

Terms of Reference
The Teenage Pregnancy Strategy
Expert Group

Purpose

The Barnsley Teenage Pregnancy and Parenthood Strategy aims to reduce teenage pregnancy rates and support teenage parents and families.

Our vision is that by 2010, young people and young parents in Barnsley will have access to a range of high quality advice and information to enable them to make informed choices regarding pregnancy and parenthood.

Our Mission is to ensure young people are supported to make these choices, have access to comprehensive, non-stigmatised and confidential advice and support in all areas relating to sexual health, pregnancy and parenting.

Our Targets are

- 1) To reduce the under 18 conception rate by 28.6% (from the baseline) per 1000 by 2009/10
- 2) Set a firmly established downward trend in under 16 rates by 2010
- 3) Reduce inequality in rates between the highest 20% of wards and average wards in Barnsley by at least 25%
- 4) Increase to 60% the participation of teenage parents in education, training and employment to reduce their long-term risks of social exclusion by 2010

Objectives

- To respond to priorities and needs identified locally and provide a strategic overview and direction with links to related local and national policies/initiatives.
- To ensure that all services are commissioned in line with the Children and Young People's Plan and to standards according to World Class Commissioning
- To performance manage the agreed multi-agency action plan with effective monitoring and evaluation and be accountable to the Trust Executive Group (TEG) through six monthly interim and annual full progress reports
- To maintain financial accountability through effective allocation and monitoring of the specific funding for teenage pregnancy projects
- To communicate effectively with the Children and Young People's Forum, Regional Government Office, Teenage Pregnancy Unit and individual organisations, on behalf of the TEG

Frequency of meetings

The group will meet bi-monthly

Membership

In participating in this group, each individual will be responsible for cascading information back to his or her organisation and to other appropriate colleagues.

See appendix

Key Consultation Groups

Children and Young People's Trust Forum
Children and Young People's well Being Teams

Secretarial and administrative support

NHS Barnsley will undertake clerical support for meetings such as minute taking, agendas and circulating documents

Election of chair and vice chair every two years from the TEG

The group will be deemed quorate with three members in attendance (in addition to chair)

Regulation and control

The group will conduct all of its business in accordance with the policies and procedures of Barnsley's Children's Trust

Lifespan of Group

The group will be reviewed towards the end of the National and local Teenage pregnancy Strategy in 2010

Strategic links

Children and Young People's Plan, Sexual Health Commissioning Group, NEETs Strategy Group, Drug and Alcohol Action Team, Healthy Schools, Barnsley College, Children's Centres, Extended Schools, Family Nurse Partnership, Fit for the Future Leaders and Steering Groups, Trust Executive Group

The following agencies are invited to participate in this group:

Name	Title	Agency	Status
TBC	Director of Public Health	NHS Barnsley/BMBC	Current member
Sue Hare / Richard Lynch	Head of Strategic Planning for Change	Children's Trust	Current member
Sue Gibson	Head of Midwifery	Barnsley Foundation Hospital NHS Trust	Current member
Anne Lewis	Head of Health Improvements and Disability	Children, Young People & Families Service	Current member
Peter Roberts	Policy Planning and Performance manager	BMBC	Current member
Gill Stansfield / Julie Warren- Sykes	Strategy and Procurement	NHS Barnsley	Current member
Colin Booth / Ian Barlow		Barnsley College	Proposed member
Tom Smith	Principal Adviser	BMBC	Current member
Richard Hart	Teenage Pregnancy Co- ordinator	NHS Barnsley/BMBC	Current member
TBC	Voluntary Action Barnsley	Independent	Proposed member
Ann Darrand / Michelle Kaye	Supporting People/Strategic Housing	BMBC	Current member
Phil Lawson	Head of School Improvement	BMBC	Current member
Sue Wing	Assistant Director of Operations	Care Services Direct	Current member
Carol Henshaw	Head Teacher		Proposed member
Debrah Welham	Teenage Pregnancy Midwife	Barnsley Foundation Hospital NHS Trust	Current member
Marie Shelley	Team Manager	Care Services Direct	Current member
Rick Lohan	AED Children & Family Wellbeing	BMBC	Current member
Sue Dymock		Sexual Health Services	Proposed member
Dave Ramsay	Assistant Director of operations		Proposed member