

## **OUR KEY PARTNERS**

We work closely with very many partner organizations in both the statutory and voluntary sectors.

The list below covers our key partnerships but is far from exclusive. The [Community Information Database](#) has detailed information on clubs, societies, voluntary organizations and self-help groups in the County.

## **ADMISSIONS FORUM**

All local authorities (Las) are required by law to establish an Admissions Forum.

The Admissions Forum provides a vehicle for the LA and other key interested parties to discuss the effectiveness of local admission arrangements, seek agreements on how to deal with difficult admission issues and advise the LA on ways in which their arrangements could be improved.

Regulations require that membership should comprise representatives from: the LA (In Cambridgeshire our representatives are elected Members) Community, Aided and Foundation schools, both the Church of England and Roman Catholic Dioceses, parent governors and representatives from the local community. Where appropriate, academies and City Technology Colleges (CTCs) must also be represented. The size of the Forum is determined by the LA.

In Cambridgeshire, officers from the School Organisation and Planning Service attend meetings of the Admissions Forum in an advisory capacity.

Further information on membership, tenure and the role of Admission Forums is contained in the DfES Code of practice on School Admissions.

## **Young Lives**

Young Lives is an umbrella organisation for voluntary organisations working with young people. Member organisations have access to a networking and information service, free or subsidised training opportunities and voting places on the Young Lives!

Young Lives is based at First floor, 11 Bridge Street, St Ives, Huntingdon, Cambs PE27 5EH. Telephone number is 01480 494333

Web address is <http://www.young-lives.org.uk>

## **CAMBRIDGE COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE (CCVS)**

This is an umbrella organisation representing and supporting the interests of voluntary organisations, community groups and local charities in Cambridge and surrounding villages. It provides advice, information, training and practical services to help these groups with their work and represents the voluntary sector in many discussions with statutory bodies. It is part of a national network which keeps them in touch with national policy developments which affect local groups.

The [CCVS](#) is based at Llandaff Chambers, 2 Regent Street, Cambridge, CB2 1AX. Telephone 01223 464696.

## **CAMBRIDGESHIRE HEALTH PROMOTING SCHOOLS PROGRAMME**

The CHPSP was launched in January 1998 to promote the health of all pupils and staff in Cambridgeshire schools. It encourages the promotion of physical health, as well as the social and mental well-being of the whole school.

For more information contact Diane Fenner, Health Promoting Schools Coordinator, on 01480 375171.

## **COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIPS**

CSPs have been established in each of the five District Council areas. They assess the amount of crime and disorder in their area and use the results to implement strategies aimed at reducing the most common types of crime and disorder.

The CSPs include representatives from the Police, District Council, County Council, Probation, Primary Care Trust, Fire Service, Youth Offending Service and private and voluntary agencies.

For more information contact Gemma Webb, Community Safety Officer, Rustat House, Unit 100, 60 Clifton Road, Cambridge CB1 7EG. Telephone 01223 717604  
Email [gemma.webb@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:gemma.webb@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

## **DISTRICT, TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS**

The Office has a number of formal partnerships with local councils in connection with strategies to enhance the resources and services available to the local population and to involve the local community in service delivery and service planning.

Contact details for these Councils can be found on the County Council's intranet site.

## **DRUG AND ALCOHOL ACTION TEAM**

The DAAT is a multi-agency partnership working to implement the National Drug Strategy. It comprises senior staff from the County Council, Primary Care Trusts, Police, Probation, District Councils and Prison Service plus representatives of local services. It produces an annual plan setting out the county drug policy and targets for the year.

Contact the Team at Rustat House, Unit 100, 60 Clifton Road, Cambridge CB1 7EG. Telephone 01223 718225 Email: [Vicky.crompton@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Vicky.crompton@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

## **FENLAND AND GREATER PETERBOROUGH PARTNERSHIP**

A voluntary partnership of private, public and voluntary sector interests committed to the economic development of this part of the County.

## **GREATER CAMBRIDGESHIRE PARTNERSHIP**

A voluntary partnership of private, public and voluntary sector interests which drives forward the economic development across a 25 mile radius from the city of Cambridge.

## **HUNTS FORUM OF VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS**

[Hunts Forum of Voluntary Organisations](#) is an umbrella body for voluntary and community groups in Huntingdonshire. (similar to the Cambridge Council for Voluntary Service. It is based at The Maple Centre, 6 Oak Drive, Huntingdon, Cambs PE29 7HN. Tel: 01480 420601, Fax: 01480 420608

## **LEARNING AND SKILLS COUNCIL**

The LSC is responsible for planning and funding all post-16 education, apart from the higher education sector.

For more information telephone 0845 019 4165 or email [cambridgeshireinfo@lsc.gov.uk](mailto:cambridgeshireinfo@lsc.gov.uk) or visit the website at [www.lsc.gov.uk/cambridgeshire](http://www.lsc.gov.uk/cambridgeshire)

## **Learning Partnership**

The Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Learning Partnership involves Further Education Colleges, the Careers Service, the Training and Enterprise Councils and the County Council. In addition to these core partners the Partnership includes representatives of a range of organisations making a contribution to Lifelong Learning.

The Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Learning Partnership established the CP Learning Trust to provide a legal entity which can pursue various of their aims e.g. bidding for and sourcing funds.

Contact Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Learning Partnership:  
Manager: Roy Brown or Partnership Secretary: Judith Peters on 01733 748274 or email [j.peters@peterborough.gov.uk](mailto:j.peters@peterborough.gov.uk)

[www.cpltrust.net](http://www.cpltrust.net)

## **LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD (LSCB)**

The [LSCB](#) is an inter-agency forum which brings together representatives of each of the main agencies responsible for helping to protect children from abuse and neglect within Cambridgeshire. It aims to ensure that arrangements work effectively to bring about good outcomes for children.

For more information contact Joanne Little, LSCB Administrator on 01480 376699 or email [Joanne.little@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Joanne.little@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

## **LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS (LSPS)**

Local Strategic Partnerships are intended to be cross-agency, umbrella partnerships that include all sectors of society (public, private, community and voluntary) with a remit to work together to improve the quality of life in a particular locality. The Government sees them as the main mechanism for the co-ordination of delivery of better local services.

There are LSPs in each of the District Council areas and membership is drawn from both County and District Councils, the Health Service, the Voluntary Sector and the Independent Sector.

For more information contact Keith Bowman, Head of Policy and Review on 01223 717225 or email [keith.bowman@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:keith.bowman@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

## **PRIMARY CARE TRUST (PCT)**

This NHS organisations provide a range of community health services delivered by District Nurses, specialist nurses, health visitors and a range of specialist providers. The PCTs do not employ GPs, dentists, opticians and pharmacists but work closely with them to develop and integrate the primary services they provide. The PCTs also commission services provided for their local population at acute hospitals like Addenbrookes.

The County Council works very closely with the PCTs in identifying the health needs of local people and planning improvements in their health and well-being. The Council has also transferred to them day to day responsibility for delivering occupational therapy services and social care services for older people.

The [PCTs](#) in the County are Huntingdonshire, East Cambs and Fenland, Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire. Later in 2006, the County's PCTs will be combined into a single Trust.

## **SCHOOL MANAGEMENT PARTNERSHIP**

Local arrangements have been developed over many years to ensure close collaboration between County Council officers and Members and representatives of headteachers and governors.

The principal vehicles for this are:

- Cambridgeshire Governors' Advisory Group
- Cambridgeshire Primary Heads
- Cambridgeshire Secondary Heads
- Cambridgeshire Special School Heads' Association

Each group makes its own arrangements for meetings, agreeing agendas and necessary involvement of education officers according to the business to be conducted.

The officers of the associations meet senior officers twice every term to ensure effective liaison and concerted effort. Headteacher representatives contribute to a range of Steering Groups that work with officers in agreeing operational and policy issues for implementation and further deliberation with Members respectively.

A number of services such as Cambridgeshire Instrumental Music Agency and Cambridgeshire Environmental Education Service also have headteacher representatives on steering groups/management committees.

The Lead officer for the Council is the Director of Learning.

## **SCHOOL ORGANISATION COMMITTEE**

A statutory group set up under the terms of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998. The Committee must comprise at least five separate groups: LA Members, Church of England Diocese, Roman Catholic Diocese, schools (governors from community and foundation schools) and the Learning and Skills Council.

This Committee is responsible for considering the Authority's strategic plans for the provision of school places, and specific proposals for changes to the current pattern of provision, e.g. the establishment of a new church aided school. Where proposals published by the Authority result in objections, these also fall to the Committee to determine. In cases where the Committee is unable to reach unanimous agreement, proposals are referred to the Office of the School Adjudicator for decision.

Cambridgeshire operates a reciprocal arrangement with Northamptonshire County Council whereby an officer from the other Authority provides independent, professional advice to the Committee.

The lead officer for the Council is the Head of Infrastructure.

## **SCHOOL FORUM**

The Schools Forum is a non-executive body established to take decisions on a range of issues relating to the funding of schools (including the funding formula, allocation between phases, any top-slices, and any exceptions to the School Finance (England) Regulations 2006). The Forum comprises 17 members, of whom 6 are primary head teacher, 5 are secondary head teacher, 1 a special school head teacher, 1 a nursery school head teacher, and 4 are governors. It also includes observers from the LSC, Diocesan authority, Early Years Advisory Board, teaching and non-teaching union reps, and Council Members.

## **STRATEGIC HEALTH AUTHORITY (SHA)**

On behalf of the Secretary of State for Health, ten Strategic Health Authorities (SHA) set the strategic direction for NHS organisations in England. They are responsible for ensuring that the money spent on health care delivers the best services and value-for-money for both patients and the taxpayer.

The SHA for our region is the east of England, known as NHS East of England  
[www.eoe.nhs.uk](http://www.eoe.nhs.uk)

Their key work areas are:

- Building the capacity and capability of local health services for the future.
- Driving forward the reform / national policy agenda and leading service improvements for better patient care.
- To be accountable to the Department of Health for the successful delivery of local services.

- Developing strategic partnerships with other bodies at regional level to ensure a greater co-ordination of services.
- Working to reduce health inequalities throughout the local population.

The SHA is based at Victoria House, Capital Park, Fulbourn, CB1 5XB. Telephone (01223) 597500.

## **TRADE UNIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS**

There is an extensive network of meetings between officers, Members and representatives of the unions and associations representing teachers and support staff working in the education service. These include consultative meetings covering terms and conditions of staff, as well as wider issues of more general and professional interest.

## **YOUTH JUSTICE BOARD**

This is a national organisation which oversees the youth justice system in England and Wales, including our own Youth Offending Service. It works to prevent offending and reoffending by children and young people and to ensure that custody for them is safe, secure and appropriate.

More information on the website at [www.youth-justice-board.gov.uk](http://www.youth-justice-board.gov.uk)