

POSITIVE ABOUT YOUNG PEOPLE UPDATE February 2009

Fantastic news: South Holland District Council are the first organisation to be assessed for the Positive About Young People¹ Award and the unanimous decision of the panel was to recommend they are awarded the standard. Rob Mayall, Assistant Director Childrens Services at Lincolnshire County Council will present the award on 18th February 2009.

Hoping to be hot on the heels of South Holland, North Kesteven District Council are being assessed later this month. The assessment team is made up of young people and lead officers from organisations participating in Positive About Young People.

Congratulations also to Catch 22 (formerly Rainer Crime Concern) who were awarded their Certificate of Commitment in January.

They join the following organisations have shown their commitment to the Positive About Young People Quality Standard by completing a self-assessment and action plan which has been moderated by lead representatives from participating organisations:

- City of Lincoln District Council
- Lincolnshire County Council
- NHS Lincolnshire (PCT)
- North Kesteven District Council
- South Holland District Council
- West Lindsey District Council
- Lincolnshire Foundation Partnership Trust (certificate pending)

Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership would like to support 12 organisations to have undertaken a self-assessment and have moderated action plans by end of March 2009. We have approached Boston Borough Council, East Lindsey District Council, South Kesteven District Council, United Lincolnshire Hospitals Trust and East Midlands Ambulance Service to ask if they would like to participate. Unfortunately Boston Borough Council whilst interested cannot make a commitment at this stage but have asked us to follow up in August 2009. A meeting has been arranged with East Midlands Ambulance Trust on 10th February to discuss further. No other feedback from the others at this time.

If any other organisation is not currently involved but would like to be please contact Janette Goodchild, PAYP project manager on 01476 401065 or by e-mail janette@wilsongoodchild.co.uk

¹ Positive About Young People (PAYP) is an initiative, which is being developed by a group of employers in Lincolnshire and Rutland to recognise their commitment to young people in the workplace. It consists of a series of agreed standards indicating what is expected of an employer if they wish to be recognised as having a positive attitude towards young people at work.