

Reducing Teenage Conceptions - Targeted Work - Localities – September 2009 Update

'Hotpocket' data

New analysis of data has allowed us to better identify the specific localities or 'hotpockets' within the 6 hotspot wards in which there is a higher risk of teenage conceptions.

Building local leadership, action planning, and commissioning

- The 2 'hotspot' teenage pregnancy events in the Inner East/South generated a lot of interest and commitment from workers in these localities reaching beyond the traditional teenage pregnancy workforce.
- These events have provided the beginnings of a more active interface between many city-wide leads on various teenage pregnancy related issues and the frontline workers and their managers in these localities.
- This interface is now being developed through the locality task and finish groups.
- There are 3 task and finish groups operating in the Inner East and another 3 in the Inner South. The 3 themes are;
 1. Raising aspirations
 2. Sex and relationship education
 3. Access to contraceptive services
- These groups have been well-attended with broader representation than previously existing 'teenage pregnancy' meetings.
- Gaps in representation have been identified and are being addressed.
- The groups are providing good quality local intelligence that is helping to inform the way forward with regard to action planning and commissioning.
- The groups are also creating an opportunity for local leaders to step forward, be they frontline workers, coordinators or managers; and this will be key to local implementation, for example several managers are committing frontline staff time to deliver Speakeasy locally.
- The task and finish groups feed into action planning through the teenage pregnancy leads on the Children Leeds East and South Leadership Teams (Neil Bowden from the Youth Service in the East, and Jonathan White, Headteacher at Woodkirk High, in the South).
- The groups are starting to 'task', for example the two groups looking at raising aspirations are using 'hotpocket' data to identify areas within the hotspot wards in which to pilot better integrated working around this agenda.
- Action plans and a commissioning plan for each hotspot ward are being drawn up. These plans include changes to where contraception services are available to ensure accessibility within the 'hotpocket' areas, and targeted training opportunities on teenage pregnancy, sexual health and sex and relationship education for the local children's workforce.

If you work in the east or south, please consider joining one of the task and finish groups.