

**WALSALL'S RESPONSE TO:-**

**IMPLEMENTING EVERY CHILD MATTERS –  
NEXT STEPS**

**(The Children Bill)**

## **Implementing every child matters – next steps (the Children Bill)**

Walsall's children and young people's strategic partnership is committed to improving the outcomes for children as outlined in the children bill.

An implementation plan has been produced which sets out the actions necessary in order to achieve the bill's requirements.

The Plan sets out three phases of action and is based on the following principles –

- Listening to children and families, and key stakeholders including elected members
- Developing and implementing an overarching strategy which promotes wellbeing of children and community cohesion
- Promoting and celebrating diversity
- Restructuring and integration of services will be guided by the outcomes we wish to achieve and will be based on minimum disruption
- Building on what we already do well

Phase one: setting out strategy and early action  
March 2004 – October 2004

Phase two: processes and policy  
November 2004 – March 2005

Phase three: Service design and structures  
April 2005 – September 2005

The plan aligns the themes and desired outcomes of the bill with Walsall's vision 2008. These are:

### Themes

- Supporting parents and carers
- Early intervention and effective protection
- Accountability and integration – locally regionally and nationally
- Workforce reform

## Outcomes

- Being healthy
- Staying safe
- Enjoying and achieving
- Making a positive contribution
- Being included (economic wellbeing)

## Walsall Vision 2008

- Ensure a clean and green borough
- Make it easier for people to get around
- Ensure all people are safe and secure
- Make our schools great
- Make Walsall a healthy and caring place
- Encourage everyone to feel proud of Walsall MBC make it easier to access local services
- Strengthen the local economy
- Listen to what people want
- Transform Walsall into an excellent authority

## CHILDREN BILL IMPLEMENTATION PROPOSALS

### ACTION PLAN

#### Phase 1 - Strategy & early action to October 2004

Action	Who	By when	Success Indicator	Link to children Bill theme*/outcome#	Vision 2008
Review and revise Terms of Reference of C & YPSP and review reporting arrangements	AD Social Care Director tPCT Director Education Walsall Head of Early Years Voluntary Sector Rep	July 2004	New TOR agreed by all partners	*Improving accountability and integration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Healthy &amp; caring place</li> <li>• Make our schools great</li> <li>• Listen to what local people want</li> </ul> Safe and secure
Appoint senior strategic lead for CYPSP and review reporting arrangements to raise profile	CYPSP	June 2004	Chair appointed – Executive Director for Education Lifelong Learning and Community	*Improving accountability and integration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transform Walsall into an excellent authority</li> </ul>
Develop and implement accountability and audit framework in children's social care	Quality and performance unit/service managers/chief executive/elected members	September 2004	Framework implemented and operational	*Improving accountability and integration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safe and secure</li> <li>• Healthy and caring</li> <li>• Excellent authority</li> </ul>

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Action	Who	By when	Success Indicator	Link to children Bill theme*/outcome#	Vision 2008
Review current role and functioning of ACPC	Chair and members	June 2004	Review complete action plan produced	#ensuring children are safe and secure *early intervention and effective protection *accountability and integration – locally, regionally and nationally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safe and secure</li> <li>• Healthy and caring</li> </ul>
Establish safeguarding board (plans pending guidance and regulation)	ACPC/Chief Executive	Transitional Board January 2005  Establish April 2005	Implementation complete	*Improve accountability *early intervention and effective protection #safe and secure #being healthy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safe and secure</li> <li>• Healthy and caring</li> <li>• Excellent authority</li> </ul>
Engage elected members	Executive Directors for Education and social care	March 2004	Briefing note and produced and distributed	*Improve accountability #being healthy #staying safe #enjoying and achieving #making a positive contribution #economic well-being	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excellent authority</li> </ul>
Member's Event	Executive Directors for Education and social care	December 2004	Briefing held		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>

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Action	Who	By when	Success Indicator	Link to children Bill theme*/outcome#	Vision 2008
Engagement of cabinet	Executive Directors for Education and social care	April 2005	Action plan to informal cabinet	*Improve accountability #being healthy #staying safe #enjoying and achieving #making a positive contribution #economic well-being	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excellent authority</li> </ul>
CYPSP to agree draft overarching children's services strategic framework for consultation	AD children's social care/Director tPCT/Education Walsall	September 2004 For finalisation January 2005.	Strategy agreed, produced and disseminated	*Improve accountability *supporting parents and carers *accountability and integration – locally, regionally and nationally #being healthy #staying safe #enjoying and achieving #making a positive contribution #economic well-being	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safe and secure</li> <li>• Listen to what people want</li> <li>• Excellent authority</li> </ul>

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Consult with children and key stakeholders	AD children's social care/Director tPCT/Education Walsall	October 2004	Consultation ongoing	#safe and secure #being healthy #staying safe #enjoying and achieving #making a positive contribution #economic well-being	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safe and secure</li> <li>• Listen to what people want</li> <li>• Excellent authority</li> </ul>
Appoint lead elected member for children	Cabinet	June 2004	Portfolio agreed and appointed	*Improve accountability #being healthy #staying safe #enjoying and achieving #making a positive contribution #economic well-being	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excellent authority</li> </ul>

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Action	Who	By when	Success Indicator	Link to children Bill theme*/outcome#	Vision 2008
Establish children's scrutiny and performance panel	Cabinet	June 2004	Panel established and members appointed	*Improve accountability #being healthy #staying safe #enjoying and achieving #making a positive contribution #economic well-being	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excellent authority</li> </ul>
Implement multi-agency child concern model linked to ISA/IRT	Managers in education, health & social care/ schools /GP's	July 2004	Implementation and multi-agency training achieved	*early intervention and effective protection #being healthy #staying safe #enjoying and achieving #making a positive contribution #economic well-being	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safe and secure</li> <li>• Healthy and caring</li> </ul>
Establish school focussed teams, initially with education professionals	Education Walsall	September 2004	All service delivery through school focused teams	*early intervention and effective protection *accountability and integration – locally, regionally and nationally *workforce reform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make our schools great</li> <li>• Excellent authority</li> </ul>



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Action	Who	By when	Success Indicator	Link to children Bill theme*/outcome#	Vision 2008
Establish multi-agency CAMHS service (multi-agency and multi-professional)	Social Care tPCT/Education Walsall	Achieved January 2005	Integrated Service tiers 1 – 3	*early intervention and effective protection *accountability and integration – locally, regionally and nationally *workforce forum #being healthy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health and caring</li> <li>• Safe and secure</li> </ul>

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#### Phase 2 – Processes & Policy to March 2005

Action	Who	By when	Success Indicator	Link to children Bill theme*/outcome#	Vision 2008
Review and refine child concern model, following initial implementation phase.	AD Children's social care/Director tPCT/ Education Walsall MBC (Lead Carol Boughton)	December 2004	Review complete action plan produced	*Improve accountability *early intervention and effective protection #being healthy #staying safe #enjoying and achieving #making a positive contribution #economic well-being	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safe and secure</li> </ul>
Ensure local preventative strategy is actioned and built on	AD Children's social care/Director tPCT/Education Walsall	Ongoing	Updated plan and strategy in place	*Improve accountability #Enjoying and achieving #safe and secure #being healthy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safe and secure</li> </ul>

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Agree priorities for joint commissioning to establish the first stage of a Children's Trust.	AD Children's social care/Director tPCT/Education Walsall Joint commissioning manager	April 2005	Children's trust agreed and in place suggestion: (Focus of Children's Trust agreed and implementation plan in place)	*Improve accountability *workforce reform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Healthy and caring</li> <li>• Safe and secure</li> </ul>

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#### Phase 3 - Proposals for service structure from March 2005

Action	Who	By when	Success Indicator	Link to children Bill theme*/outcome#	Vision 2008
Establishment of children's centres in each LNP	Education Walsall	March 2005	Centres established providing 'educare'	*early intervention and effective protection #being healthy *supporting parents and carers #enjoying and achieving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Healthy and caring</li> <li>• Safe and secure</li> <li>• Easy to access local services</li> </ul>
Implement disability access strategy and review of SEN specialist provision	Education Walsall	From March 2005	First phase implementation commences	#being healthy *supporting parents and carers *early intervention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Healthy and caring</li> <li>• Easy to access local services</li> <li>• Excellent authority</li> </ul>
Information sharing to agree and set up electronic systems for vulnerable children	AD Children's social care/Director tPCT /Education Walsall	December 2005	System in place all partners signed up	*Improve accountability *early intervention #being healthy #staying safe #enjoying and achieving #making a positive contribution #economic well-being	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safe and secure</li> <li>• Healthy and caring</li> </ul>

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Action	Who	By when	Success Indicator	Link to children Bill theme*/outcome#	Vision 2008
Develop service model to support new strategic framework for Children's Services in Walsall, i) support services ii) specialist services (child protection, CAMHS etc)	AD Children's social care/Director tPCT/Education Walsall	June 2005	Model implemented	*Improve accountability and integration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Healthy and caring</li> <li>• Make our schools great</li> </ul>
Review service structure in light of above	AD Children's social care/Director tPCT/Education Walsall	June 2005	Structure implemented	*Improve accountability and Integration. *Early intervention and effective protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Healthy and caring</li> <li>• Make our schools great</li> <li>• Excellent authority</li> </ul>