

## The Children and Young People's Service

### **Joint Area Review (JAR) of the Children and Young People's Service (CYPS)**

- The JAR of Haringey (June 2006) judged Haringey's CYPS as a 3 star – good and went on to say that:

“Outcomes in Haringey have improved immeasurably over the last five years, in most cases in line with national trends, and in many cases at a faster rate than nationally or in similar authorities.”

### **Academic Achievements**

- Haringey's children and young people continue to improve across all Key Stages. At the end of Key Stage 2 over half of Haringey's primary schools achieve above the national average. There has been a significant reduction in the number of schools where fewer than 65% of pupils achieve level 4 or above in English from 21 in 2001 to 10 in 2006. Results at Key Stage 2 saw an increase above the national increase in the percentage of children achieving level 4 and above in all three core subjects.
- GCSE results have improved at twice the national rate over the past six years for the percentage of pupils attaining 5+ A\* - C grades. Since 2001 Haringey has improved from 30.9% to 51.7% in the 5+ A\* - C indicator (20.8% compared to 8% nationally). Almost 500 young people; 300 in the east of the borough, have achieved 5+ A\* - C grades in 2006 than was the case in 2001. Several focussed initiatives are aimed at further improvement.
- Outcomes for Looked After Children (LAC) have improved significantly over the last 5 years. There have been great improvements in GCSE results for LAC in 2006 with 65% of children obtaining at least 1 GCSE at grades A\*-G compared with the 2005 London Average of 60% and 21% obtaining at least 5 GCSEs at grades A\*-C compared with the 2005 London Average of 13%.
- Attainment of students from ethnic minority communities improved their progress closing the gap with White UK pupils. Kurdish pupils are the fastest improving group at Key Stage 4 with 41% more achieving 5+ A\*-C grades since 2002 compared with 20% more Caribbean pupils, 17% more African pupils, 14% more Turkish pupils and 6% more White UK students. The challenge now is to make good progress in the 5+ A\* - C (including English and maths) indicator where differential attainment is a significant issue.

- The progress made by our students overall is strong and puts Haringey joint 13<sup>th</sup> out of 149 local authorities. This shows once again that students are making great progress and are continuing to close the gap with national figures.

## **Admissions**

- The Pan-London system of co-ordinating admissions on transfer from primary to secondary school is now in its third year having been successfully implemented in 2005 and 2006.
- An in-borough scheme of co-ordination for entry to reception classes was successfully completed for the September 2006 intake and work is under way for the 2007 intake.
- Haringey is actively participating in the Pan-London implementation of eAdmissions. The first year's outcome was very successful with Haringey exceeding the second year target of 10% with 11% of the total applications being made on line. The on-line admissions service won the award for promoting effective take up of services at the National E-Government Awards.
- Although not yet formally agreed by all admission authorities in Haringey, significant progress has been made with the Hard to Place Pupils' Protocol. This has resulted in the majority of schools agreeing to admit additional (potentially vulnerable) pupils, above their published admission number.
- All our schools are at near full capacity with very few places left this academic year. Figures on parental choice show that schools in Haringey continue to grow in popularity.

## **Attendance**

- Haringey has seen a marked improvement in attendance. Secondary attendance is now close to the national average and has improved from 91.37% in 2004/05 to 91.76% in 2005/6 an improvement of 0.39%, whilst national attendance declined by 0.1%. This is equivalent to approximately 39 more children attending school for a full year. Primary attendance has declined slightly from 93.59% in 2004/05 to 93.37%. In special schools attendance has exceeded the national average with 90.27% attendance in 2006 up from 88.22% in 2005.
- Improving attendance is a key target and one which the Council takes very seriously. If necessary the Council will take legal action to ensure school attendance. Fourteen cases were taken to court with 13 successful outcomes during the academic year 2005-06 and since September 2006 there have been nine cases referred to court with a further three pending all of which have resulted in a successful prosecution or a return to school with improved attendance.

## **Achievements in Social Care**

- The proportion of care leavers in education, training and employment (ETE) with 71% of care leavers in ETE compared with 67% in 2005 continues to improve.
- The number of children continuously looked after for 12 months or more is reducing; 345 at the end of September 2006 compared with 356 at the same time last year and 401 in 2004.
- Stability of placements for LAC continues to show good performance.
- Health assessments and dental checks for looked after children are significantly improved with 90.2% of LAC with an up to date health assessment and dental check.
- The number of children on the Child Protection Register has reduced from 200 in March 2006 to 130 in December 2006. However, we still remain above the average for London.
- All children on the child protection register have an allocated social worker and all Child Protection Plans are reviewed within timescales.

## **Children's Networks**

- The three Children's Networks are up and running in the North, South and West. A key aspect is a single referral route in each Network for all our targeted services. This more efficient process is designed to deliver services faster to children and their families. The Common Assessment Framework (CAF) will be completed by a range of partners including schools as the main assessment tool at this stage, replacing a number of different referral routes. Referral routes for children in need of urgent protection remain as they are.

## **Teenage Conception Rates**

- The most recently published national data for conception rates for the third quarter of 2005 show that under-18 conceptions, at a rate of 63.9 per thousand, are at the lowest they have been since 1999 and are close to achieving the end of 2005 target of 61.8 per thousand. However, there is still significant partnership and targeted work needed if the target set for 2010 (28 per thousand) is to be achieved. The Government of London (GOL) are supporting our strategy with additional funds.

## **Participation of Children, Young People, Parents and the Community**

- Further progress has been made in involving all of these groups. The Youth Council is now up and running and an executive has been elected for the body. Other key work has taken place around parental involvement schemes in schools and involving specific community groups.

## **Youth Service**

- The Youth Service was specifically inspected at the same time as the JAR Review of the CYPS and a number of areas have been identified as in need of improvement. The Post Inspection Action Plan is in place to improve the Youth Service and all actions prescribed in the action plan are on target.
- The Youth Inclusion Programme is considered to be a national model of good practice and we are aiming to extend the model across the Borough.
- The Youth Council has been established and has received in depth skills training so that they can administer the Youth Opportunities Fund and Youth Capital Fund (£340K). There are now 15 active youth forums across the Borough and we are continuing with this area of development through consolidation of young people's decision making in the Children's Networks.
- Bruce Grove and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Centres are open and operational offering a variety of activities (e.g. camp craft, orienteering, sports skills, catering experience, film technology, music making and recording, debating groups, production of a newsletter).

### **Investments in our schools**

- Haringey has secured £178m for Building Schools for the Future (BSF). Work will begin in schools in 'Wave 2' from January 2007 and schools in 'Wave 4' from October 2007. The BSF building programme within the borough will be completed by summer 2012.
  - A new school will form part of the programme, planned to open in 2010. A competition for the new school is taking place during the spring term. The Local Authority has submitted a proposal to open the school as a comprehensive community school. Three other proposals have been received - to open an academy in two cases and a Trust school in the third. The decision will be made by the Office of the Schools Adjudicator.
  - The Haringey Sixth Form Centre is on time to open its doors in Autumn 2007 offering 25 AS and A Level options and a broad range of vocational courses in state of the art facilities. The £28.6m Centre is set to be the first major scheme completed nationally under the BSF programme.
  - Every school, under the BSF scheme, will gain from an investment in ICT. Across all secondary and special schools this adds up to £20m.
  - We want to promote schools in the west of the borough, to provide more vocational education 14-19 and have identified BSF funds accordingly. We are encouraged that the vision for each school supports our plans.
- The Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) is increasing by an estimated £12.5m (£12.42m) – an increase of 6.9% per pupil in the borough for the coming financial year. As part of this schools have identified £2.6m for personalised learning which helps some of our most disadvantaged pupils.

- There is growing pressure for places – especially in the west of the borough. The expansions at Coleridge, Coldfall and Tetherdown will add an additional 120 places from September 2007.
- Haringey will have one of the most extensive networks of children's centres in the country. We already have 10 children's centres and will add another 8 centres by April 2008. This will be a total capital investment of in the region of £18m in this crucial area of helping young families in the borough, particularly in our most disadvantaged wards.
- All Haringey schools now have Broadband Internet connections and are linked to a range of curriculum-enhancing resources hosted on-line by the London Grid for Learning regional broadband consortium.
- Over the last 2 ½ years, over £1 million has been invested in Interactive Whiteboard Systems in Haringey schools. A growing number of schools have an Interactive Whiteboard System in every classroom.
- Over the last four years, over 2,000 "Laptops for Teachers" have been distributed to Haringey teachers.
- A new Government-funded "Computers for Pupils" scheme will provide computer equipment and Internet connectivity to some of the most disadvantaged students in Haringey Secondary schools. By the end of August 2007, over 700 students (and their families) will be provided with supported computer systems in their own homes. This number will increase to over 1,400 by August 2008.