

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE FUNDING PACKAGE – UPDATE AS OF 28 JUNE 2006

THEME 1: Extended Schools [£13.25m/£13.3m]

| Action   | Progress to Date/Money Spent  |
|--|---|
| <p>£20 million over two years for front-line activity in schools.</p> <p>One third of school pupils in Northern Ireland will benefit from this initiative, which will see schools become hubs in their communities, integrating services and offering a wide range of support services beyond the traditional role of schools, such as breakfast and homework clubs, after school clubs and activities involving parents and the community.</p>  | <p>Pupils from more than 470 schools are set to benefit from this initiative. The schools receiving a share of £10m in each of the next two years were notified on <b>6 June</b>.</p>   |
| <p>£3.55m over two years for counselling support to pupils.</p>  | <p>Counselling services for post-primary pupils will be available from <b>January 2007</b>.</p>   |
| <p>£1m over two years for Creative Learning Centres (CLCs) which will provide training on e-learning and digital media as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- introductory courses for 150 teachers</li> <li>- moving Image GCSE, AS and A-Level training for 60 teachers</li> <li>- 30 new schools/annum to be introduced to training programmes</li> <li>- 30 new youth group/annum to be introduced to training programmes</li> <li>- 15 “Hand to Reach” groups to be introduced to training programmes</li> <li>- 24 youth leaders to be introduced to training programmes</li> </ul> <p>Priority will be given to disadvantaged areas and marginalised groups and the outcomes and impact will be evaluated by the Education and Training Inspectorate.</p> | <p>This provides children and young people with a unique opportunity for creative learning through digital technologies.</p> <p>Studio On have been working for some months with young people excluded from school as part of Belfast Education and Library Board’s (BELB) Alternative Education Programme, engaging with creative technologies as part of Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment’s (CCEA) Occupational Studies (Digital Technologies) GCSE equivalent qualification.</p> <p>Also underway:</p> <p>2 x Teacher training induction sessions for 10 teachers in creative digital technologies;</p> |

## THEME 1: Extended Schools

|   |  |
|---|--|
|   | <p>5 x primary school digital media programmes;</p> <p>The BUZZ Project for Homeless Young People, which is about producing animated stories (Animation for 18-22yr old homeless people);</p> <p>Star Community Centre New Lodge - Animation Project for 12-14 yr olds; and</p> <p>The following work is planned for the summer months:</p> <p>4 x 1 week Summer Programmes for youth groups in creative technologies, situated in north and east Belfast and Newtownards.</p> <p>Other summer programmes being planned in liaison with Youth Service in Armagh and Londonderry.</p> |
| £2m over two years for centralised services | To date, £700K has been distributed for Extended Schools Co-ordinators via ELBs.   |

**THEME 2: Early years provision (0-4yrs)**

**THEME 2: Early years provision (0-4yrs) [£3.85m/£7m]**

| Action  | Progress to Date/Money Spent  |                         |                      |                         |         |       |       |         |       |       |          |       |       |          |       |       |              |               |               |
|---|---|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|---------|-------|-------|---------|-------|-------|----------|-------|-------|----------|-------|-------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| <p>£4.75m over two years for the expansion of Sure Start which works with parents and children to promote the physical, intellectual and social development of pre-school children.</p> <p>This will target the 20% most disadvantaged wards across Northern Ireland.</p>   | <p>As a result of the Children and Young People Funding Package, more than 12,000 children will benefit from this initiative from September 2006. It is anticipated that there will be 7 new projects, and 19 existing projects will expand. Work to include pockets of disadvantage in the expansion is ongoing.</p> <p>Funding for the Childcare Partnership has been allocated as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1131 663 2009 932"> <thead> <tr> <th>CCP</th> <th>Sure Start expansion</th> <th>Sure Start new projects</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Eastern</td> <td>£150k</td> <td>£850k</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Western</td> <td>£800k</td> <td>£480k</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Northern</td> <td>£100k</td> <td>£250k</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Southern</td> <td>£100k</td> <td>£500k</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total</b></td> <td><b>£1.15m</b></td> <td><b>£2.08m</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | CCP                     | Sure Start expansion | Sure Start new projects | Eastern | £150k | £850k | Western | £800k | £480k | Northern | £100k | £250k | Southern | £100k | £500k | <b>Total</b> | <b>£1.15m</b> | <b>£2.08m</b> |
| CCP   | Sure Start expansion  | Sure Start new projects |                      |                         |         |       |       |         |       |       |          |       |       |          |       |       |              |               |               |
| Eastern   | £150k   | £850k                   |                      |                         |         |       |       |         |       |       |          |       |       |          |       |       |              |               |               |
| Western   | £800k   | £480k                   |                      |                         |         |       |       |         |       |       |          |       |       |          |       |       |              |               |               |
| Northern  | £100k   | £250k                   |                      |                         |         |       |       |         |       |       |          |       |       |          |       |       |              |               |               |
| Southern  | £100k   | £500k                   |                      |                         |         |       |       |         |       |       |          |       |       |          |       |       |              |               |               |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>£1.15m</b>   | <b>£2.08m</b>           |                      |                         |         |       |       |         |       |       |          |       |       |          |       |       |              |               |               |
| <p>A planned developmental programme for 2 year olds will focus on constructive play in group settings to enhance children's social development, build on their communication and language skills and encourage their imagination through play. Investment of £2.75m over two years.</p> <p>A regional programme is currently being designed. This programme will fit with the revised curriculum and will have links with both Sure Start and pre-school to help create a seamless transition and build on their learning experiences.</p> | <p>Each Childcare Partnership has been allocated £187k to roll out this programme in conjunction with the existing, extended and new Sure Starts in their Board areas, by <b>September 2006</b>.</p>  |                         |                      |                         |         |       |       |         |       |       |          |       |       |          |       |       |              |               |               |

## THEME 2: Early years provision (0-4yrs)

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <p>£1.85m over two years is being invested in Day care to help meet the needs in areas of deprivation to help parents access work or training.</p>   | <p>Each Childcare Partnership has been allocated £163k and this will roll out within their areas by <b>September 2006</b>.</p>   |
| <p>£100k is being invested to increase the enrolment of Traveller Children in pre-school settings</p>  | <p>This will be rolled out by <b>September 2006</b>.</p>   |
| <p>£1.4m over two years for the Pre-School Education Expansion Programme in conjunction with Sure Start.</p> <p>High quality pre-school provision helps children achieve at school and also later in life. This element is to develop seamless 0-4 provision in conjunction with Sure Start.</p> | <p>730 additional children will now receive a pre-school place, as a result of the Children and Young People Funding Package. £700k has been invested in these additional pre-school places for 2006/07.</p> |

**THEME 3: Improving education provision and support for looked-after children and vulnerable young adults**

**THEME 3: Improving education provision and support for looked-after children and vulnerable young adults**  
**[£2.85m/£2.75m]**

| <b>Action</b>   | <b>Progress to Date/Money Spent</b>  |
|---|--|
| Supporting and equipping foster carers to discharge their role effectively as “first educators” of the child in their care (£1.04 in 2006/07 and 2007/08)   | <p>A team of development workers including DHSSPS, HSS Boards, HSS Trusts, Care experienced Young People and Foster Carers has been set up to take this forward.</p> <p>A survey of foster carers is taking place in <b>June/July</b>.</p> <p>This service will be delivered in year one by the ‘LACE’ project, a consortium of voluntary sector organisations led by “Include Youth” and “The Fostering Network” (TFN) and <b>is due to become operational in September 2006</b>.</p> |
| The provision of an Officer in each ELB area to support Staff in residential care settings to promote improved educational outcomes for the children in their care. This will be achieved through training for their role as ‘first educators’ and individualised support around work to sustain educational placements. Investment of £0.6m is planned over two years. | Recruitment advertisements will be published in <b>September 2006</b> .  |
| Refresh computer equipment in children’s homes (£100k)  | £17,500 has already been allocated.  |
| Enabling young people who are not yet ready for independence to remain living with their former foster carers, and to encourage more young people leaving care to continue in education or training up to age 21 £1.5m is being invested over two years   | Young people have been benefiting from this since April and more than 70 young people will be in place by the end of June and 150 young people before <b>the end of March 07</b> .   |
| Empowering children and young people in care to engage actively in the process of ensuring the system works in their best interests £1.32m over two years is being invested.  | This is expected to be rolled out in <b>September 2006</b> , with interim arrangements until then being put in place.  |

## THEME 4: Youth Outreach Initiative

### THEME 4: Youth Outreach Initiative [£0.75m/£1.025m]

| <b>Action</b>  | <b>Progress to Date/Money Spent</b>  |
|--|--|
| <p>New 'outreach' youth work provision focusing on marginalised and isolated young people in rural as well as young people who are part of hard-to-reach communities of interest that fall under Section 75 including Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT), ethnic minority and disabled young people.</p> | <p>5 youth workers (Thematic Cross Cutting Posts) will be located in voluntary sector projects that are regional/thematic. In addition, investment will allow a further 20 youth workers to be located in 4 Boards – WELB, SEELB, NEELB and SELB (5 workers in each Board). Funding of £750k has been allocated and delivery will begin in <b>September 2006</b> and will roll out over the next 2 academic years.</p> |

## THEME 5: Child protection

### THEME 5: Child protection [£1.8m/£2.55m]

| Action  | Progress to Date/Money Spent  |
|---|---|
| <p>Increased access for children and young people experiencing abuse or at risk of abuse to first-line telephone helpline support (£100k in 2006/07 and 2007/08)</p>  | <p>A ChildLine call centre, based in Derry is expected to be operational by <b>October 2006</b>.</p>  |
| <p>Child Protection in Sport<br/>£130k is being invested over two years.</p>  | <p>Work is underway to ensure that 75% of organisations achieve 'Getting it Right' child protection standards by March 2007</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A child protection sports focused enquiry service to governing bodies of sport, sports clubs and community/voluntary organisations, has been in place since 1 April 2006.</li> </ul>   |
| <p>Child protection procedures and practices in the Youth Sector<br/>£270,000 is being invested over two years<br/>A cross-sectoral training team will provide accredited child protection training throughout the Youth Service, both statutory and voluntary sectors.</p> | <p>Key developments include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £125k (£25k each) has been made available to the ELBs and to YouthNet to support Child Protection Officers.</li> <li>• A co-ordinator for the initiative has been appointed, based within YouthNet, from 1 <b>June 06</b></li> <li>• A training package is currently being developed by the Volunteer Development Agency to provide support and training to the youth sector to achieve and maintain standards in good child protection practice. This <b>will be in place by 1 September 2006</b>.</li> </ul> <p>A Central Co-ordinating Group, involving the DE, ELBs, YouthNet, Youth Council for Northern Ireland and the ETI has been established to plan and evaluate the initiative.</p> <p>The Central Co-ordinating Group has agreed a strategy to</p> |

## THEME 5: Child protection

|   |   |
|---|---|
|   | <p>enable the youth sector to achieve quality standards in child protection.</p> <p>ELBs are in the process of appointing Child Protection Officers to be finalised by 1 <b>September 06</b>.</p> <p>An accredited Training the Trainers Course is in the final stages of development with a view to providing Child Protection training to 20 volunteers and staff in the statutory and voluntary sector by <b>March 07</b>.</p> |
| <p>Create a network of specialist rapid response child protection teams with investment of £1.85m over two years</p>  | <p>This will be operational later this year with additional staff being recruited from September 2006.</p>  |
| <p>Expand the provision of child contact centres with an investment of £0.5m in 2007/08</p>   | <p>These centres of excellence will be in operation from <b>autumn 2006</b>.</p>  |
| <p>Improve inter-agency co-operation and collaboration between schools' staff and social services with investment of £1.2m over two years.</p> <p>This will be achieved through a programme of training and development of schools' staff engaged in child protection work.</p> | <p>Basic training of Board based fulltime Designated Officers for Child Protection (10 persons) is now completed. The programme of training for schools' staff will be developed in partnership with social services and roll out will begin in <b>autumn 2006</b>.</p>   |

**THEME 6: Children with special needs and disabilities**

**THEME 6: Children with special needs and disabilities [£5.9m/£6.675m]**

| <b>Action</b>  | <b>Update</b>  |
|--|--|
| <p>English as an Additional Language is receiving funding of £175,000 to access interpreting services and provide key documents in various languages which will assist both EAL pupils and their parents.</p> <p>Lack of knowledge of English is considered a barrier to learning.</p> | <p>These services will be active from <b>the end of 2006</b>.</p>  |
| <p>Multi-disciplinary support teams are being established and include Speech and Language Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Nurses, Psychologists and Social Workers. £8m is being investment over two years</p>  | <p>Work began on this initiative in <b>June 2006</b> to provide support services to schools and other settings within the extended schools and early years arrangements.</p>   |
| <p>Transition into Adulthood £1.8m over two years plus £0.2m to provide social and life skills training as part of the process.</p>  | <p>Work has begun to provide the additional 100 extra age-specific day care places</p>   |
| <p>Child and adolescent mental health/learning disability services £1.5m is being invested over two years</p>  | <p>Work is ongoing by a sub-group of the regional Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) development group to develop proposals on the establishment of Child and Adolescent Crisis Response Teams across Northern Ireland where they would best respond to need. The aim would be to enable appropriate clinical intervention for young people to prevent problems from developing into more serious conditions and where possible avoid admissions.</p> |

## THEME 6: Children with special needs and disabilities

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <p>Muckamore Abbey Hospital £0.9 million investment over two years</p>   | <p>Work is ongoing to resettle children and young people in the community and discussions are ongoing between department officials and representatives from the Eastern Health and Social Services Board (EHSSB).</p> |
| <p>£100,000 is being invested in Life Skills Training as part of transition planning for young people over the age of 14 with statements of special educational needs.</p> | <p>The funding of £100k will begin in <b>September 2006</b> and will roll out over the next 2 academic years.</p>   |

## Additional Funding

### ADDITIONAL FUNDING

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <p>Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Projects - £14.6m over 2 years<br/>To assist Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) projects working with children in disadvantaged areas, whose funding would otherwise have ended at various times from the end of <b>March 2006 onwards</b></p> | <p><b>On 6 March</b>, the Secretary of State announced that additional funding of £14.6 million was to be made available over 2 years, 2006/07 and 2007/08.</p> <p><b>DSD 'Rescue Package – funding will continue until the end of March 2008.</b></p> <p><b>Playboard and Local Strategy Partnerships – funding will continue to 2008.</b></p> <p><b>Children's Fund – funding will be extended and continue to 2008 as a result of the Children and Young People Funding Package.</b></p> |
| <p>£26m as a result of the Chancellor's March Budget</p>   | <p>On 5 June, an additional £10m from the additional funding announced by the Secretary of State was allocated directly to schools' budgets. All schools in Northern Ireland will benefit from this funding.</p>  |