

# Children and Young People's Trust

## newsletter

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**S** The Solihull Partnership

Children and Young People's Trust  
Improving outcomes for children in Solihull

### Introduction

It's March already, where is 2010 going! If like me those resolutions you made on the 1st of January are long forgotten (Less chocolate? More exercise?), here are a new set to get us through the rest of the year:

- **"Listen more"**: 2010 is going to be a big year for listening to each other. We're building a new Children and Young People's Plan and its success will depend on involving you in the consultation and in delivering the Plan. To let us know your views visit <http://www.solihull.gov.uk/cypt/17798.htm>
- **"Country before club"**: We will only make a difference to inequality in Solihull if we all pull together, which means thinking partnership first. Especially when money is tight.
- **"Work smarter"**: People are already working hard, this isn't about doing more. We've got to invest time and money in the things that really make a difference, and are important to local people. This leads us back to the priorities for the new Plan - a handful of things that are crucial to do over the next three years because they'll transform the lives of children and young people.

So there they are. We may need chocolate to get us through, but I think these are resolutions worth sticking with. See you in December to check how we've got on.

**Ben Lewing**  
Change for Children Programme Manager

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## Changes to the Trust

**F**rom 1 April Children's Trusts will be required by law. But what will this mean for Solihull, one of the original children's trust pilots?

The Government wants to strengthen the local partnership arrangements for children and young people. It is doing this by:

- Making the Children's Trust Boards a statutory body
- Giving responsibility for developing, publishing and reviewing the Children and Young People's Plan to the Children's Trust Board, rather than just the Local Authority
- Extending the organisations which must be involved to include schools, academies, colleges and Jobcentre Plus.

In response to Lord Laming's report, the Government is also consulting on arrangements to strengthen how organisations work together to keep children safe.

Solihull's partnership arrangements for children and young people are considered robust and mature. However, the national changes and local pressures mean that Solihull's Children and Young People's Trust needs to develop further in three particular areas:

- **Wider involvement:** The Trust Board needs to involve more organisations such as GPs and health trusts, the Fire Service and Solihull Community Housing. If the Trust Board is about securing commitment from all the organisations that impact on the lives of children, young people and families, then they all need to be involved.

Children, young people and parents need to have a direct influence on the Board and be represented by groups such as the Parent's Forum and the Youth Council.

We also need to have stronger links with Councillors. A bigger Trust Board will need to be managed differently and we think we'll need to set up a small Executive Group to deliver the work of the Board.

- **Maximum impact:** Partnerships and plans are only worth the effort if they make a difference. When resources are tight it is more important than ever to be clear about how priorities are costed and resources identified. The Solihull Partnership has just agreed a new Common Commissioning Framework and it is vital that we use this to drive our new Children and Young People's Plan.
- **Whole partnership approach:** We have a strong and co-ordinated Solihull Partnership and we have to make sure that the different parts of the Partnership work well together and don't duplicate, leave gaps or cause confusion. One Partnership, one set of priorities. A crucial area for us to get right is the relationship between the Trust Board and the Safeguarding Children Board - both have important responsibilities for keeping children safe.

### Find out more

To find out more about how we're developing the Children's Trust in Solihull why not come along to a Trust Board meeting as an observer. Contact Shahida Khokar on **0121 704 8480** or email [skhokhar@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:skhokhar@solihull.gov.uk),

To get involved in the consultation on the new Children and Young People's Plan visit <http://www.solihull.gov.uk/cypt/17798.htm>

For further information about the Trust visit: [www.solihull.gov.uk/cypt](http://www.solihull.gov.uk/cypt)

## Updates on Priorities

# Priority 1 - Healthy Lifestyles

### Str8 Up award winning services

**P**romoting healthy lifestyles is one of our priorities and to support people with drug and alcohol problems we have the Str8 Up service.

Staff at Str8 Up Young People's Drug and Alcohol Service were recently presented with a national award recognising their work supporting young people with drug and alcohol problems.

Str8 Up provides a free and confidential service for under 18s in Solihull who are having difficulties with drugs, alcohol or solvents. The team work primarily on a one to one basis and carry out a full assessment and develop a care plan based on a young person's needs. The work may involve techniques for cutting down, coping and preventing relapse.

Referrals are accepted from professionals as well as directly from young people or their family. They aim to offer an appointment within five working days after receiving a referral, but the team can be flexible depending on the young persons needs.

If you have any questions about the service or have concerns about a young person and are not sure whether this is the right service for them please give the team a call. To make a referral, complete a Drug Use Screening Tool (DUST) which is available on the website or call the team.

**Contact: Str8 Up team on 0121 788 5390, email [str8up@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:str8up@solihull.gov.uk) or visit <http://www.solihull.gov.uk/health/str8up.htm>**

### What do we know about teenagers with dyspraxia?

**T**wo Solihull teenagers recently presented the findings of a national consultation looking at what life is like for teenagers with dyspraxia, at a conference for occupational therapists at Warwick University.

Dyspraxia is a disability that can affect movement and coordination because brain messages are not properly transmitted to the body. People with dyspraxia have difficulty in planning smooth, coordinated movements. Dyspraxia leads to clumsiness and problems with language, perception and thought.



*Ben Smith, Olivia Hull and Sally Payne at Warwick University*

Olivia Hull and Ben Smith, both aged 17, explained how dyspraxia made it difficult for them to carry out everyday activities such as managing money, using public transport and eating out with friends.

Sally Payne, Head Paediatric Occupational Therapist for Solihull Care Trust, helped with the presentation that received very positive feedback from the conference delegates. Ben and Olivia are now working with Sally on a research project to look in more depth at what matters to teenagers with dyspraxia.

**Further information about the national consultation can be found at:**

**[http://www.dyspraxiafoundation.org.uk/news/show\\_news.php?id=65](http://www.dyspraxiafoundation.org.uk/news/show_news.php?id=65)**

**Contact: Sally Payne, Paediatric Occupational Therapist on 0121 712 8120 or [sally.payne@solihull-ct.nhs.uk](mailto:sally.payne@solihull-ct.nhs.uk)**

# Priority 2 - Anti-Bullying and Personal Safety

## E-Safety for primary schools

**T**he Children and Young People's Trust commission the Children's Society to deliver anti-bullying work in primary schools and they have recently developed an E-Safety programme for primary school pupils aged 9-11.



The programme raises children's awareness of the dangers they face online and how they can reduce these risks and keep themselves safe. Particular attention is paid to cyber bullying.



The programme started in November and so far has been introduced into two schools. By April it will have been introduced into another two schools.

Here are some quotes from children and teachers involved in the programme:

**From the teachers:**

*"Very interesting and relevant, got the children thinking about the issue."*

*"All children will have gained some knowledge about using the internet safely."*

*"They have learnt how to deal with cyber bullying and how to be safer online."*

**From the pupils:**

*"I have learnt what sites are available to protect us"*  
*"I now know how to help someone being cyber bullied"*

*"This was a really good programme"*

*"I have learnt what to put on Facebook and have already changed my profile"*

**Contact: Debbie Shaw, Anti Bullying and Personal Safety Worker on 0121 788 5200 or email [debra.shaw@childrenssociety.org.uk](mailto:debra.shaw@childrenssociety.org.uk)**

# Priority 3 - Things to Do and Places to Go

## Positive Activities Programme

**S**ince the Positive Activities Programme started in April 2009 over 2,000 young people across Solihull have been engaged in some form of positive activity. Young people's feedback so far has been really positive! They have said things like: **"It has given me something to do and I feel better about myself", "I enjoyed working with new people and learning new skills" and "Getting involved kept me out of trouble"**

The Positive Activities Programme provides things to do for young people in the evenings, weekends and school holidays. These are provided by targeted and universal projects and include activities such as music, dance, football, volunteering, environmental projects, outreach work and activities for young people who provide care for a family member.

One of the aims of the programme is to reduce anti social behaviour (ASB). Many of the projects are run in crime 'hot spots' so that the young people are taking part in positive activities rather than anti social behaviour. In the last quarter (from October to December 2009) there was a noticeable decrease in ASB in areas targeted by the programme compared to the same period last year.

There are many projects running throughout Solihull which children and young people can get involved in. To find out more contact the Family Information Service.

**Contact: Family Information Service on 0800 389 8667, email [familyinfo@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:familyinfo@solihull.gov.uk) or visit [www.solihull.gov.uk/familyinfo](http://www.solihull.gov.uk/familyinfo)**

# Priority 4 - Raising Achievement

## Closing the gap in the early years

### An update

**T**he Early Years team and schools in north Solihull are working together to close the attainment and achievement gap of children at the end of reception who live in the 20% most deprived areas and their peers.

The aim of the work is to improve children's communication, language and literacy skills and their personal, social and emotional development.

### Our results for 2008 to 2009:

- We have closed the gap by 3.2% - from 33.3% to 30.1%.
- The national average for closing the gap is 1.7% so we have more than doubled this.
- We are ranked 18th out of 150 local authorities for closing the gap.

### How have we done this?

We have done a lot of work to close the gap which has included:

- Consultants working with early years staff in schools to improve classroom practice.
- Introducing a "Linking Sounds and Letters" Phonic Programme to develop children's reading and writing skills.
- Improving the target setting and tracking processes used in schools to monitor children's progress enabling us to intervene when a child may be struggling.

Although we have closed the gap significantly we are not complacent and in 2010 are looking to close the gap further.



**Contact: Kathy Slinn, Senior Children's Service Improvement Adviser on 0121 704 8218 or email [kslinn@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:kslinn@solihull.gov.uk)**

# Priority 5 - An equal chance

## Parent Champions support families in Solihull

**P**arent Champions with the help of volunteers support parents and carers with children aged 0 to 25 who have additional needs and/or disabilities.

The role of Parent Champions is to help families get the support they would like, access the services that they need and find out where to go for information.

The team are all parents of children with additional needs and/or disabilities and are there for parents and carers if they want to talk to someone who knows and understands what they are going through.

### They also provide:

- Weekly support groups with crèches where parents/carers can meet other families and develop a network of supportive friendships
- A programme of events in the holidays and at weekends for the whole family
- Training and volunteering opportunities to develop parents and carers confidence
- A parents forum which gives parents/carers the opportunity to have their say and be involved in influencing services that affect their child

**Contact: Fiona Bubb, Senior Parent Champion on 07554 115652 or email [fbubb@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:fbubb@solihull.gov.uk)**



*Pictures taken at the summer fun day*

## Short breaks for disabled children

**S**olihull Life Opportunities (SoLO) is delivering a new project called "Access All Areas". The project is part of the Short Breaks scheme for children and young people with disabilities.

SoLO provide a support worker to accompany a child with disabilities to a group or activity that does not specifically cater for disabled children. The provision is very flexible and gives parents and children the opportunity to select an activity of their choice which is at a suitable time and venue for them, such as Beavers, Brownies, horse riding and youth clubs.

This photograph was taken at a local youth club in Solihull where SoLO support three children with special needs



to attend the youth club alongside mainstream peers. This has been such a success that another local youth club will be doing something similar from February.

Links have been made with many groups and clubs and where there isn't a suitable group or club to meet our families needs, SoLO have started some of their own. Parents have said that this is a much needed scheme and that they really appreciate it.

To find out more about Solihull's short breaks for disabled children contact the Family Information Service.

**Contact: Family Information Service on 0800 389 8667, email [familyinfo@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:familyinfo@solihull.gov.uk) or visit [www.solihull.gov.uk/familyinfo](http://www.solihull.gov.uk/familyinfo)**

## Priority 6 - Integrated Working

**Integrated working is about building strong relationships across the workforce to better meet the needs of children, young people and families.**

### Family Intervention Project

**T**he Family Intervention Project is run in partnership with the Child and Adolescent Mental Health team (CAMHS), the Youth Offending Service and the Anti-Social Behaviour team (ASB).

The project will support up to 20 families across Solihull to reduce children's offending and/or anti-social behaviour. The project works with families with children aged between 10-16 years old.

The team works with the whole family to meet the needs of all family members and to help improve their emotional health and relationships.

We do this through a number of ways which include:

- Parenting programmes
- Intensive outreach and family support
- Signposting and supporting families to appropriate services
- Supporting children to engage in positive activities

*A parent engaged with the FIP project has said: "The project is really excellent, it is helped me to understand problems with myself and my relationship with my son. Staff are very supportive and are always there. They make sure we are settled and feeling well in ourselves. They look into every aspect of my life and give me more hope for the future".*

*A member of the ASB says this about the project:*

*"The project provides families with intensive support to help them cope with and improve a child's behaviour. Staff set targets for them to work towards when ordinarily the ASB team would be looking at enforcement action as the considered option".*

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## Children's Centres

**Phase 3 of the Sure Start Children's Centre programme will complete the national roll out of 3,500 centres by 2010. Solihull will have their existing 11 centres increased to 14 by April 2010.**

Unlike previous children's centres, phase 3 centres are not situated in the most disadvantaged areas. There will be three new buildings on the school sites of Bentley Heath, Langley and Monkspath which are due to be completed by April/May. There will also be children centre services available at the Renewal Family Centre and the Oliver Bird Hall.

During January to April consultation events and taster sessions will be taking place in the

schools and the surrounding areas. This will allow parents, children and practitioners to get involved in planning the services they think are needed in their local communities.

Children's Centres offer a wide range of activities and support services for families and younger children including access to child and family health services and Job Centre Plus services.

These additional children's centres will help all families in Solihull have better access to integrated children's centre services.

**Contact: Ann Cartwright, Children's Centre Area Co-ordinator on email [acartwright@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:acartwright@solihull.gov.uk)**

## Common Induction for new staff

**The Common Induction is a new way of providing new staff and volunteers with skills and knowledge to work with children and young people.**

The programme is made up of seven modules:

- Integrated Working Awareness
- Safeguarding Level One
- Equality and Diversity
- Communicating with children, young people and families
- Child Development
- Health and Safety
- Information Sharing

Integrated working and Safeguarding are mandatory modules, but the others depend on your experience.

The first cohort have really enjoyed the modules so far and got a lot out of them.

This is a quote from Anthony Pitt who is on the first cohort.

"I have done the Equality and Diversity and Safeguarding modules so far. I found them very informative and they really give you a good overview. Safeguarding for example covers items relating to the Local Safeguarding Children's Board and the key points to look out for to safeguard children. Equality and Diversity involved group discussions which I found very enjoyable as it gave me a good insight into equality and diversity issues".

There is a checklist for managers to help determine the appropriate modules that their staff will need to complete. If you are new in post or are a manager with new staff, get in touch.

The first Common Induction programme started on Wednesday 27 January and finishes on Tuesday 30 March. There are still spaces on some of the modules. The second programme starts on Wednesday 3 March.

**See page 10 for dates for the Integrated Working Awareness module.**

**Contact: Rebecca Gunning, Workforce Development Co-ordinator on 0121 788 5371 or email [rgunning@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:rgunning@solihull.gov.uk)**

**See page 10 for details on integrated working training.**

## Safeguarding

### Children affected by parental substance misuse

**We have set up a multi agency group to look at the safeguarding needs of children with drug and alcohol misusing parents in Solihull.**

This is as a result of national and local concerns that problem drug and alcohol use by parents can and does, cause serious harm to children and young people. In addition to prompt action to address adult drug use, we need agencies to work together to take a preventative approach to protect children from this often 'hidden harm'; taking into account the needs of the whole family.

We are looking into developing our hidden harm intervention services for young people affected by adult drug and alcohol use and have been researching the potential level of need for the services in Solihull. We have pulled together information from a range of services including adult treatment services, midwifery services and children's social work services and audited practice across services to identify gaps in current provision. The commissioning lead has also been examining best practice from other local authorities.

Over the next few months we will put a range of action in place. These will include:

- The launch of a redesigned service for children affected by parental substance misuse which will include advice and support, one to one counselling and group work.
- Training key staff on Safeguarding, Substance Misuse and Parenting.
- Ensuring that practitioners have access to the support they need to use Common Assessment Framework (CAF) processes which support children and families and improve integrated working across adult and children's services.
- Reviewing the Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB) Joint Services Protocol on Families and Children Affected by Parental Drug and Alcohol Use.

**Contact: Teresa Scragg, Commissioning Manager on 0121 704 6175 or email [tscragg@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:tscragg@solihull.gov.uk) or Janice Price, Commissioning Officer on 0121 788 3466 or email [jprice@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:jprice@solihull.gov.uk)**

### Childhood Accidents

**The Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB) have been considering a report on the issue of childhood accidents in Solihull. Accidents are the biggest cause of non-medical deaths for children in England - particularly on the roads.**

In Solihull, the data from the Outcomes Review 2009 for accidental injury and death shows that Solihull is below the national average and is well below our statistical neighbours. The number of children who die on the roads in the borough is very small, though obviously, all child deaths are a tragedy for the family concerned.

Nationally, most accidents occur in the home. Disadvantaged families are particularly vulnerable, with children from poorer households 13 times more likely to die from unintentional injury and 37 times more likely to die as a result of exposure to smoke, fire and flames.

The statistics for Solihull on child accidental injuries again show a positive picture when

compared to regional, national and statistical neighbours. At the moment we do not have enough data on the nature of injuries that children and young people are presenting at Accident and Emergency Departments so we are investigating this further. This information will help us to put in place more targeted actions to prevent accidents.

The Child Accident Prevention Trust in partnership with the Department of Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) has recently published guidelines for practitioners to reduce accidental injuries. "Accidents and Child Development" can be found at the Every Child Matters website on <http://publications.everychildmatters.gov.uk>

**Contacts:**

**For further information on home safety contact Carolyn Lindsay, Specialist Health Visitor Accident Prevention on 0121 713 8920 or email [carolyn.lindsay@solihull-ct.nhs.uk](mailto:carolyn.lindsay@solihull-ct.nhs.uk)**

**For any other information contact Teresa Scragg, Commissioning Manager on 0121 704 6175 or [tscragg@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:tscragg@solihull.gov.uk)**

## Events

### Str8 Up lunchtime sessions

**S**tr8 Up are holding lunchtime sessions for professionals to come and meet the team, pick up free resources and network over a free lunch. Drop in between 12noon-2pm at any of the following venues:

The Bridge, Shirley on Monday 1 March  
The Studio, Solihull Library on Monday 15 March  
The Maple room, Keepers lodge, Chelmsley Wood on Friday 5 and Tuesday 16 March

**Contact:** If you would like to come along please call Debbie Blunt on 0121 788 5390 or email [dblunt@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:dblunt@solihull.gov.uk)

### Children's Voluntary Sector Forum

**T**he Children's Voluntary Sector Forum (CVSF) is open to all voluntary and community organisations who provide services to children living in Solihull or who provide services used by children. The group meets every couple of months to discuss issues relevant to the services they provide.

For more information on how the Forum can support the work that you do and how to get involved, contact Charles Rapson on 0121 770 8222 or email [charlesr@solihull-sustain.org.uk](mailto:charlesr@solihull-sustain.org.uk)

### Early Years settings

#### Consultation on the Children and Young People's Plan

**T**he Children and Young People's Trust have set up two consultation briefings on the new Children and Young People's Plan for staff in Early Years settings. We want to know what you think should be included in the new plan to improve outcomes for Solihull's children and young people. All staff in Early Years settings are welcome to come along.

The briefings will be held on the following dates:

Tuesday 16 March 10am to 11am at Solihull College, Woodlands Campus, Auckland Drive, Smiths Wood, B36 ONE

Tuesday 23 March 2pm to 3pm at Sans Souci, Tanworth Lane, Shirley, Solihull, B90 4DD

**To confirm your attendance contact Lorraine Lord, Teaching and Learning Consultant on 0121 707 9488 or [llord@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:llord@solihull.gov.uk)**

**If you are unable to attend the briefings you can let us know your views at <http://www.solihull.gov.uk/cypt/17798.htm>**

### Safeguarding workshops

**Is your voluntary group involved in providing services to children? Are you confused by all the messages coming out about safeguarding, vetting and barring?**

Solihull Council for Voluntary Youth Services (SCYVS) and SUSTAIN are working together to deliver four workshops for people who want to understand the basics of safeguarding. The workshops look at what you need to do to ensure children involved in your group are safe and what additional support is available. Workshops are free and include a buffet. They will be held at the following times and locations:

Thursday 4 March at Kingshurst Evangelical Church from 18.00 to 20.30

Wednesday 10 March at Solihull Youth Workshops from 17.30 to 20.00

Monday 15 March at The Priory, Solihull from 19.00 to 21.30

Thursday 25 March at the Bridge, Shirley from 13.30 to 16.00

**Places are limited - to book please call Claire Milican at SUSTAIN on 0121 711 3148 or email [clairem@solihull-sustain.org.uk](mailto:clairem@solihull-sustain.org.uk)**

## Integrated Working training

The following integrated working training is available to anybody who works with children and young people in Solihull. The training is split into five half day modules across Solihull. You do not have to attend all five modules, however, the Children and Young People's Trust are promoting the Integrated Working Awareness course as essential for new starters through the Common Induction Programme.

**See page 7 for further details on the Common Induction.**

- Courses are free of charge
- A booking form can be found at the following link [www.solihull.gov.uk/cypt/17502](http://www.solihull.gov.uk/cypt/17502)
- For any further information call Emma Jones on 0121 788 5374 or email [ejones@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:ejones@solihull.gov.uk)

Date	Module	Time	Venue
4 March	Integrated Working Awareness	09:30 - 12:30	Woodlands campus
9 March	Assessing a Child or Young Person	13:30 - 16:30	Woodlands campus
15 March	Early Identification	13:30 - 16:30	Woodlands campus
25 March	CAF Cards	13:30 - 16:30	Sans Souci
31 March	Co-ordination and Review	09:30 - 12:30	Lode Lane training centre
26 April	Integrated Working Awareness	18:00 - 21:00	Civic Suite
29 April	Integrated Working Awareness	09:30 - 12:30	Woodlands campus
4 May	Integrated Working Awareness	09:30 - 12:30	Woodlands campus
18 May	Assessing a Child or Young Person	09:30 - 12:30	Woodlands campus
20 May	Early Identification	09:30 - 12:30	Lode Lane
24 May	CAF Cards	13:30 - 16:30	Sans Souci
26 May	Co-ordination and Review	13:30 - 16:30	Sans Souci
8 June	Integrated Working Awareness	18:00 - 21:00	Civic Suite
16 June	Integrated Working Awareness	13:30 - 16:30	Woodlands campus
22 June	Assessing a Child or Young Person	13:30 - 16:30	Lode Lane
24 June	Early Identification	09:30 - 12:30	Woodlands campus
29 June	CAF Cards	09:30 - 12:30	Woodlands campus
6 July	Co-ordination and Review	13:30 - 16:30	Sans Souci
8 July	Integrated Working Awareness	09:30 - 12:30	Lode Lane

## Integrated working training

### Venue details:

**Woodlands campus**, Solihull College, Auckland Drive, Smith's Wood, B36 0NE

**Sans Souci Training Centre**, Tanworth Lane, Shirley, Solihull B90 4DD

**Lode Lane Learning and Development Centre**, 142 Lode Lane Solihull B91 2HP

**Civic Suite**, at the rear of Solihull Council House, Off Churchill Road, Solihull

The first three modules should be completed in the order below:

	Content of Module	Who it is aimed at
<b>Integrated Working Awareness module</b>  <b>LINCS 1</b>	If you are new to the children and young people's workforce in Solihull or need a refresher	Everyone
<b>For those who work one to one with children, young people and/or families</b>		
	Content of Module	
<b>Assessing a child or young person module</b>  <b>LINCS 2</b>	If you are likely to be involved in assessing the needs and strengths of a family and recording this on a Common Assessment Framework (CAF) form, then this is the course for you.	
<b>Co-ordination and review</b>  <b>LINCS 3</b>	<p>The LINCS model looks at how to identify, assess and support children, young people and families in Solihull when more than one agency is involved. The aim of these procedures is to ensure that children and young people only have to tell their story once, in order to receive the help they need at the time they need it.</p> <p>We will specifically look at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Appointing a Lead Person to carry out the assessment</li> <li>● Co-ordinating support from a range of agencies</li> <li>● Compiling a plan of support and action</li> </ul>	
<b>Early Identification Module</b>  <b>LINCS 4</b>	Explore what some of the common blocks to children and young people achieving the Every Child Matters outcomes in Solihull and what might be some of the triggers that alert us.	
<b>CAF Cards module</b>  <b>LINCS 5</b>	This course will tell you more about a tool that will help you complete the Common Assessment Framework (CAF) process with a family. The CAF cards are visual discussion starters that can be used to support the CAF conversation.	

## About us

### What is the Children and Young People's Trust?

**The Children and Young People's Trust is a partnership arrangement that brings together key agencies to improve the lives of all children, young people and families in Solihull. It aims to make Solihull a place where all children and young people have an equal chance and are able to achieve their full potential.**

The Trust is responsible for delivering the *Children and Young People's Plan* which looks at improving outcomes for children and young people in Solihull. It covers any service and organisation which affects those outcomes, from health to housing, education to employment, culture to care.

We're building a new Children and Young People's Plan at the moment, and its success will depend on involving you - in the consultation and in delivering the Plan. Visit <http://www.solihull.gov.uk/cypt/17798.htm> to take part in the consultation.

The Trust is part of the Solihull Partnership. The Solihull Partnership is the strategic partnership responsible for improving outcomes for all people in Solihull. The whole Partnership includes local communities and their elected representatives working with public, private, voluntary and community sector organisations.

#### Who's who in the Trust?

Find out about the Trust Board Members  
<http://www.solihull.gov.uk/cypt/17493.htm>

#### What is discussed at Trust Board meetings?

Our eBulletins provide a summary of Trust Board meetings.  
<http://www.solihull.gov.uk/cypt/17500.htm>

#### Where can I find copies of important documents?

You can find key documents such as strategies, plans and reports on the Trust's website.  
<http://www.solihull.gov.uk/cypt/17502.htm>  
More information on the Trust can be found on [www.solihull.gov.uk/cypt](http://www.solihull.gov.uk/cypt)

## Get Involved

### You can be actively involved in the work of the Trust by:

- Coming to a trust board meeting as an observer - contact us to find out more.
- Joining one of the many project groups - contact us to find out more.
- Contact us to tell us what you think about the articles in this newsletter or any of the work that is going on across the Trust.
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