

Partnership Matters

December 2010



Message from the Chairman



We recently asked all partners to comment on the future of the Derbyshire Partnership Forum. Your responses indicate general support for us to continue working in partnership and set high level priorities that are relevant to Derbyshire, although fewer than at present. You also suggested a few changes to the current arrangements for the Partnership.



Over the next few months, we will look at your comments and develop proposals for the future governance of the Partnership which will be brought to the Forum in March 2011.

I would like to thank you for your suggestions and wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Cllr Andrew Lewer - Leader of Derbyshire County Council

ICON brings sport and business together

Derbyshire Sport has launched ICON, a new initiative designed to make Derbyshire one of the most active and successful sporting counties in England by 2020. ICON is a Forum which will help local businesses support local athletes and connect with other organisations who share their interest in sport.

With less than two years to the opening of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, Derbyshire Sport and its partners are working hard to create a lasting legacy in Derbyshire from the Games. ICON contributes to this aim, by providing an opportunity for

Businesses and organisations supporting ICON

- Derbyshire Economic Partnership
- Cooper Parry
- The University of Derby
- The Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Chamber of Commerce
- All the local authorities in Derbyshire

businesses to financially support local athletes to help them with the cost of training and competing. The support will help the athletes put Derbyshire on the sporting map.

In return for their investments, businesses will receive support to encourage their workforce to become healthier and more active.

Representatives from around 50 local businesses attended the initial launch at the University of Derby Enterprise Centre. A second promotional event takes place in Chesterfield on 14 December 2010.

Organisations interested in learning more about ICON, can contact Rachel Weir by emailing rachel.weir@derbyshire.gov.uk.



Three Derbyshire athletes who have benefitted from financial support to meet the cost of training and competing.

Operation Impact

Derbyshire Police has recently launched Operation Impact, working with local Community Safety Partnerships and councils. It is an eight week initiative to reduce violence and domestic abuse across the county, running until 31 January 2011.

A range of activities have been planned, including an increase in patrols in major towns, licensed premises checks and the special deployment of dedicated domestic violence units.

Assistant Chief Constable Alec Wood, who is leading the operation, said: "We are determined to create safer communities by preventing violent crime and alcohol-related disorder across the county, particularly throughout the Christmas period and into the New Year. There is always the potential for violent crime and domestic abuse to rise at this time of year because families are together more than usual, more alcohol is consumed and tempers can often fray."

The planned activities aim to help identify offenders and offer advice and support for victims as well as reducing excessive drinking which can lead to violence. For more information on Operation Impact, please contact Detective Inspector Rob Massey on 0345 123 33 33.



Campaign to combat smoking in the home



A new campaign, led by NHS Derbyshire County, aimed at reducing smoking in the home and in the car, will be launched in the New Year. The campaign will provide information and advice about the harms caused to children and adults by inhaling second hand smoke.

Exposure to second-hand smoke has immediate adverse health effects, such as reducing lung function. There is also evidence to suggest that children who grow up in homes where parents smoke are more likely to start smoking later in life.

The campaign also helps to achieve fire safety priorities. Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service Area Manager Gavin Tomlinson said: "Creating a smoke free home can not only help the health of people but it can also significantly reduce the risk of a fire."

A conference in November introduced the campaign to over 60 attendees from across East Midlands. It provided an opportunity for partners to be involved in shaping the direction of the campaign which will be rolled out across Derbyshire and Derby City.

If you are interested in supporting the campaign, you can contact Stephen Walker, by emailing stephen.walker@derbyshirecountypct.nhs.uk or by phoning 01246 868445.



Pictured are delegates at the recent conference in South Normanton

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Counter terrorism



A recent conference at Alfreton Hall provided an opportunity to learn more about the Prevent Agenda, one of the four strands of the Government's National Counter Terrorism Strategy (CONTEST). The strategy was launched in 2003 in response to global terrorist activities which highlighted the threat to national security from radical extremist groups and organisations.

The Prevent element of CONTEST requires agencies, such as local authorities and law enforcement agencies, to work to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting violent extremism.

The Partnership takes its responsibilities towards this agenda very seriously and the recent conference helped to raise awareness of the threats posed by extremist groups. Attendees included frontline staff from public sector agencies in Derbyshire as well as elected members, managers and representatives from the voluntary and community sector.

Delegates learnt about faith awareness, Islam and radicalisation, the role of a Counter Terrorism Security Advisor, the threat from extremism and the links between counter terrorism and community cohesion.

For more information on the Prevent Agenda and counter terrorism in Derbyshire please email seamus.carroll@derbyshire.gov.uk.



Local businesses inspire school pupils

During October, senior business leaders from Derbyshire's largest employers made visits to schools in Derbyshire and Derby City to inspire and motivate pupils, as part of a major campaign to boost links between employers and education.

The 'Visit Our Schools Week' ran from 18 - 22 October and was led by Derbyshire Education Business Partnership (DEBP), part of Connexions Derbyshire.

The week was part of a wider campaign which recruits local employers to carry out activities in schools to help develop pupils' skills for life. Kaye Cramp, Curriculum Support Team Leader for the DEBP said: "I hope Visit Our Schools Week will be just the tip of the iceberg and that employers will get more involved in helping prepare the workforce of tomorrow."

For more information about the campaign, please contact Annabel Clement on 01773 570939 ext 266 or email annabel.clement@connexions-derbyshire.org



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Funding for community buildings

The Big Lottery Fund is investing an additional £75 million in one of their flagship programmes, Reaching Communities. The new funding stream, 'Reaching Communities Buildings,' opened for applications in November and will be available until March 2013.

Voluntary and community sector organisations and parish and town councils will be able to apply for capital funding of between £100,000 and £500,000.



The additional funding has been designed to help replace existing buildings or transform them into multi-use community buildings that will be able to provide facilities for a wide range of people.

The funding is targeted at the most deprived areas in order to help bring improvements to the communities and the lives of people most in need.

More information, including an eligibility check, is available on the Big Lottery website, www.biglotteryfund.org.uk. Interested organisations can contact the Enquiry Line on 0845 04 10 20 30.

Successful Operation Relentless 2010

This year's Operation Relentless took place between 27 September and 7 November 2010. The campaign focused on reducing crime and the fear of crime and involved a wide range of activities including community clean-ups, burglary reduction campaigns and sessions for young people.

Initial feedback shows that there were fewer instances of anti-social behaviour and criminal damage over the six week period, compared to the same period the year before.

Assistant Chief Constable Dee Collins said: "I'm very pleased to see that fewer people have been affected by anti-social behaviour as a result of Operation Relentless. The campaign is about improving communities and people's quality of life. It is also about supporting sustainable projects so that the good work done as part of Relentless will benefit areas in years to come."

For more feedback on Operation Relentless, please go to www.derbyshire.police.uk.



Meeting dates and contact information

Derbyshire Partnership Forum meetings are held quarterly at County Hall in Matlock on the following dates. All meetings start at 10 am.

25 March 2011

24 June 2010

23 September 2011

For more information about the DPF and to access the DPF papers, presentations and an electronic version of this newsletter, visit www.derbyshire.gov.uk/partnershipforum

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