good – 9 Fair – 3 Blank – 0	
Was enough time allowed for discussion?	Too much – 2 About right – 24 Blank – 0	

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Were the interactive workshops useful?	Very useful – 3 Useful – 18 Not useful – 1 Blank – 4
Positives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Networking • Being able to discuss issues / share experiences • A good mix of organisations attending • Cross-county organisations attending • Evidence-thinking refined since last time • Engaging with other people made us think about strategy and linking it to real people • GDPR • Interactive – being part of putting the CYP plan together • The event had good structure, delivery and content • Understanding principles of CYP plan and how it's being formed • Confirms we are all working towards the right aims/ goals and have similar issues • Fantastic opportunity to meet organisations working in the frontline & LA leads
Negatives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Difficult with organisations from out of Hereford taking part as they have no knowledge of local areas or services • Need more creativity / commitment/capacity for change • Would have liked presentation before the event • Some assumed knowledge made it tricky to understand roles of people leading event
Suggestions / comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding how input will be used in contributing to plan post event. • Next steps - how do we come out with more tangible actions? • Need to update now the issues that children deal with daily - resilience, social media - mental health/ bullying • Hold up local community organisations as examples of good practice. Show how HCC are supporting them and give opportunity for them to make specific requests - WORKING TOGETHER • Short term tenders - can be difficult for services to make the impact on C&YP as there is the potential the service tender may not be renewed • Need to go back to basics and start to use education on parenting as a movement forward, allow school nurses, health visitors and their teams to do more parent education and support therefore reducing safeguarding issues through prevention • We need to redirect limited resources/ funding to PREVENT more costly interventions. 'CHANGE' is really important