



APPENDIX 1 Community Planning Quarterly January to March 2012

This is a quarterly briefing designed to give everyone involved in the community planning process across the Caerphilly County Borough, as well as wider audiences, an overview of progress on the Community Strategy. Information has been supplied by each of the co-ordinators leading on different themes of the Community Strategy please get in touch directly with the co-ordinators for further information.

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Shared Purpose – Shared Delivery

Work is currently taking place to integrate the different plans coming under the Community Strategy into a single delivery plan by April 2013, as required by the Welsh Government. Howard Rees has been appointed as Programme Manager Partnership Development & Collaborative Improvement to take this work forward, and commenced work in this role on 6th February. The post is funded through European Social Funding.

Community Voice programme

GAVO has been successful in Stage 1 of the new BIG Lottery Community Voice Programme. The new funding stream is aimed at supporting local communities, voluntary groups and communities of interest to engage in more meaningful dialogue with statutory service providers, to encourage their involvement in the design and delivery of local services. County Voluntary Councils were invited to put forward proposals for local action into this competitive programme which will see £12 million allocated to local groups across Wales from 2013. GAVO has been able to put forward two portfolios; one for Caerphilly/Blaenau Gwent and one for Newport/Monmouthshire. Both have passed stage 1 and will now be worked up into a full application for Stage 2. The Caerphilly/Blaenau Gwent portfolio includes projects from Caerphilly Mind, Caerphilly People First, The Stroke Association and Charter Housing. For more information visit the BIG Lottery website at: http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_community_voice or contact Alison Palmer on 01443 863540 or alison.palmer@gavowales.org.uk.



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Voluntary Sub-Committee Sector

The above committee continues to work together with the partners to the Caerphilly Borough Compact (Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations (GAVO), Caerphilly County Borough Council, Gwent Police, Gwent Police Authority, Aneurin Bevan Health Board, South Wales Fire and Rescue Services) and the Voluntary sector organisation in the County Borough of Caerphilly. At their winter meeting the committee members discussed a number of important issues facing the voluntary sector and partners, which included presentations on the work of Macmillan Cancer Support Charity; tackling substance misuse, and the integration programme between Caerphilly and Blaenau Gwent Social Services. Questions were put forward on behalf of the voluntary sector representatives concerning public conveniences and allotment leases. For further information on the Voluntary Sub-Committee Sector please contact Mike Bridgman, GAVO assistant director on 01443-863540.

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REGENERATION

Regeneration Minister visits key sites - in January, the Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage, Huw Lewis AM, visited key sites in the county borough. The sites included the Navigation Colliery site in Crumlin, the Ystrad Mynach Hospital site and Bedwas Colliery site in the Caerphilly Basin. These former employment sites have been identified in the Local Development Plan for a variety of potential uses, which include plans for a Centre of Sporting Excellence in Ystrad Mynach. Comprehensive information packs were provided to the Minister Huw Lewis.

Business Enterprise Support Team - the team at Tredomen Business and Technology Centre, Ystrad Mynach has been rebranded the Business Enterprise Support Team. The new look team is dedicated to promoting the county borough, supporting indigenous business and attracting inward investment. The team is made up of specialists in the fields of economic development, tourism, event management, ICT, town centre management and business support and it plays a pivotal role in delivering the Council's Regeneration strategy.

Enterprising People in Caerphilly - a new networking club will be launched at the beginning of March to support the growing number of social enterprises in Caerphilly County Borough. The Forum aims to support organisations that are looking to or have become social enterprises. A series of breakfast and evening seminars have been organised to provide practical ideas and workshops and giving members the opportunity to network and forge new business contacts. Members will be given their say in how this Forum develops.

Community Economic Development Fund - Five new social enterprises were supported in the latest round of the, creating 14 new jobs:

- Rainbow Community Enterprise: a cycle repair and cycle safety training company based in Rhymney.
- Green Cap: Provides employment and work experience for disabled and socially challenged individuals through the refurbishment, re-upholstery and clearances of various commercial sector furnishings.
- Ann's Kitchen a café: Sandwich delivery service based in Graig y Rhacca.
- Samye Foundation Wales: Provide mindfulness for corporate companies and the community working to reduce stress related illnesses.
- Playworks: Childcare provision provider based in Caerphilly.

Funding Support Roadshows in the Heads of the Valleys Area - earlier this year, a series of roadshows were held in the Heads of the Valleys area to encourage more businesses to take advantage of the funding support that is available to them. The Heads of the Valleys Business Seed Capital Fund and also the Go2 website grants are only available in the Heads of the Valleys area. Generally, all business sectors can be considered for support – both existing business and also business start-ups. The roadshows were held at Young@Heart, Bargoed, White Rose Centre, New Tredegar, and The College Rhymney. Twenty-nine businesses attended the roadshows.

Meet the Buyer - Business Enterprise Support Team, Caerphilly Business Forum, the Supplier Development Service, and the Wales Co-operative Centre are working in partnership with the Simons Group to help local businesses to get onto the tender lists for a range of prestigious contracts to construct the long awaited retail development at Bargoed. The development comprises the 56,000 sq. ft. anchor store, which is pre-let to Morrisons Supermarket and seven mixed-use retail units of 20,500 sq. ft., together with a 400 space car park. There are a large number of packages available from security guarding through to structural steelwork and landscaping. This is the first time that "Meet the Buyer Event" has been held and it took place at Penallta House in February. Local businesses were invited to attend. Further information about the development and an Expression of Interest Form can be downloaded from the www.bargoedsbigidea.co.uk

The County Borough of Caerphilly Visitor Guide 2012 - includes information about visitor attractions, events and accommodation throughout the county borough. 35,000 copies of the Guide have been distributed to Tourist Information Centres throughout Wales, and also key distribution outlets, including hotels, along the M4 corridor and the South West.

Spring and Summer Events Guide 2012 - this Guide is distributed both locally and nationally and includes information on all the events taking place throughout the county borough between April and September.

St David's Day Celebrations - have been organised across the county borough. These celebrations commence the busy programme of events for 2012 and featured lunchtime concerts, local produce and entertainment. Local choirs and school choirs performed in Bargoed, Blackwood, Caerphilly and Risca.

Bargoed Open Air Cinema - returns on **Friday 30th March at 7:30pm**. This popular free event is held in the Emporium Car Park, Bargoed and will screen the Alvin and The Chipmunks: Chipwrecked. The Open Air Cinema will be followed by the **Bargoed Spring Fair** on Saturday 31st March. The Spring Fair takes place in the Upper High Street and Emporium car park. The event will feature children's activities, street entertainment and craft stalls.

Titanic 100th Anniversary Commemorative Event - this is another new event for the county borough and will mark the 100th Anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic on 14th April 2012 at Gelligoes Mill, Pontllanfraith.

Risca Footfall - a new electronic pedestrian counting system is scheduled for installation in March. The index will provide continuous information about the change in visitor numbers and enables the monitoring and assessment of how events affect the retail business. The figures also allow weekly, monthly and annual comparisons. Footfall trends can also be identified when compared with other principal towns in the county borough.

Go2myTown - since the launch of Project Endure and the Go2MyTown website, over 30 businesses in the Heads of the Valleys area have been helped to gain a professional web presence with a web grant. Following the success of the www.go2bargoed website, Go2MyTown will be rolled out to other towns in the county borough. The Go2 Risca website is already up and running and provides businesses with a free entry and an opportunity to promote their business. Businesses can also apply for up to 50% financial support towards the cost of a website and hosting which includes a domain name, secure hosting service, back-up and security.

Training courses have been carried out in Bargoed, Deri and Bedwas to help businesses to engage with social media and content manage their websites. Businesses are also helped to manage their profile on the Go2myTown website so that they can improve their business success by selling on line, giving them a 24 hour shop window.

COMMUNITY REGENERATION

Come Surf With Me Caerphilly - has engaged with 621 residents in the Caerphilly borough since starting in January 2011. Sessions have been delivered around basic IT, internet and email as well as more informal methods including digital photography and new technologies like the I pad and social networking. The project is collaborating with the work programme to help clients improve their

IT skills for future employment. The official launch of the *Get It Together* project took place in Bargoed Library on 29th February 12.

Cook-a-thon event - the Communities First team is currently planning a large cook off session. The event will be open to people from across the Upper Rhymney Valley area and will see up to 40 people at a time cooking along with an instructor. Information on healthy eating/cooking on a budget will also be available as well as physical activities and the benefits of good health.

Come Cook With Me URV – was held on the 28th of January at Heolddu Leisure Centre to raise awareness about Healthy Eating in the Upper Rhymney Valley. The event encouraged residents to participate in a cooking session during the day as well as signing up for further cooking sessions within the community.

Change 4 Life campaign data - was used to design a 6-week postnatal programme. A planning meeting was held with the Health Visitor team during October to progress the postnatal programme planning which will be available within Caerphilly Basin in the New Year.

Family project in Cefn Hengoed - the Communities First Hub team has been running an 8-week programme with 5 families. The families have time together to take part in different activities, they also eat a meal together and the parents take part in an adult session where they learn about different topics. Some of the topics the adults have learnt about are drug awareness, safety at home and the effects and consequences of anti-social behaviour. This has been extremely well received and continues to go from strength to strength.

Recruitment for the 'Sport that Works' project - commenced in January, initially this was going to be an Upper Rhymney Valley project, but due to additional funding received through the Flexible Work programme the project can now accept participant's borough wide. The project involves utilising the game of rugby and targets young unemployed people aged between 19 and 30, to develop health promotion and skills to prepare young people for the work place. The first course was held in February.

GWENT ASSOCIATION OF VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS UPDATES

Volunteering Project

The Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations (GAVO) volunteering staff continue to provide a good service to organisations and volunteers in the County Borough of Caerphilly. Through the past few months they have dealt with the following -

- a) New volunteers registered - 144
- b) Enquiries received - 160
- c) Number of volunteers interviewed - 173
- d) Number of volunteers referred - 55
- e) Number of volunteers placed with voluntary organisations - 63

Due to the success of GAVO's volunteering programme, the Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA) has provided further funding for an additional officer in Caerphilly.

GAVO & Caerphilly County Borough Council Voluntary Sector

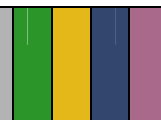
Achievement Awards - are sponsored by Gwent Police and the *Campaign* Newspaper. They are designed to reflect the vital and diverse role volunteers play in supporting and contributing to the well-being of the community. The awards aim to recognise the work undertaken by volunteers who carry out their volunteering role within Caerphilly County borough and to demonstrate to volunteers how important and valued they are in the community. This year the Volunteering team are also taking on board the Community chest Volunteer Awards 2012.

The closing date for nominations is the 30th March 2012, and the awards ceremony this year for the successful nominees will take place on Wednesday 20th June 2012 at 6-30pm at Caerphilly County Borough Council, Penallta House, Tredoman Park, Ystrad Mynach CF82 7PG.

If you require further information please contact the GAVO volunteering Team at GAVO, Ystrad Mynach offices, on telephone 01443-863540 , and ask for Helen, Keri, or Bev.

GAVO Funding Update - although funding is being cut in small amounts to voluntary sector organisations in Caerphilly, there have been successful applications for funding made. Over the last four months GAVO development officers have helped over 270 organisations gain funding totalling £1,711,502.62p with 37 applications still outstanding.

GAVO itself has also been successful in grant applications. Through the tendering process GAVO has gained £487,576.00 under the new Family First programme, and continuation funding of £184,295.00 from the Welsh Government on the Communities First programme extension until September 2012 for their Caerphilly operations. A further £77,740.00 has been awarded for GAVO's Communities First work in Rhymney, where GAVO is the Grant Recipient Body. Under the Flying Start programme, GAVO was successful in obtaining funding of £76,114.00 until 31 March 2012, and it has been agreed for GAVO to continue the programme from April this year for another 12 months.



YSBYTY YSTRAD FAWR

The new hospital, Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr, continues to be a key focus of attention. Several events are planned in the next period and activity is taking place around a number of issues:

- **The Coffee Shop** - the coffee shop has been named after a competition open to under 16 year olds, living in the Borough. The winning name is *Hoffi Coffi*, which was the suggestion of 7 year old Harvey Lee of Risca. Harvey chose Amazon vouchers as his prize. Hoff Coffi is located in the main foyer at the main entrance to the hospital and is planned to open in mid March.
- **MRI scanner** – the MRI scanner was relocated at Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr during January and became fully operational from January 30th. This was one of the last operational facilities at Ystrad Mynach Hospital and the site has now been handed over to Caerphilly County Borough Council. There are plans in place to develop part of the site as a multi sport centre of excellence.
- **Naming of rooms** – following on from the naming of wards after local areas, several rooms in the Multi Discipline Education Centre now boast names with links to local mining history. The lecture and seminar rooms will be known as Celynen, Windsor and Senghenydd and the library will be named the Miners' Library.
- **Signage** – since the hospital opened in November the comments of patients, staff and visitors have been taken into account about how they use the hospital on a day to day basis. Many of the early comments resulted in a signage review, and many new signs are being put up, and others relocated as we study patient flow around the hospital.
- **An Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr Action Plan** is being developed from all comments received from patients, visitors, staff and stakeholders on the day to day operation of Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr . This will be a rolling action plan to ensure that improvements and changes are carried out in a timely and efficient way.
- **Visits to Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr** – as the hospital settles into normal operational practice, it has become possible to allow short tours of some of the main hospital areas. Over 70 people have attended the tours and these have been drawn from local health interest groups, staff of Caerphilly County Borough Council, Community Health Council members and other voluntary groups. As well as showing visitors the new hospital, the tours provide a good opportunity to gain feedback about the services and facilities.
- **Official opening** – Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr was officially opened by the Minister for Health, Lesley Griffiths AM on Monday 12th March. Over 100 people were invited to attend, representing the Health Board's partners, local stakeholders and patient groups.

ALCOHOL

Public Health Wales, through the Healthy Schools Initiative, are currently mapping all initiatives being delivered within schools linking to alcohol. The Substance Misuse Action Team has launched a new alcohol campaign targeting 14-16 year olds called *Wrecked Last Night*. The main goal being to delay the onset of drinking, using 3D cinema advertising, bus advertising, billboards, street liners, posters, leaflets, radio adverts, newspaper adverts and website. Check out - www.wreckedlastnight.com

If you would like to find out more, please contact Maria Evans, Lead Officer for Substance Misuse in Caerphilly on 01495 233408.

The Phoenix Centre & Tyfu Café

The Phoenix Centre is Drugaid's drop-in resource in central Caerphilly available to anyone who uses drugs or alcohol, is affected by someone else's use of drugs or alcohol or who wants advice and information about drugs or alcohol. The centre offers a range of services, all of them free and available without an appointment. These include:

- comfortable areas for relaxing
- information and support
- signposting to other relevant agencies
- drop in housing advice clinics
- the use of telephones and computers
- internet access
- laundry and shower facilities
- opportunities to volunteer.

The drop in is currently open on Monday, Thursday, Friday from 11 to 4pm.

The front half of the Phoenix Centre is currently being redeveloped into a social enterprise café called Tyfu. The main aim of the Tyfu Café is to provide a route into employment for vulnerable or marginalised adults in the Caerphilly borough. The Tyfu Café will offer full training and a 3 – 6 month work placement. Once the placement is completed volunteer staff will be provided with an employment reference from the Tyfu Café (rather than Drugaid which may deter prospective employers as it is a drug and alcohol service). Volunteers will be encouraged to create a Personal Development Portfolio to assist in future employment opportunities. At the end of the placement volunteers will have the opportunity to spend time, with assistance from Drugaid's Peer Mentoring Scheme, creating a Curriculum Vitae and applying for paid positions.

Tyfu Café will promote ethical and sustainable practices and will, where possible, use locally grown and homemade produce. Local residents will be encouraged to give feedback on all aspects of the café in order to encourage a feeling of

ownership and pride in this community resource. It will be a centre for creativity and inspiration, providing a space for Drugaid's art group, as well as other community groups to display their work and for the service user band, The Dragon Men, to practice and connect with the public. This will create links with the local community and will further enhance community engagement, bridging barriers between local people and substance misuse services.

To find out more contact;



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SMOKING

The Wellbeing Improvement Network, has considered the *Achieving a smoke-free future for Gwent*, and will be developing a Tobacco Action Plan for Caerphilly County Borough to develop the local picture. Work has taken place to co-ordinate a No Smoking day campaign (14th March 2012). Initiatives include: Smoke free Hospitals, schools poster competition and community engagement events.

If you would like to find out more please contact either:

Rhianon Urquhart, Senior Health Promotion Officer CCBC on 01495 235349 or email: URQUHR@caerphilly.gov.uk or Annie Petherick Senior Health Promotion Specialist, Public Health Wales on 01495 241206 or e-mail: annie.petherick@wales.nhs.uk

HEALTHY EATING

A draft Nutrition Action Plan has been developed based on the findings from the Tackling Nutrition in the Community (Caerphilly County Borough) event (31st Oct 2011). If you would like to find out more please contact:

Tracey Deacon – Principal Public Health Officer, Public Health Wales on 01495 241218 or email Tracey.Deacon@wales.nhs.uk

HEALTHY WORKING WALES

This scheme, developed by the Welsh Government, supports workplaces to focus on employee health and well being. There are 3 tiers to the support :

- 1) **Workboost Wales** is a government funded service providing confidential, practical and free advice to small businesses in Wales on workplace health and safety, management of sickness absence and return to work issues.
- 2) **Award schemes.** Free support and advice to businesses to develop health and well being initiatives in the workplace
 - Small Workplace Health Award – under 50 employees
 - Corporate Health Standard – large organisations.

- 3) **Health at Work Advice Line Wales** – free advice help line for employees supporting an employee with a health condition

More information can be found at:

http://www.healthyworkingwales.com/splash_wales/en.html

The Wellbeing Improvement Network have agreed to help promote the scheme to local businesses. To discuss further please contact Rhianon Urquhart, Senior Health Promotion Officer CCBC on 01495 235349 or email:

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IMPROVING MENTAL HEALTH

Think Family...Mental ill-health from the Family's Perspective

A DVD Training Resource has been developed as an outcome of the Think Family conference held in March 2011, which focused on:

- Listening to the voice of the child
- Encouraging and challenging service providers to hear what children and young people need
- Raising awareness of parental mental health issues
- Reducing the stigma attached to mental ill health in families

The DVD training tool includes :

- emotive digital stories from the original conference
- interviews with conference attendees
- key note speech from Phil Chick (Integrated family Support Services WG)
- key note speech from Keith Towler (Children's Commissioner)
- A children's drama video

To find out more about the resource, please contact Rhianon Urquhart, Senior Health Promotion Officer CCBC on 01495 235349 or email:

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COMMUNITY HEALTH CHAMPIONS

Do you know someone who could become a Community Health Champion?

This Gwent wide project is now being promoted within Caerphilly County Borough. This new programme, involving local people is being developed to improve the health of people throughout the borough. Community Health Champions are people who would like to inspire and motivate their friends, families and neighbours to lead healthier lives. No prior knowledge of health issues is needed. Free training, with the option of gaining a qualification will be provided.

To find out more contact Helen Heath or Keri Williams at GAVO on 01443 863540 or email helen.heath@gavowales.org.uk / keri.williams@gavowales.org.uk

The Equalities Training Project - for Caerphilly County Borough Council staff, partner organisations and Community Partnerships continues to be successfully implemented. This quarter sees the introduction of new training courses for all - Learning Disability Awareness, Disfigurement Awareness and Gypsy and Traveller Awareness.

Since September nearly 500 people have had places on various Equalities and Welsh language courses through this project, from the council, Gwent Police, GAVO and the wider voluntary sector and 11 community partnerships in the area. Over 100 places have been taken on the 5 Gypsy and Traveller sessions this quarter alone. The October to December project report is available on request and the January to March final report is being prepared at the moment.

Partnership Performance

The Safer Caerphilly Community Safety Partnership (SCCSP) continues to work in partnership to reduce crime and disorder in Caerphilly county borough. At the 22nd February there was an overall reduction of 14.7% in all crime compared to the same period last year. Other crime categories have also seen impressive reductions over the last year with a 36% reduction in Robbery, a 30% reduction in Vehicle Crime and a massive 34% reduction in anti-social behaviour.

One of the SCCSP's current priorities is to *Reduce anti-social behaviour and improve the street scene*. The SCCSP has been working hard alongside partners, community groups and local volunteers to address this priority and related issues through a number of means. This includes initiatives such as: the Safer Caerphilly Four Strike Process, Project Bernie, the Street Pastors, Victims Champion and the Street Pride initiative. All of this work has culminated in a massive 34% reduction in anti-social behaviour across the county borough, which equates to 4839 fewer reported incidents (as at 22-02-2012).

Anti-Social Behaviour Media Campaign

To raise awareness of the 34% reduction in anti-social behaviour and to further encourage partnership work and reporting of incidents the SCCSP launched a media campaign at the end of November. This has included advertising on local busses, billboards, posters throughout the county borough and various media activity. The campaign will continue to be promoted throughout March 2012. For further information on the campaign please contact Natalie Kenny on 01495 235442.

ASB Victim/Witness Champion

The Victims Champion continues to attend all multi-agency groups to tackle anti-social behaviour, liaise closely with all departments within the local authority and outside agencies whilst supporting victims in the community and throughout the court process. From April 2011 until the end of December 2011, 304 referrals have been made to the service. The *Victims Champion* (Lana Harrison) can be contacted on 01495 235441.

Community Payback

Offenders work under the supervision of Wales Probation Trust and recent projects have included extensive work to clear, improve and maintain Crosskeys RFC, Caerphilly War Graves, ad-hoc clearance of areas and the removal of graffiti from various locations across the borough. Figures from the last three quarters show that between April and December 2011, 27,582 hours of work were carried out within the county borough.

Any person wishing to nominate any location/project please contact either the Wales Probation Trust on 01633 247300 or for further details please contact SCCSP on 01495 235350.

The Safer Caerphilly Volunteer Network

The Safer Caerphilly Volunteer Network incorporates the diverse range of individuals who are actively involved in their communities and have an interest in working alongside other partner agencies to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour. The Volunteer Network is made up of individuals from groups such as Neighbourhood Watch, Crime Prevention Panels, Community Groups and Partnerships, Street Pastors and Tenants and Residents Associations. Recent borough-wide networking events have taken place on 19th September 2011, 5th December 2011 and 27th February 2012. These sessions have included a variety of presentations regarding the tools and services available to the Volunteer Network including crime reduction presentations from the members themselves. Recent events have provided information on: The Online Watch Link (O.W.L), which is the Neighbourhood Watch I.T System, various crime reduction initiatives including cold callers and Substance Misuse. There are currently 239 Volunteer Network members across the county borough. The next event will be held on 28th May 2012. If you would like to attend the next event please contact the SCCSP office (01495 235350) to book your place.

Project Bernie

The SCCSP's Fire Safety Action Team have now started the planning for Project Bernie 2012. Project Bernie is based on a social marketing concept, which aims to reduce deliberate grass fires by addressing behaviours and attitudes within the community. The project will be officially launched on 23rd March at the Tesco store in Ystrad Mynach. The project will then run for a further six weeks in the Bargoed area of the county borough. The project will include an advertising and marketing

campaign, patrols of the area and numerous youth activities, which all focus on addressing the problem of deliberate grass fires.

The next planning meeting for the 2012 project will take place on 22nd March and anyone interested in attending or finding out more information on Project Bernie can contact Natalie Kenny on 01495 235442.

In addition to the above, the SCCSP and its constituent responsible authorities of Gwent Police, Caerphilly County Borough Council, Aneurin Bevan Health Trust, The South Wales Fire and Rescue Service, Wales Probation Trust and the Gwent Police Authority, together with other public and voluntary sector colleagues, continue to deliver core activity and services, striving to reduce and prevent crime, disorder, the impact of substance misuse, domestic violence and in doing so make Caerphilly county borough a safer place to live, work and visit.

For more information visit the Safer Caerphilly Community Safety Partnership website at - <http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/saferccb/>

Children and Young People (Lynne Bosanko Williams)

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Children and Young People's Partnership Board

The Children and Young People's Partnership Board (CYP Partnership Board) is currently being restructured in order to deliver the CYP Plan 2011 – 2014. Instead of 7 groups based upon the 7 Core Aims, there will be 3 groups who will work together to achieve the actions in the Plan. The groups will be based upon the 3 Priority Outcomes in the Plan, namely;

- Families are supported and children are safe
- All children and young people have improved work related skills
- Children and young people and their families are as healthy as possible.

The underpinning and overarching Priority Outcomes in the Plan will be covered by all groups. These are;

- All children are listen to and treated with respect
- All children and young people are not disadvantaged by poverty.

For more information follow the link below to the CYP Partnership Plan 2011 – 2014:

<http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/site.aspx?s=RHOKn/oA8hwnhMv9VLrbSg+9HGG00+UblpE9dzBpn3k=>

The groups are currently in the process of being set up and are expected to be fully in place by the end of March 2012. The CYP Partnership Board has

appointed a Governance group to oversee the process and other responsibilities will include making recommendations, and monitoring the work of the new groups.

The CYP Partnership is committed to the developments towards a single integrated Plan for the borough.

Families First Programme

The Children and Young People's Partnership has commissioned an additional new project which provides Advocacy for children and young people. This brings the total of projects in the Families First Programme to 8.

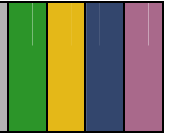
In relation to the 7 projects which commenced on 1st November 2011 a brief summary of some of the milestones achieved to date is provided below:

- **Team Around the Family & Parenting Co-ordination** - the Team Around the Family (TAF) model for families with emerging needs is taking referrals throughout Caerphilly county borough. These are considered by a multi agency panel of professionals. A number of awareness and training events are being provided for practitioners during March 2012.
- **Parenting Programmes & Individual Family Support** - the delivery of Parenting Programmes has commenced and it is planned for at least 3 groups to be running by the end of February 2012. As required, intensive individual family support for families with emerging needs model is being provided.
- **Health Inclusion** - the project has been providing drop in sessions at community clinics in Rhymney, Bargoed and Pontllanfraith, and in colleges on health promotion. The key areas provided are in relation to sexual health and smoking cessation for individuals who adopt behaviours which impact on their health and that of their family. The project uses a multi purpose vehicle to provide an outreach service.
- **Family Engagement** - all elements of the Family Engagement Project are fully operational. This includes Community Outreach, Families Together programme, initial home support, the New and Expectant Parents programme and the integration into universal services. The GAVO Play service supports the Community Outreach sessions and Families Together programmes.
- **Inclusion and Support** - the project has been actively taking referrals for families who have one or more of the following: children with disabilities, poor mental health, young carers, children affected by domestic abuse.
- **Integrated Family Learning** - the project has been successful in the early identification of speech, language and communication needs of 9 children to date. Homestart has provided literacy, numeracy and play to 28 parents and 32 children.
- **Family Play** - the project has undertaken a consultation and identified 6 community areas to receive Adventure Play after school and holiday play sessions. A consultation has been conducted throughout the areas to establish the designated sites. Referrals from the TAF project and from

parents in the community have been received for the Inclusive Play element of the project.

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Working with the Voluntary Sector

The Voluntary Sector Safeguarding sub group is currently working on three areas:

- potential barriers that prevent people referring to Children's Services and how to resolve ;
- retention and storage of records;
- reviewing the Caerphilly Safeguarding Children Board Safeguarding Guidance for Voluntary Organisations.

GAVO are also working in partnership with the Board to deliver basic child protection awareness training. Anyone interested in child protection training can contact the Board Co-ordinator to discuss.

Three evening events delivered for people from voluntary, community and faith groups with the intention to do one every 6-8 weeks in the future. The events are an opportunity to gain a basic introduction to child protection issues, network with people from other local groups and raise any concerns people may have about keeping children safe from harm.

To find out what events are available and to book a place please contact Sarah Davies, Administrative Officer on davies17@caerphilly.gov.uk.

Awareness raising work

The Board was recently successful in a bid to the Children and Young People's Partnership, and with the money have:

- delivered an event for parents and carers on March 12th;
- developed and distributed 15,000 safeguarding cards for children and young people, which tells them where to go for help if they are having problems and,
- commissioned a researcher to work with professionals from a variety of agencies, to identify how to improve multi agency work with children and young people.

The Board has also been part of a regional group that has delivered conferences on multi agency practice guidance for professionals and Child Sexual Exploitation that were held in March 2012.

Multi Agency Practitioner Forums

These events are delivered every 6 to 8 weeks in various venues in the Borough and are free to attend. They cover various topics that includes the impact of substance misuse on children, working with children who have experienced abuse/neglect and keeping children safe online.

A series of lunchtime seminars and protocol launch events have been run that are also free to attend.

To find out what events are available and to book a place please contact Sarah Davies, Administrative Officer on davies17@caerphilly.gov.uk.

Consultation with children and young people

The Board consults with children and young people on an annual basis. This year the theme of *Listening to children and young people* was chosen because in a number of child abuse enquiries this has been raised as an issue.

Schools were asked to support children and young people in completing an online survey during February and March asking them how well they feel listened to in different parts of their lives. The results of the survey will be used to develop two consultation events being in June 2012. The first event is for primary school children and the second is for comprehensive school children.

Future Developments for Local Safeguarding Children Boards

Deputy Minister Gwenda Thomas has announced that Boards will move to a regional model by April 2013. In the South East Wales area there has been a long tradition of collaborating across Local Authority boundaries. Caerphilly Safeguarding Children Board has led on a number of these projects and so are well placed to take forward any new developments.

If you have any queries regarding the above information or would like to know more about Caerphilly Safeguarding Children Board, please contact Sarah Newman, CSCB Co-ordinator on 01443 864798 or newmaz@caerphilly.gov.uk.

If you want to learn more about the Board and what it does or access any of the leaflets, guidance etc produced by the Board then visit our website – www.caerphillysafeguarding.org.uk.