

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

31st July 2007

Scrutiny Review of Sex & Relationship Education
North Yorkshire's Outdoor Education Service

Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of this report is to ask Members to:
 - (a) note the information contained within this Report

Background

2. In 2006 the Committee took a focussed look at the Sex & Relationship Education available to young people in North Yorkshire. It linked two important aspects of children's health together – namely reducing teenage conceptions and the importance of good sex and relationship education.

North Yorkshire continues to make progress in reducing teenage pregnancy and are the only local authority in Yorkshire and Humber region to have 'achieved or exceeded expected progress'. However, there remain hotspot areas within the County so it is important that the Committee continue to be involved in this particular area and monitor the Council's progress to achieving the 2010 target of a 50% reduction in teenage conceptions.

Presentations from the Teenage Pregnancy Strategic Coordinator and North Yorkshire & York PCT will provide Members with an update on implementation of the Scrutiny Reviews recommendations and developments in the National Teenage Pregnancy Strategy.

The recommendations set out in the Report are attached at Annex A for your information.

Recommendations

3. The Committee is asked to:
 - (a) note the information within this report

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SEX & RELATIONSHIP EDUCATION SCRUTINY REVIEW

Recommendations	
1	Young people and their parents are consulted on the content and materials used for SRE
2	Young people are invited to evaluate their SRE
3	Professionals are actively encouraged to undertake PSHE training courses in teenage pregnancy hotspots
4	Schools are encouraged to appoint a PSHE Governor and Governors are made aware of and encouraged to participate in training courses on SRE
5	SRE training events receive a higher profile in Governors training brochure and courses are actively promoted
6	Teenage Pregnancy Coordinator makes sure that young men are well informed on sexual health matters and can find help and support
7	County Council compares the National Teenage Pregnancy Unit Deep Dive Findings with our own
8	Scrutiny review report is circulated to all primary, secondary schools head teachers and governors, PCTs, District Councils, Area Committees and Local Strategic Partnerships
9	Teenage Pregnancy Coordinator determines how more support, help and information sharing can be offered to parents
10	Teenage Pregnancy Coordinator develops a consistent County wide approach to providing SRE services
11	County Council works with PCT(s) partners to employ more school nurses from 2007
12	School Nurses receive SRE training and are part of delivery team
13	PCTs are consulted on their plans to roll out the National Chlamydia Screening programme
14	Information is requested from PCTs on the incidence of STIs in young people
15	Young People's Champion explores how young people can report back to the County Council their views on SRE
16	Children and Young Peoples Service considers holding an annual SRE forum involving all partners
17	Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee receives regular updates on implementation of the recommendations
18	Scrutiny of Health Committee receives regular reports on developments and progress against recommendations 10,11,12 and 13.
19	Following the adoption of its SRE policy, the Youth Service considers how it might contribute more to the SRE delivery process.