



Children and Young People programme briefing

Dear Colleagues,

As part of my commitment to keep services informed on progress I am pleased that the following people have agreed to lead the Children and Young People (CYP) workstreams identified in the initial NFCC CYP proposal;

- London's Sara Perez for National Fire Cadets,
 - Essex's Donna Finch MBE for Safeguarding,
 - Cheshire's DCFO Mark Cashin for Princes Trust,
 - Hertfordshire's DCFO Chris Bigland for Education
 - Cambridgeshire's Wendy Coleman for Juvenile Firesetting
 - And Merseyside's Caroline Crichton for Short Term Interventions and CYP Co-ordination
- The workstream leads along with representatives from the devolved administrations (see below) have formed a CYP executive board to oversee progress in all of these areas.
- Northern Ireland are represented by Alan Walmsley
 - Scotland are represented by Alistair Macintosh
 - Wales are represented by Kevin Roberts

I would like to thank them and their CFO's for allowing them to support the programme.

Each lead has developed a detailed strategy identifying key outcomes, these were approved at a recent Executive Board Meeting. The strategies include the following;

- Safeguarding (Adult and Children) Section 11 Audit requirement, creation of notable practice, with peer support and assurance being made available.
- National Competence Framework to be introduced to support FRS's "Working with young people"
- Juvenile Firesetter framework to be developed in order to collate and share best practice regarding engagement techniques and tools for Firesetter tutors/ practitioners.
- Build a train the trainer accredited foundation Firesetter training course.
- To provide the infrastructure and co-ordination of the National Fire Cadet Model.
- Develop resources and training plans to support the delivery of nationally recognised qualifications such as Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and BTEC

- Establish a National Educational Website covering all aspects of fire and rescue work with a commitment to engage all blue light responders in re-creating this shared resource for teachers and community safety practitioners: 'StayWise'.
- Grow and strengthen the relationship between the Princes Trust and the Fire and Rescue Service.
- Develop notable practice guidance for short term programmes linked to early intervention, troubled families and other CSP/PCC priorities.
- Evaluation – annual impact report produced demonstrating the impact that the service can have on ours and others priorities.

Your staff will receive requests to get involved in the shaping of this work to ensure it responds to your business needs. I hope you will fully participate, where possible, as continued collaboration is key to providing the best value and ensuring the resources created meet the requirements of each service no matter how big or small.

We are working closely with the NFCC to ensure the CYP programme is progressing in accordance with the appropriate accountable governance.

The CYP Executive will liaise with the CYP Lead group to canvas opinions and disseminate updates regarding progress. The CYP Lead group will remain an important part of the overall picture and I would encourage each region to become involved in it in order that we have full representation.

The programme will link directly to the NFCC Digital priorities with all information being made available through a digital platform.

The intention would be to report back to the National Fire Chief's Council on an annual basis via an impact report – which will celebrate the progress made and will reassure Chief Officers' that the CYP executive are meeting the ambitions of their service.

If you have any queries please contact [me](#) or [Caroline Crichton](#) in the first instance.

Yours Sincerely

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