

Essex Partnership News - keeping you in touch

In Brief...

Dear

Welcome to this edition of EP News. Firstly, we have great news that Essex has been shortlisted as 'Place of the Year' in the LGC Awards. The next stage of judging is an interview at the end of January, and winners will be announced in March so thanks to all partners for helping the Partnership to get to this stage.

In this edition we have an update on the Essex 'Total Place' project, Essex Strategy review, Essex Partnership Portal, Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and the new Children's Trust online magazine. On behalf of everyone in the Essex Partnership secretariat do have a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Performance Reward Claimed



We are delighted to tell you that the County Council, on behalf of the Essex Partnership, has just submitted a claim for £15.970m of Performance Reward Grant from Government for achievement of targets in the Local Public Service Agreement dated March 2006 (also known as LAA1).

This is in addition to the £5.128m claimed earlier in the year. £19 million has already been committed by the Essex Partnership Forum and Essex County Council for the delivery of Local Area Agreement activity, and to support Local Strategic Partnerships and the voluntary sector.

Total Place in Essex

The Total Place Team has been working with partners and stakeholders in Tendring who work with young people who are NEET (Not in Education Employment or Training) or at risk of becoming NEET. The team have interviewed a wide range of organisations to get a clear view of what processes and interventions are currently being undertaken in Tendring and how effective they are. Early in the New Year there will be a full picture of all the current NEETs work in Tendring and partners will be able to review what is highly effective, what could be done better and how we can work successfully together for better outcomes.

Alongside the NEETs and Safeguarding projects we are starting the third element of the project which will consider how partners can strengthen joint service planning.

The Team has also started working on the second pilot of 'Safeguarding in West Essex'. The interviews with stakeholders and partner organisations have started and there has been a lot of enthusiasm and commitment. This is the early stages of the work where we are documenting the current situation and understanding the challenges to better partnership working to benefit our most vulnerable children and young people. Also, a Total Place website is currently being developed and will be available in January 2010.

For more information please contact Debbie Knopp Debbie.knopp@essex.gov.uk

Essex Partnership Portal - Update

By now you should be familiar with the new Essex Partnership Portal, if you haven't yet looked please do and feedback any thoughts or comments you have (email buster.todd@essex.gov.uk or use the online feedback form on the portal). Thanks to everyone who has given us feedback already. The system is still being improved and there will be a series of upgrades and additions early in the new year, including new content pages focussing of areas of work such as The Local Area Agreement, the Essex Strategy and Total Place. There will also be an interactive calendar feature to make finding important dates easier, along with being able to save them directly to your outlook calendar with all of the relevant information.

We're working closely with several partners to assist them in setting up their pages, if you would like some help setting up or adding content to your page let us know.

View the Essex Partnership Portal at: www.essexpartnershipportal.org



Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) – 2009 Refresh

New demography and public perception (voice) data available as the first JSNA chapters are refreshed.



The first refreshed chapters of the JSNA have now been published; the “demography” chapter includes updated information on Essex population numbers and projections, ethnicity, religion, migration and deprivation, as well as a section on geodemographics. The Voice chapter is new this year and includes public opinion data sourced from the 2008-9 Place survey and latest GP patient survey and is also available online. Both of these chapters are now available on the [JSNA page of the Essex Partnership website](#).

The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) is the means by which PCTs and local authorities in Essex describe the future of health and wellbeing needs of local populations and the strategic direction of service delivery to meet these needs.

By providing analysis of data to show the health and wellbeing status of local communities, defining where inequalities exist and using local knowledge alongside evidence of effectiveness of interventions, the JSNA informs effective commissioning for health and wellbeing in both the short and long term.

The next series of updates from the JSNA will include chapters on Mental Health, Learning Disabilities, and Drugs & Alcohol. Look out for further updates on the JSNA webpage and in future Essex Partnership newsletters. If you have any questions, or would like more information, please e-mail essex.partnership@essex.gov.uk

Children’s Trust launch Online Magazine

The **Children’s Trust** are pleased to announce the forthcoming launch of a brand new, online E-magazine this coming January.

Focussing purely on news and features from across the Children’s Trust in Essex, the E-zine is an easy to read online publication that will be packed full of ideas, best practice, case studies and above all the real life stories that are happening in our communities every day.

The Children’s Trust is a multi-agency partnership underpinned by the Children Act of 2004, bringing partners together for the good of children and young people who live in Essex. The formal partnership between both statutory and non statutory partners brings together all services for children and young people in Essex and is led by the vision and values of the Children and Young People’s Plan.



The E-zine will support and promote this and provide a platform for our staff and partners to celebrate achievement and success and exchange information.

To make sure you receive your copy simply email childrenstrust@essex.gov.uk and register your interest. All information about the Children’s Trust can also be found on the Essex Partnership Portal – www.essexpartnershipportal.org

Performance Update

The performance results report produced to support the Thematic Partnership Annual Reports has been updated with the latest available [monitoring data for 2009/10](#)

More information can be found on the [Partnership Portal Our Performance page](#)

Partnership Calendar

Below are dates for the next 3 months, you can view the full [Partnership Calendar online](#)

Date	Meeting	Attended by
2010 JANUARY		
12 Jan 10	Thematic Partnership meeting - CWOP	TP Members
18 Jan 10	LAA Performance Management Group	PMG Members
28 Jan 10	Thematic Partnership meeting - Safer Essex	TP Members
FEBRUARY		
22 Feb 10	LAA Performance Management Group	PMG Members
MARCH		
02 Mar 10	Essex Management Board (EMB) 10.00 - 12.00, County Hall	EMB Members
09 Mar 10	Thematic Partnership meeting - CWOP	TP Members
11 Mar 10	Thematic Partnership meeting - Safer Essex	TP Members
22 Mar 10	LAA Performance Management Group	PMG Members
23 Mar 10	Essex Partnership Forum (EPF) 9.00 - 14.00, Waterfront Place	EPF Members

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