

## **Children's Trust: Needs Assessment**

### **Recommendations:**

Partnership Council:

1. consider the draft needs assessment
2. inform its future development
3. agree what future steps are required to
  - a. set priorities
  - b. ensure good intelligence is available for decisions

### **Background**

Needs assessment is a fundamental step in priority setting and commissioning process. Devon County Council and NHS Devon, led by NHS Devon, have a statutory requirement to produce and use a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) each year.

This needs assessment is focused on children and young people and is aligned with and informs the JSNA. Year on year it becomes more thorough and more useful. It remains high level and the big foundation stones of the needs assessment. It will not be until it is developed in detail that it becomes really useful. Areas where more detailed work is in hand are:

- safeguarding
- children with additional needs
- equality and diversity
- reducing child poverty
- by Local Children's Trusts and Local Learning Communities

This version may be regarded as the 'mother ship' from which the focused work or subsets described above are based.

### **Next Steps**

More information is always available. We can collect ad infinitum. We need to ensure that we develop this into intelligence. It is intended to use part of the meeting 12/1 as a workshop to continue this process. Members of Partnership Council therefore are asked to:

- read the draft needs assessment in advance of the 12/1/10
- invite any relevant colleagues to the workshop
- identify additional material which may inform or develop the needs assessment
- consider what information can be added e.g. feedback from children, young people or families.

This is also part of our self-assessment and review process which is through MARS and our self-assessment days in February and May. One output is our annual report and review of the CYPP.