



Report of the Director of Children's Services Unit - Locality Enabler South

South Leeds (Outer) Area Committee

Date: Monday 30th November 2009

Subject: Teenage Pregnancy and Parenthood

Electoral Wards Affected: Ardsley & Robin Hood Morley North Morley South Rothwell <input type="checkbox"/> Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)	Specific Implications For: Equality and Diversity <input type="checkbox"/> Community Cohesion <input type="checkbox"/> Narrowing the Gap <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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Executive Summary

1.0 Purpose Of This Report

1.1 The following is a report on provision of service activity in the outer south area which contribute to the delivery of the Leeds Teenage Pregnancy and Parenthood (TPP) Strategy in the outer south area. Please note that the information below was submitted by the agencies undertaking the activities.

2.0 Background Information

2.1 Why reducing teenage pregnancy matters

- 2.1.1 Evidence clearly shows that having children at a young age can damage young women's health and well-being and severely limit their education and career prospects. Long term studies show that children born to teenagers are more likely to experience a range of negative outcomes in later life, and are up to three times more likely to become a teenage parent themselves. The facts are stark:
- The infant mortality rate for babies born to teenage mothers is 60% higher than for babies born to older mothers.
 - At age 30, teenage mothers are 22% more likely to be living in poverty than mothers giving birth aged 24 or over, and are much less likely to be employed or living with a partner.
 - Teenage mothers are 20% more likely to have no qualifications at age 30 than mothers giving birth aged 24 or over.
 - Teenage mothers have three times the rate of post-natal depression of older mothers and a higher risk of poor mental health for three years after the birth.

- Teenage mothers are three times more likely to smoke throughout their pregnancy, and 50% less likely to breastfeed, than older mothers - both of which have negative health consequences for the child.
- Children of teenage mothers have a 63% increased risk of being born into poverty compared to babies born to mothers in their twenties and are more likely to have accidents and behavioural problems.
- Among the most vulnerable girls, the risk of becoming a teenage mother before the age of 20 is nearly one in three.

2.1.2 Rates of teenage pregnancy are far higher among deprived communities. The poorer outcomes associated with teenage motherhood also mean the effects of deprivation and social exclusion are passed from one generation to the next. There is also a strong economic argument for investing in measures to reduce teenage pregnancy as it places significant burdens on the NHS and wider public services.

2.1.3 The challenge for local areas, therefore, is

- To recognise the interdependencies between teenage pregnancy and improving other outcomes for children and young people
- To provide young people with the means to avoid early pregnancy
- To tackle the underlying circumstances that motivate young people to want to be or lead them passively to become pregnant or young parents at a young age
- To work in effective partnership to ensure universal provision for all young people with strengthened delivery for those most at risk

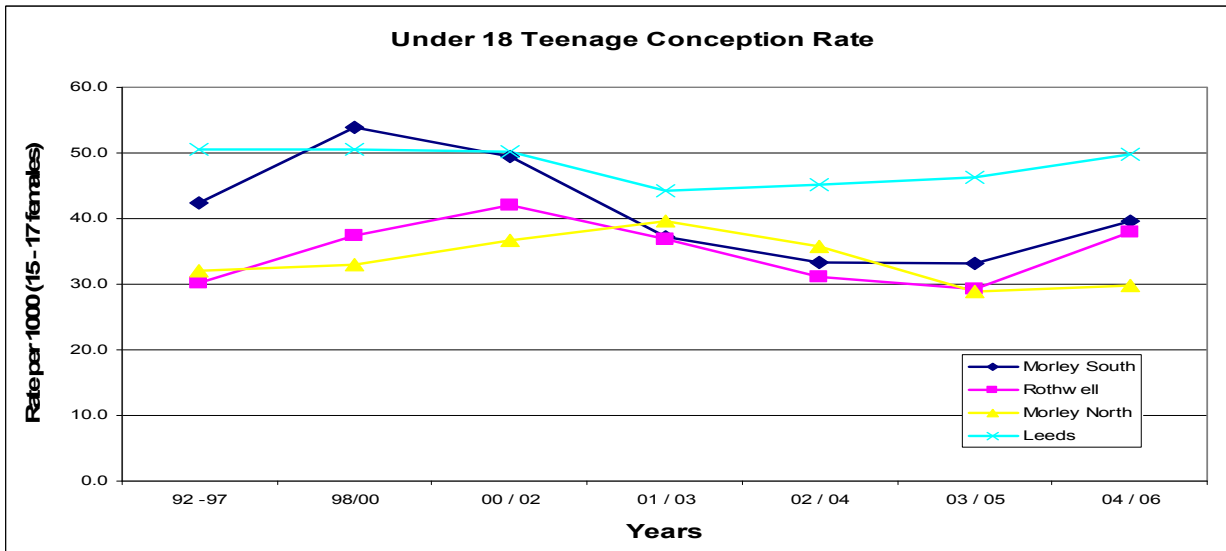
2.2 Leeds under 18 Conception Rates

The Government target is to reduce teenage pregnancy rates in Leeds by 55% by 2010 and to support 60% of teenage parents into education, employment and training. The figures show for 2007 a decrease in the rate of under 18 conceptions in the Leeds but it is higher than the national average

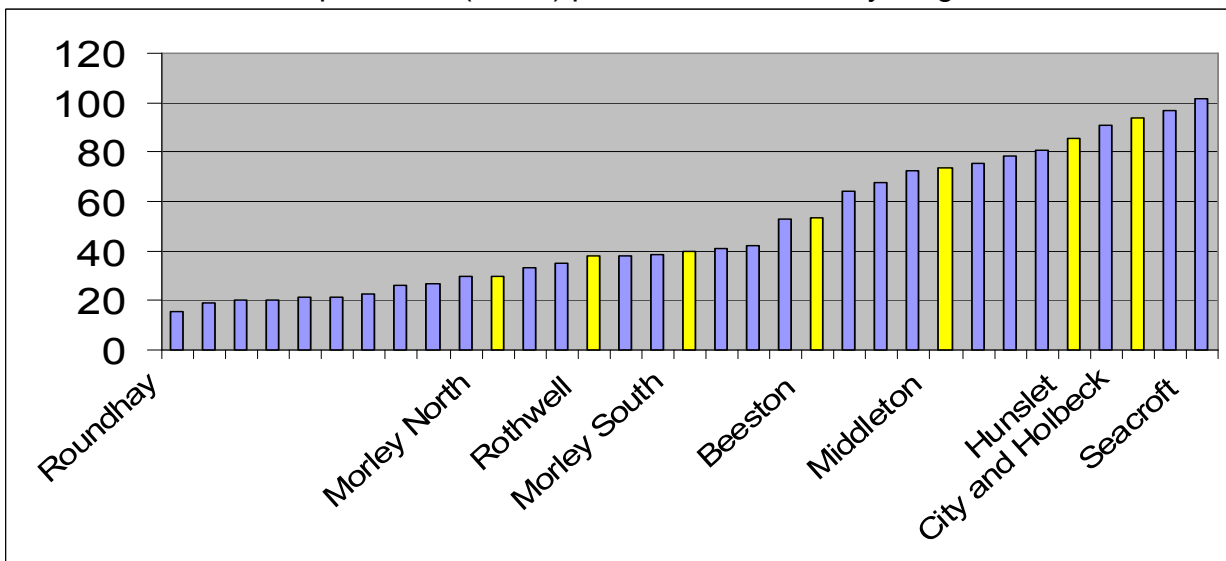
	1998 Baseline	2007	Difference
Leeds	50.4	48.1	-4.6%
England	46.6	41.7	-10.7%

2.3 Conception rates for the Outer South of Leeds
 The Ward data from the Office of National Statistics is still produced with the pre 2004 Wards. From the tables below it can be seen that the conception rates for outer south Leeds are below the Leeds average.

Under 18 conception rate per 1,000 of 15 – 17 year old young women



Under 18 conception rate (04/06) per 1,000 of 15 – 17 young women



3.0 Main Issues

3.1 Provision and Services in Outer South

Activity of provision and services is outlined below for schools, contraception and sexual health services and the youth service.

3.2 Primary schools

14 out of 24 primary schools (**Appendix 1**) in outer south have received support from the Sex and Relationship Education (SRE) Advisor for Primary Schools and have achieved the National Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) Certification and/or attended local SRE and PSHE training.

3.3 Secondary schools

Outer South Secondary Schools have received the support and participated in the courses tabled below:

School	SRE joint review	PSHE/SRE consultant support – policy and/or curriculum	Advanced Skill Teacher support for PSHE/SRE	Subject Lead completed PSHE CPD programme
Bruntcliffe	✓	✓		✓
Morley		✓		
Rodillian				
Royds		✓	✓	✓
Woodkirk				

City-wide training courses offered 2008/09:

Course	School Attended in 2008/09
Leading & Managing PSHE	None
SRE Transition	None
Involving Young People in SRE Provision	None – course postponed due to lack of interest
PSHE Assessment	Royds
Yr 7 Scheme of Work Launch event (only TP priority schools invited)	Rodillian
Unintended Pregnancies Choices Course, both delivery to pupils and staff training	Bruntcliffe and Morley

3.4 Sexual Health Services

All GP practices provide contraception and basic sexual health services. There is a pharmacy in Morley providing Emergency Hormonal Contraception (EHC) access, a new Contraception and Sexual Health (CaSH) clinic is opening on the Morley site of Joseph Priestley College on a Wednesday 2.30 to 5.30pm, and there are 4 C-Card points.

3.5 Relationships and Sexual Health Work in the Youth Service

The following is the youth provision in the outer south focusing on relationships and sexual health

Youth Work Setting	Dates/period of work	Duration of work	Ages of YP	Context	Type of work	Lead staff member	Other useful info
Rose Lund Centre	June 09	Ongoing	13+	Whole group and some individual support work (ISW)	C Card / Relationship Information + STI's Guidance to key centre in Ward.	Verona Mc Shane	Programme developed to ensure a clear strategy was in place to respond to young peoples personal situations and enquires.

Mobile Provision in the Rothwell Ward	May 09	Ongoing	13+	Whole group and some ISW	C Card / Relationship Information + STI's Guidance to key centre in Ward.	Glen O' Malley	Programme developed to ensure a clear strategy was in place to respond to young peoples personal situations and enquires.
Windmill Youth Centre	Jan 09	Ongoing	13+	Whole group and some ISW	C Card / Relationship Information + Chlamydia / Pregnancy Testing + support in attending Young Peoples Health Clinic.	Mel Taylor	Programme developed to ensure a clear strategy was in place to respond to young peoples personal situations and enquires.
Lewisham park Morley	Jan 09	Ongoing	13+	As above	As above	Penny ward	As above
Morley teenage health bus	Jan 09	Ongoing	13+	Any young person	As above	Sam hampson	As above
Gildersome youth club	Jan 09	ongoing	13+	As above	As above	Lisa fitzpatrick	As above

4.0 Implications For Council Policy and Governance

4.1 This paper is for information and has no Implications For Council Policy and Governance.

5.0 Legal and Resource Implications

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6.0 Conclusions

- 6.1 There are number of measures evidenced as effective in contributing to reducing Teenage Conceptions, as part of the city-wide TPPP Strategy and CYPP Strategy. The report has focused predominantly on prevention activities in the Outer South and the local delivery of the Teenage Pregnancy and Parenthood Partnership's strategic implementation plan.

7.0 Recommendations

- 7.1 The Area Committee is requested to note the contents of this report.

Background Papers

- Teenage Pregnancy National Support Team Report
- Health Scrutiny Board Report
- Leeds Ministerial Report
- Leeds Teenage Pregnancy and Parenthood Strategy 2008 - 2011