



Every Child Matters update

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All change for A&E children's services

Children's A&E services in Leeds are now being moved into one place to make hospital care better, and safer for children in the city.

All children's A&E services in the city are now at Leeds General Infirmary. There will no longer be A&E services for children at St James' Hospital, Leeds.

As part of the children's services moves, a dedicated children's A&E will be developed at Leeds General Infirmary so that sick children coming to A&E will not need to be transferred between hospitals.

For more information visit: www.leeds.nhs.uk/hospitalchanges
Or ring the **NHS Leeds Patient Advice and Liaison Service** on 0800 0525 270

Please pass this publication on to colleagues with an interest in outcomes for children and young people.

If your organisation or colleagues do not have access to email or the internet, or would like this update in another format, please let us know. You can call us on 0113 395 0247.

South Leeds storms ahead on Sexual Health

A new sexual health programme at South Leeds Academy aims to make a difference to the area's teenage pregnancy and sexually transmitted infection (STI) rates.

Led by the assistant principal, a combination of specialist teachers and trained form tutors now deliver sex and relationship education (SRE) throughout the academic year with impartial and coordinated external agency support in place.

Staff have been trained in two areas (contraception and signposting) to give them greater skills and increase their confidence to deliver this material. The school nurse also took part in the training, and reminded academy staff of the role of the Healthy Young People Service (HYPS) already on site at the academy. This approach, coupled with external agency support around key SRE areas, is working well at the South Leeds Academy.

The assistant principal and school nurse have expressed enthusiasm about the responses from staff delivering and young people receiving SRE in the academy.

The numbers of young people attending the HYPS clinic has risen significantly since the programme began, and more young men are now coming in to the after-school clinic asking for specific sexual health services, like C-swap.

The early indications are that the programme will make a meaningful difference to young people in South Leeds.



Leading transformation together

The weekly 'drop-in' sessions I hold for staff are proving popular, and really help me to find out more about your work and opinions. I've recently used these sessions, my visits and other feedback to reflect on the strengths and areas for improvement I've seen in Leeds so far.

I've shared these reflections with the Council's leadership team and with leading colleagues from different parts of children's services across the city. We've agreed that senior representatives from partners including health, the police and schools will now meet fortnightly to collectively drive forward the programme of change and improvement we need.

Many of you have told me there are opportunities for more integrated working, but that to make this happen we need a stronger shared culture across everyone in children's services. This starts with the way we lead. So this new group is a positive development that will help us take our next steps towards multi-agency working in a more joined-up and consistent way.

Eleanor Brazil
Interim director of children's services

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Green generations

The Leeds Green Generations Intergenerational Festival will be launching on Monday 26 April 2010 at Leeds Central Library (first floor exhibition space), between 2 – 3.30pm.

Green Generations is a week of events across Leeds (26th April-1st May) which brings people of different generations and cultures together around the themes of environment and community cohesion.

The event aims to encourage people of all generations to get involved in volunteering across the city, and is part of the 2010 Year of the Volunteer in Leeds.

The community events include a recycled clothes fashion night, planting trees, flowers and herb boxes - and will also celebrate the 2nd European Day of Solidarity Between Generations (as part of adult social care's *Cities in Balance* project being run with a number of European partners).

The *Green Generations* festival will celebrate work that is happening in Leeds and highlight how people of all ages have valuable experiences and positive things to offer; making our communities vibrant and sustainable. A new publication *Bringing Generations Together: Leeds Intergenerational Approach* will also be launched at the festival via the Leeds Initiative website (Harmonious Leeds pages) from May 2010.

Please contact **Caroline Starkey** for further information: caroline.starkey@leeds.gov.uk

School closures

Leeds City Council has published statutory notices to close three schools, replacing two with academies.

After consultations were held regarding the futures of all three schools, the council's executive board gave permission for statutory notices on:

City of Leeds (permanently closing in August 2011);

Primrose High School (closing in August 2011 and reopening in September 2011 as an academy); and

Parklands Girls' High School (closing in August 2011 and reopening as a mixed school in September 2011).

During the six week statutory notice period, Education Leeds will explore other options to ensure the continued use of the City of Leeds school site for educational purposes.

Education Leeds will report back these findings to the executive board in July this year.

Trip to the moon

LCC and its partner city of Brno in the Czech Republic are running an exciting competition *The Moon; Our Future Home?*

The competition is open to English and Science students (with a Leeds postcode) aged 13-19 who are interested in outer space and are interested in creating imaginative stories and/or model making.

The winning entrants will write and create their own personal model of the moon in the future.

In conjunction with libraries, planetariums and space education centres in both cities the prizes range from an all-expenses-paid science and discovery trip to Brno (for two people), to a top-of-the-range telescope and book, and museum entry vouchers for the city.

For more information or to enter the competition go to: <http://soutez.hvzdama.cz> and click on the British flag, or contact Jodie Driver, phone: 0113 395 0688 email: Jodie.driver@leeds.gov.uk

Closing date for entries is 12noon on Friday 30 April 2010.

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so let us know about the great work you are doing in your organisation. How are you including children and young people in the changes you are making? We all want Leeds to have the very best children's services to make sure that every child matters.

Please send all your comments and suggestions about this update to the children's services unit, email: children.leeds@leeds.gov.uk, phone: 0113 395 0247.