

## Report of Amesbury Children and Young People Conference

Date- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015 2pm  
Amesbury Redworth Centre

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Local professionals, elected councillors, the voluntary sector and members of the Local Youth Network (LYN) met for a conference of children and young people in Amesbury. This was identified within LYN and Area Board meetings

Justine Womack and Kate Blackburn from Public Health introduced the Child Poverty figures and strategy to the group. The group found this really useful and this information has been shared.

Jenny Bowley (Community Youth Officer) introduced the Local Youth Network and Area Board. Feedback was key on how the wider LYN should work in this area.

Jenny Bowley fed back the figures relating to Not in Employment, Education and Training (NEET) and Common Assessment Framework (CAF) that had been shared by colleagues within early help.

Groups were formed looking at case studies and what help is available locally. The groups then did an analysis looking at strengths, needs, opportunities and barriers

### Local Priorities

- a. Transport- particularly regarding bus passes and community led (voluntary drivers).  
**Recommendation that Dave Roberts; Community Engagement Manager follows this through the work he is doing on voluntary drivers.**
- b. Special Educational Needs and Difficulties- it was felt more information was needed on the waiting list for SWAPP courses and the wider picture with statementing and ASD diagnosis. **Action: Jenny Bowley has invited Anna Williams (SEND Local Offer lead) to talk at the next conference.**
- c. A directory of services. JB appealed to the group to help keep Sparksite updated- please send edits to JB/GH. **Action: Gemma Howell (CYO) to look into suggestion of using your care your choice**
- d. Mental health- **action- area board to consider this at the next meeting**

- e. Domestic violence- to be looked into further with the area board (in particular the support available for children under 11 years) **action- area board to consider this at the next meeting**
- f. There was concern raised about the growing statistics of those being referred to using food boxes via the statistics at the Trussell Trust. **Action- Cllr John Noeken to follow up and report at the next conference**

The next conference confirmed for February 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 at the Redworth centre, Amesbury