

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 |