

Case studies template - Emerging Practice

Suggestion to move away from stating good practice as we are not evaluating against criteria but attempting to illustrate what emerging practice looks like locally so that it can be shared across regions and localities.

Criteria and format for showcasing information

Derbyshire GRID

Theme of the engagement

The Derbyshire GRID came about from the twice monthly road shows held by DCC. 2 people from each of the 7 districts in the county were self nominated to form the GRID group. At present GRID is like a consortium partnership, however in April 2008 there will be an election of members; this could easily be the same people again though, it just depends on funding arrangements. The members so far include representatives from the following areas: Parents and Families, Youth Clubs, Voluntary Centres, Derbyshire Runaways Project, Nurseries, Outdoor Pursuits, Derby Diocese, Princes Trust, CVS and Disabled CYP group – Fair play.

Partnership Arrangements

Through the twice monthly road shows the GRID members feedback. Per district there are two members of the GRID and one member sits on the safeguarding board and one member sits on the CYP partnership.

Key outcomes

Derbyshire held its first CYP 'Celebration Event'.

3 year Talking Trust Plan.

Now there are wider and local consultation events and these are possible now because of the GRID and were not able to do this before GRID was developed.

Sustainability

The LA is very good and supportive. (DCC) - Funding has been put in place for the Voluntary sector engagement until 2009. DCC pays for the GRID members work and attendance at events and meetings. There is up to £150 per day for these members to use as they represent the voluntary sector at events and meetings. (This is a good start up example). There are also 3 new development workers in post now too. Their aim is to support GRID members in being representatives of the sector and also to support voluntary groups in being fit for commissioning.

Challenges

- The April 2008 election.
- Funding from 2009 onwards.
- February 2008 away day for GRID members to discuss funding and their future as GRID.

Visual Diagrams

N/A

Quotes

Sarah Greensmith – Home Start Amber Valley (GRID member) :

“Universal services working together across all age ranges and services for CYP 0-19 county wide”

Celebration Event Attendee:

“I already felt a sense of partnership in the VCI sector with DCC and the statutory sector, but this was reinforced today with the energy within the sector”

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