

**NOTES of the DERBYSHIRE PARTNERSHIP FORUM held on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2010 at County Hall, Matlock.**

**PRESENT**

Nick Hodgson (Derbyshire County Council)  
(in the Chair)

<p><b>Advice Derbyshire</b> D Walker</p> <p><b>Amber Valley Borough Council</b> Councillor S Bradford (also representing DCC) S Bamford</p> <p><b>Amber Valley CVS</b> L Allison</p> <p><b>Big Lottery Fund</b> M Rowe</p> <p><b>Bolsover LSP</b> M Chambers</p> <p><b>Bolsover District Council</b> Councillor E Watts N Price</p> <p><b>CHART LSP</b> S Lee</p> <p><b>Churches Together in Derbyshire</b> R Jordan</p> <p><b>Connexions</b> H Hastie</p> <p><b>Derbyshire Association of Local Councils</b> B Wood</p> <p><b>Derby City Partnership</b> C Labram</p> <p><b>Derbyshire Constabulary</b> M Creedon B Thacker</p>	<p><b>Derbyshire County Council</b> Councillor J Allsop Councillor C Hart Councillor C Jones Councillor A Western B Buckley S Eaton T Ellingham R Gent S Goodwin D Lowe A Milroy J Overfield Shaw B Robertson I Stephenson A Thomas M Whelan J Wildgoose</p> <p><b>Derbyshire Dales CVS</b> N Moulden</p> <p><b>Derbyshire Dales District Council</b> S Capes</p> <p><b>Derbyshire Fire and Rescue</b> J Amos S Frayne</p> <p><b>Derby Hospitals</b> J Acred</p> <p><b>Derbyshire Police Authority</b> J Birkin</p> <p><b>Derbyshire Probation Trust</b> R Plang</p>
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<p><b>Environment Agency</b> S Quinlan</p> <p><b>Erewash Borough Council</b> P Wright</p> <p><b>Erewash CVS</b> P Edwards</p> <p><b>GOEM</b> S Battlemuch</p> <p><b>High Peak Borough Council</b> Councillor E Thrane</p> <p><b>Jobcentre Plus</b> B Kendall</p> <p><b>LINKS CVS</b> C Lawton</p> <p><b>N.E Derbyshire CAB</b> P Morris</p>	<p><b>North East Derbyshire District Council</b> Councillor G Baxter M Goodwin</p> <p><b>NHS Derbyshire</b> D Black I Forrest</p> <p><b>NHS Tameside and Glossop</b> E Michel</p> <p><b>Skills Funding Agency</b> C Hibbard</p> <p><b>South Derbyshire District Council</b> Councillor R Wheeler</p> <p><b>Stop Smoking Service</b> T Jones</p> <p><b>Third Sector Support for Derbyshire (3D)</b> C Thornber</p>
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Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor C Corbett (Erewash Borough Council), Councillor J Harrison (Derbyshire County Council), Councillor H Jennings (Derby City Council), Councillor A Lewer (Derbyshire County Council), Councillor S Spencer (Derbyshire County Council), B Ashley (EM Museums, Libraries and Archives Council), H Bowen (Chesterfield Borough Council), P Coleman (Peak District National Park Authority), K Fletcher (Third Sector Support for Derbyshire – 3D), E Green (Derbyshire Wildlife Trust), L Hart (Derbyshire Health United – NHS), J Jaroszek (Erewash Borough Council), D Jeffery (Derbyshire Employment and Skills Board), W Jones (Derbyshire Health United – NHS), D Lerner (High Peak Borough Council), W Lumley (Bolsover District Council), J McArthur (Chesterfield College), F McArdle (South Derbyshire District Council), M Molloy (Derbyshire County Council), P Nourse (Three Valleys Housing), Bishop H Repton (Churches Together in Derbyshire), P Rouse (Derbyshire Constabulary) J Smith (South Derbyshire CVS), B Smithurst (Derbyshire Economic Partnership), L Wallace (Bolsover CVP), D Wheatcroft (Derbyshire Dales District council), D White (Derbyshire Probation Service), A Wilkinson (Derby City Council) and A Wright (Derbyshire County Council).

**15/10**      **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** The minutes of the previous meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2010 were confirmed as a correct record.

**16/10**      **MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** The following issue was raised:-

Page 8/9, Minute Reference –10/10 Total Place

It was confirmed that funding had been secured and therefore work in relation to Total Place would continue as previously agreed.

**17/10**      **MINUTES OF THE DPF BOARD** The minutes of the DPF Board meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2010 were received.

The following issues were raised:-

Page 2, Minute Reference – 09/10 Minutes of the Last Meeting and Matters Arising (Proposal for Single Third Sector Database)

Richard Jordan reported that work was progressing well in relation to this proposal. Critical coverage had been secured across the county which meant that the proposal would be effective and further work was being undertaken in relation to options for software provision. He took the opportunity to thank partners for their help and support so far.

Page 2, Minute Reference 10/10 Community Forums

Councillor Bradford confirmed that Amber Valley Borough Council was currently talking to partner organisations to try and improve public attendance at meetings. Nick confirmed that some positive feed back had been received with a general feeling that Forums should be continued in some form.

Page 3, Minute Reference 12/10 Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) and Beyond?

Nick reported that partner organisations had been supportive of the Forum producing an Annual Report. A workshop would take place after the forum meeting which would enable the Partnership to review progress against priorities set out in the Derbyshire Sustainable Community Strategy for 2009-2014.

Page 6, Minute Reference 16/10 Credit Union Provision for Derbyshire

Further to this minute reference, David Lowe reported that although RIEP funding had been secured for this initiative it had been subject to a funding package being in place and as stated in this minute reference, this would not be possible as an agreement to a proposal could not be reached. Further discussions had taken place and Nottingham Credit Union was still looking to expand services across Derbyshire where there was no current provision. Worksop Credit Union was working with Chesterfield and Bolsover. Manchester Credit Union was still looking to expand into High Peak and possibly the Northern Derbyshire Dales.

David indicated that investigations were ongoing with regard to the money partners had contributed towards the study undertaken by ABCUL and an update would be given when available.

**18/10**      **MINUTES OF THE DPF THEMATIC PARTNERSHIPS** The minutes of the following DPF Thematic Partnerships were received:-

- Children and Young People's Trust Board – 18<sup>th</sup> March 2010 and 20<sup>th</sup> May 2010;
- Culture Board – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2010 and 25<sup>th</sup> May 2010;
- Health and Wellbeing Partnership – 1<sup>st</sup> March 2010 and 17<sup>th</sup> May 2010;
- Safer Communities Board – 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2010;
- Sustainable Communities Board – 25<sup>th</sup> May 2010 and
- Transformational Management Board – 29<sup>th</sup> March 2010 and 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

**19/10**      **ALCOHOL HARM – UPDATE ON CROSS CUTTING WORK** The Forum received a progress report which gave details of work which had been undertaken to address the reduction of alcohol harm in Derbyshire. The reduction of alcohol harm was one of the top three priorities for the work of the Forum. As part of the update, Diane Steiner from the Derbyshire Drug and Alcohol Action Team delivered a presentation which illustrated how work had been taken forward in Derbyshire to address this issue.

The report indicated that the harm caused by alcohol misuse would affect most member organisations in terms of their work to improve the lives of Derbyshire residents and would address issues such as community safety, health, (re)offending, positive futures for young people, housing, employment, teen pregnancy, sexual health and supporting families.

The presentation gave updates on:-

- the wider context around alcohol harm;
- the current situation in Derbyshire;
- performance against national indicators;
- alcohol related hospital admissions;
- what action has been taken locally to address alcohol harm and
- barriers and opportunities.

In response to the report and presentation the following issues were raised:-

- funding issues and the importance of securing money for preventative measures was emphasised;
- potential cuts to the budget would impact on trying to move forward;
- cross boundary issues with regard to Derby Hospital taking admissions from the South of the county;
- requirements and needs for long term care and support plans and how these would be affected;

- impossible to stop young people drinking but controls could be introduced to regulate quantity, type and access;
- difference between public drinking and drinking at home with associated implications leading to domestic violence;
- measures need to be imposed in relation to the sale of “cheap” alcohol in supermarkets (a national problem), although the difficulty of imposing restrictions was acknowledged, it was suggested that this could be addressed through campaigns;
- all mainstream staff need to be involved on a daily basis rather than just for special initiatives/projects, and awareness raised in relation to the large impact alcohol can have on society;
- current licensing laws and pricing make alcohol too readily available;

**RESOLVED** that the Forum (1) confirm that reducing alcohol harm will remain a top priority for the Derbyshire Partnership Forum;

(2) support the commissioning of a Hospital Alcohol Liaison Team to work with Chesterfield Royal Hospital;

(3) ensure that frontline staff take up DAAS training on identification and brief alcohol interventions ([www.daas.uk.com](http://www.daas.uk.com) 0845 308 4010)

(4) promotes alcohol awareness with partnership staff both as individuals and as parents;

(5) support multi-agency work, recognising the links between health, community safety and social (e.g. housing, employment) support, and ensure that relevant staff engage with local groups to tackle alcohol harm.

**20/10      EMPLOYMENT OF PEOPLE WITH A LEARNING DISABILITY**

The Forum received a presentation in relation to employment of people with a learning disability. It was reported that learning disability and employment had been an important national and local priority in recent years. Key national strategies which related to employment and learning disability were currently being reviewed. The State of the Nation report had been published by the coalition government in May which surveyed disadvantage in the UK and informed the approach of the new government. People with learning difficulties had been identified as one of the groups which faced particular disadvantage and therefore measures needed to be taken in an effort to address this.

A range of specialist services has already been established in Derbyshire and additional investment has been secured for the improvement of recruitment and creation of opportunities in the county council and other Derbyshire public service providers. Certain areas of the private sector had also engaged in the process such as Morrison’s and the Co-operative Retail Groups. Gary Alexander a representative of the Co-operative Retail Group attended the meeting to share their experiences with forum members. Unfortunately a representative from Morrison’s was unable to attend the meeting however it was noted that similar

provision and outcomes had been experienced by them. The reported outcomes were very favourable from both sources. Pilot studies had been undertaken via MENCAP which once completed had resulted in permanent positions being secured. The people involved in the study had proved to be loyal, hard working and enthusiastic.

Derbyshire County Council had undertaken a pilot study and it was agreed to report the outcomes of this to a future forum meeting.

Reference was made to activities which had been undertaken in other countries, such as the successful cafes which were run by people with learning difficulties in Amsterdam. It was acknowledged that extending this type of initiative would be a challenge to small employers; however in general terms all partners agreed to give this further consideration.

The Chair thanked Gary for attending to share his company's experiences.

**RESOLVED** (1) to note the contents of the presentation;

(2) that the results of the pilot studies being undertaken in Derbyshire be circulated to partners at the appropriate time.

**21/10 LOCAL AREA AGREEMENTS: UPDATE ON PERFORMANCE 2009/10 YEAR END** The Forum considered a report which gave details on the progress made towards the achievement of targets agreed within the Derbyshire Local Area Agreement (LAA) as at the end of 2009/2010.

The Forum was informed that 21 indicators had met or had exceeded the target, 5 indicators were within 5% of achieving the target and 24 indicators were 5% or more away from achieving the target. The report compared performance between the latest position and its equivalent in the previous year. 32 indicators had performed better, 15 indicators had performed worse, 1 indicator was performing the same and 2 indicators could not be compared with the previous year. Full details of the indicators performance, details of the key exceptions and overall LAA performance by the Thematic Board had been provided separately in the appendices to the report.

The report indicated that overall there had been a positive direction of progress in respect of LAA performance with a further 11 indicators showing a positive direction of travel since the last quarter.

The Forum accepted the report and in response made the following comments:-

- it was noted that this would be the third and final year of implementation and the benefits of partnership work were acknowledged. It was suggested that a consultation exercise should be undertaken in an effort to determine where LAA activities should be concentrated for the future and whether partner organisations would be prepared to commit to them;

Steve Battlemuch from GOEM reported that the continuation of the LAA framework would be for the partnership to decide as it was unlikely that Government would dictate although confirmation was awaited.

**RESOLVED** (1) to note the progress made towards the achievement of LAA targets in 2009/10;

(2) that partners determine possible priorities and activities for the future and a report be presented to a future meeting.

**22/10 DERBYSHIRE'S JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT (JSNA 2009)/DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S (DPH) ANNUAL REPORT**

The Forum was asked to note the publication of the 2009 JSNA/DPH Annual Report. The report gave an update on Derbyshire's health and wellbeing priority issues which included those which had been identified for 2010. Partners were asked to encourage feedback on local health and wellbeing issues.

The JSNA had built a web-based resource of health and wellbeing data in order to establish up-to-date trends in health and wellbeing issues. This could be found at:-

<http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/Socialhealth/inspectionofservices/jointneedsassessment.default.asp>.

It had been recognised that identifying the priority areas at a county-wide level is a reasonably straight forward process. However in a county as large and diverse as Derbyshire there are considerable local variations in health and wellbeing experiences and partners were asked to identify local variations, concerns or observations by feedback through the website.

In response to the report, reference was made to issues around funding for the identified priorities and the need to work together to address mental health issues was highlighted.

**RESOLVED** (1) to note the contents of the report;

(2) that partners encourage widespread discussion of the reports content and priority areas;

(3) that partners encourage feedback of comments, observations and arising issues.

**23/10 HEALTH INEQUALITIES STRATEGY** David Black, the Director of Public Health, gave an update on progress which had been made on the development of the 'Health Inequalities Strategy'. He confirmed that it had been circulated to the appropriate bodies for comment which included members of the Derbyshire Partnership Board and chairs of the thematic partnerships. Comments had been collated and the next step would be to approach the Thematic

Partnerships to discuss how relevant sections of the strategy would impact on their work. David agreed to report back on progress in 6 to 9 months.

**RESOLVED** that a progress report be presented to the Forums December 2010 or March 2011 meeting.

**24/10 REDUCING DEATHS AND INEQUALITIES IN DERBYSHIRE CAUSED BY TOBACCO** The Forum gave consideration to a report which provided a summary of progress in relation to reducing the harm from tobacco in Derbyshire. It also made recommendations for further progress with regard to reducing death, suffering and health inequalities caused by smoking and exposure to tobacco smoke.

The report indicated that smoking was the single biggest cause of preventable death in Derbyshire and was responsible for almost half of the difference in mortality between the most deprived 20% of the population and the average. Smoking was also a major cause of house fires and fire related injury and death.

Since the publication of the Smoking Kills White Paper in 1998, considerable progress had been made in relation to the reduction of smoking prevalence and the protection of people from the harmful effects of second-hand smoke. Derbyshire has an effective tobacco control alliance (Derbyshire Action on Smoking – DAS) and excellent stop smoking services are available throughout. The Derbyshire Action on smoking (DAS) had updated its strategy and its key strategic objectives were detailed in the report. Tina Jones, the programme manager for tobacco control in Derbyshire attended the meeting and explained work which had been undertaken in Derbyshire.

The report contained the following recommendations which would continue to drive down the human suffering and economic damage caused by smoking:-

**Helping people stop smoking.**

1. that training on signposting to local NHS Stop Smoking Services be offered to all front line staff. This includes health staff and staff in non health care settings (e.g. library workers, social workers and workplace occupational health departments)
2. that staff from partner organisations encourage colleagues and clients who smoke to seek help from local NHS Stop Smoking Services;
3. that partner organisations discuss organising workplace stop smoking sessions with Derbyshire County Stop Smoking Service/DAS (where several employees smoke on site stop smoking sessions can work very well);



## **Protecting people from smoke and changing the culture**

4. with support from the Derbyshire Action on Smoking Team (DAS) all partner organisations:-
  - i. ensure that their organisational objectives are consistent with the Derbyshire Action on Smoking objectives;
  - ii. sign the Derbyshire Smoke Free Charter;
  - iii. ensure appropriate representation on the DAS Steering Group;
  - iv. ensure that their policies meet the requirements of Smoke Free Legislation;
  - v. make their grounds, sites and vehicles smoke free;
  - vi. ensure their policies cover illicit tobacco use in the workplace and
  - vii. protect all workers from second hand smoke.
  
5. that partner organisations who are in a position to do so, work with enforcement agencies to reduce the availability of smuggled, counterfeit and other illicit tobacco;

## **Protecting children**

6. that partner organisations endorse the priority of preventing the uptake of smoking amongst young people;
7. that partner organisations with an opportunity/role to undertake, do so and make an organisational commitment to protecting children and others from exposure to second-hand smoke in the home and car by having an active involvement in the roll out of Derbyshire Smoke Free Homes and Cars project across Derbyshire.

## **Delivering a Smoke free Derbyshire**

8. that the Health and Wellbeing Partnership monitor progress every six months and report back to the Derbyshire Partnership Forum as required to ensure satisfactory progress.

**RESOLVED** to support the recommendations contained in the report.

**25/10**      **DERBYSHIRE EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS BOARD** The Forum received an update report for information from the Derbyshire Employment and Skills Board.

**26/10**      **ANY OTHER BUSINESS – GOEM – BUDGET/SPENDING REVIEW** Steve Battlemuch from GOEM referred to the challenges the public sector would face in order to address the departmental budget cuts. He indicated that a letter had been sent the previous day asking public sector employees for suggestions and ideas for efficiencies. He appealed to agencies to draw this to the attention of employees as soon as possible as the website would close on 8<sup>th</sup>

July 2010. Partner's agreed and it was suggested that a request for employees to copy their managers in to any suggestions made should be included.

**27/10**      **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**      **RESOLVED** that the next meeting be held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2010 commencing at 10.00 am at County Hall, Matlock, Derbyshire.

**28/10**      **DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**      **RESOLVED** that the remaining meeting for 2010 be held on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December commencing at 10.00 am at County Hall, Matlock, Derbyshire.