



## Children's Social Care Voluntary & Community Sector Funding for 2006/7

### SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report sets out the Children's Social Care Mainstream and Joint Grant Funding to be provided to Voluntary and Community Sector Organisations in 2006/2007. Owing to the Council restructuring, Adults' Social Care Grant Funding has been set out in a separate report.
- 1.2 The majority of Children's Social Care Grant Funding should continue to be funded through Children's Social Care budgets. However, it is proposed that grants to meet lower level Children's social care services should be transferred to the Community Grants Budget framework, with 50% of the budget for these services transferring from Children's social care budgets and the shortfall being met corporately.
- 1.3 Subject to any issues raised at the meeting, I support the following recommendations.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To approve the proposed level and scope for Voluntary Sector grant funding for Children's Social Care and Jointly Funded services, set out in Appendix 2 of the report.
- 2.2 To approve the transfer of small grants to meet lower level services to the Community Grants Budget process.
- 2.3 To approve consultation with the VCS on the transfer of remaining grant funded services to contract services.
- 2.4 To approve the relocation of responsibility for funding the Derby Millennium Network social care post from a Children's budget to the Adult Social Care Budget.

### REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3 Owing to the significant budgetary pressures faced by the Council, it has not been possible to recommend any inflationary or other increases for 2006/7. Furthermore, it is no longer possible for social services budgets to continue meeting needs which fall below the moderate band of the Council's eligibility criteria. It is nevertheless recognised that these lower level services make an important contribution to community well-being, therefore responsibility for these lower level grants should transfer to the Community Grants Budget.



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### **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 1.1 This report sets out the recommendations for Children's Social Care Mainstream and Joint Funded services, to be provided to Voluntary and Community Sector Organisations in 2006/2007. Owing to the Council restructuring, Adults' grant funding has been set out in a separate report.
- 1.2 Funding through the Mainstream Programme is normally subject to three year Funding Agreements. In the final year of their Mainstream Funding Agreements, Voluntary Sector Organisations are invited to reapply for a continuation of grant funding. All services funded through the Mainstream Programme are monitored and reviewed on an ongoing basis. Continued funding is therefore dependent on this process of monitoring and review, as well as on the funding application process.
- 1.3 The Joint Funding Programme consists of joint commitments between Derby City Council and one or more partner agencies, including one or more of the Primary Care Trusts in Derby or Derbyshire and Derbyshire County Council. These funding arrangements were first supported through the Joint Finance programme with Southern Derbyshire Health Authority. All services funded through the Joint Funding Programme are subject to ongoing monitoring and review.
- 1.4 Given the significant budgetary pressures faced by the Council in 2006/7, it is no longer possible for social services budgets to meet needs which fall below the moderate band of the Council's eligibility criteria. However, it is recognised that low level social care services contribute to community well-being and should therefore be included within the corporate arrangements for funding community and neighbourhood groups. This report therefore identifies 2 voluntary sector organisations, which are currently funded through Children's social care budgets, with a total grant funding of £15,720. These services will be transferred to the Community Grants Budget, along with 50% of the current social services funding. The Council will seek to make up the shortfall by prioritising voluntary sector funding within other corporate funding resources.

1.5 As the services remaining to be funded from within Children's social care budgets meet needs at a higher level of eligibility, consideration will need to be given as to whether these grants should become contracts for core services. However, in order to meet Compact commitments, consultation would be needed with voluntary sector organisations prior to any changes being made to the basis on which funding is provided. The full implications would need to be explored in each case, for example, whether conditions are met for waiving standing orders, or whether services would have to go out to tender, and the risks associated with this, for example, in terms of ensuring continuity of services. It is therefore recommended that voluntary sector organisations are consulted before any decisions are taken to remove existing multi-year grant funding, or to put such funding onto a contractual basis.

1.6 In the interim, it is recommended that responsibility for grant funding for low level services, which are not core social care business, should be transferred to the umbrella of the Community Grants Budget, from April 2006. It is recommended that the following Children's voluntary sector services are transferred to the Community Grants Budget:

- Relate Derby & Southern Derbyshire – counselling service for couples experiencing problems: current level of funding: £12,253
- Derby Clothing Store– provision of clothing to families experiencing hardship – current level of funding: £3,467
- A small contribution to the NSPCC's Child Protection Team of £2,621 was also considered for transfer to the Community Grants Budget. However, this funding is needed for the NSPCC's Joint Funded specialist Young Abusers project, which is currently under-funded. The organisation has already been consulted about rolling up this existing grant funding into a new agreement.

The Children's Voluntary Sector Mainstream and Joint Funded services to remain within the Children's Directorate are listed at Appendix 2.

1.7 The funding for Derby Millennium Network's Health & Social Care Partnership post is currently listed as a Children's budget and Joint Funded with Central Derby PCT. However, since this post is mainly focussed on BME groups working with adults, it is recommended that this budget of £16,778 should be transferred into Adults Social Care.

1.8 Owing to budgetary pressures within the Council, it is recommended that no inflationary increases are provided for Mainstream funding in 2006/7. However, for those Joint Funding agreements where Derby City Council does not assume the lead responsibility for administering the funding, the inflationary increase is determined by the lead agency. Some of the figures in Appendix 2 may therefore need to be adjusted, once the inflationary increases of lead agencies are known.

## 1.9 Compact and principles of Voluntary Sector funding

The Council is committed to complying with the principles and undertakings set out in the Compact and related Codes of Practice. In the case of multi-year funding agreements, the Council has undertaken to consult with Voluntary Sector Organisations prior to any reduction in funding and also to provide a minimum of 3 months notice. It is also important for the Council to take a strategic approach and to strengthen our joint commissioning with partner agencies, to ensure that voluntary sector funding is targeted as effectively as possible and delivers Best Value for service users.

## 1.10 Requests for increased funding which cannot be met

A number of organisations have applied for increased funding, over and above inflation. However, owing to budgetary limitations, it is not feasible to meet these requests at the present time. However, it may be necessary to review some of these requests in future, in the light of changing patterns of need and service delivery. Many Voluntary Sector organisations are subject to the same cost pressures, national standards and requirements as the private sector and in-house services. It is not always possible for these costs to be met through non-statutory fundraising.

## OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

2. None.

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<b>Background papers:</b>	Appendix 1 - Implications
<b>List of appendices:</b>	Appendix 2 - Voluntary Sector Funding to remain in the Children and Young People's Directorate

<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**Financial**

- 1.1 The full cost of services transferring to the Community Grants Budget is £15,720, of which 50% will transfer from social services budgets. The 50% shortfall of £7,860 will be met from corporate resources.
- 1.2 The full cost of the services listed in Appendix 2 can be met within the grant budgets remaining in the Children & Young People's Directorate.

**Legal**

- 2.1 Powers to offer funding in the above circumstances are granted under the Children Act 1989, the National Assistance Act 1948, the Health Services and Public Health Act 1968 and the National Health Services Act 1977.
- 2.2 Each organisation receiving assistance will be required to enter into a funding agreement with the Council.

**Personnel**

3. None.

**Equalities impact**

4. The services and activities of the organisations named in this report support vulnerable children and families across all communities.

**Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

5. This accords with the Council's objective of promoting **strong and positive communities** and **protecting and supporting people**.

## Voluntary Sector Funding to remain in the Children &amp; Young People's Department

Organisation Name	Mainstream Grant	Total Joint Funding	Joint Funding Children & YP's Department Contribution	Partner Agencies
Children First	-	£35,474	£17,737	Central Derby PCT
Derby and District Foster Carers Association	£462	-	-	
Derbyshire Rape Crisis	£23,864	£37,783	£15,113	Greater Derby PCT and Derbyshire County Council
Hadhari Nari Women's Project	£20,766	-	-	
Home-Start Derby	£28,242	£26,274	£13,137	Central Derby PCT
NSPCC	£2,621	£17,278	£13,823	Central Derby PCT
Osmaston Family Project	-	£36,687	£18,343	Central Derby PCT
Umbrella	£18,922	£121,011	£36,302	Central Derby PCT and Derbyshire County Council
YMCA Y-Play Project	*£13,760	-	-	

\*Funded on a 50:50 basis by Social Services and Education in 2005/6.

**Mainstream Funding for Children's Social Care = £94,877**

**Joint Funding for Children's Social Care (Derby City Council's contribution) = £114,455**

**Grant funding to be transferred to the Community Grants Budget = 50% of £15,720 = £7,860**

**Total Derby City Council Funding to remain in the Children & Young People's Department = £209,332**