



# LSP News

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## Introduction

**LSP News;** a quick and simple update of the latest news and events in and around the District from your Local Strategic Partnership members.

I hope you are able to take five minutes to update yourselves with all the latest LSP news and information, and to forward this newsletter to any colleagues who may also be interested.

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## Dates for your Diary

### LSP Board Meeting

Thursday 9th September @ 6.00pm

Council Chamber, St Albans City & District Council Offices

### CVS Annual Conference

Thursday 30th September, 9.15am – 12.25pm

Council Chamber, St Albans City & District Council Offices

### LSP Annual Community Conference

Wednesday 13th October, 10.00am – 4.00pm

Rothamstead Conference Centre, Harpenden

## News



### Targeting Change Drinks Launch

On 10 June there was a reception to celebrate the launch of the 28 successful Targeting Change Fund projects.

The Fund, launched at the LSP's community conference in October 2009, received a

shortlist of 47 applications for a share of approximately £213k.

The successful projects include a number of sports and activity schemes for all ages, money matters advice and drama sessions for older people, children's concerts, a volunteer police cadet scheme, a neighbourhood volunteering programme and development of a community garden.

For more information please see the full [press release](#).



### Health White Paper and consultation

The new NHS White Paper 'Equity and excellence: Liberating the NHS' sets out the Government's long-term vision for the future of the NHS.

Some of the key highlights of the document are listed below:

- The government will devolve power and responsibility for

commissioning services to GPs and practice teams working in consortia.

- Every GP will be a member of a 'shadow' consortium by 2011/12.
- Consortia will start taking on duties from 2012/13 and full financial responsibility from April 2013.
- Management allowances will be available to help fund commissioning.
- An independent and accountable NHS commissioning board will allocate and account for NHS resources.
- NHS commissioning board will calculate practice-level budgets and allocate these directly to consortia and will hold practices to account.
- GP consortia will include an accountable officer.
- Each consortium will hold its constituent practices to account.
- GP consortia will agree local priorities each year, taking account of the NHS Outcomes Framework.
- GPs will need to engage patients and the public in the commissioning process.
- Over time the DoH will seek to establish a single GP contract and funding model.
- PCTs and SHAs will be phased out.
- Patients will be able to choose which GP practice they register with regardless of where they live.
- The current performance regime will be replaced with separate frameworks for public health and social care.
- A new NHS Outcomes Framework will provide the direction for the NHS.
- The government will incentivise ways of improving access to primary care in disadvantaged area

Please visit the Department of Health's website for the full [NHS White Paper](#).



## Policing in the 21st Century: Reconnecting police and the people

The Coalition Government have released a document outlining the latest plans for police reform.

The document focuses on issues such as reducing government targets, interference and bureaucracy, reconnecting with, and empowering, the local community and includes proposals for:

- directly elected police and crime commissioners from 2012
- new Police and Crime panels, including elected representatives, to hold the commissioner to account
- increased emphasis on neighbourhood/beat meetings and transparent information

See the link below for the [full publication](#).



## Transparency in outcomes – a framework for the NHS

The Government has launched consultations on the key elements of its recent health white paper: GP commissioning, local democratic legitimacy, and proposals for an economic regulator.

The consultations are a way of enabling healthcare professionals, the public and other interested parties to submit their views on the changes proposed by the Government and help shape the future of the NHS.

For further information on consultation, or to respond, please visit the [consultation page](#).



## Oaklands College stakeholder consultation

Recent feedback collected by the college suggested that the current college strategy was outdated. Therefore Oaklands college is looking for feedback from key stakeholders for its new College Strategy, which includes a review of the vision and mission statement.

The Corporation would like to hear any suggestions whether it be a change of wording or emphasis, raising a specific area of work /role of the College that the College need to ensure is captured in the strategy.

If you have any questions or would like to participate in the consultation please contact Beth Maloney, Assistant Principle on 01727 737700 or [beth.maloney@oaklands.ac.uk](mailto:beth.maloney@oaklands.ac.uk)



## Parish Councils sign up to Parish Charter

Parish Councils across St Albans City and District signed up to a Parish Charter which

sets out their role in the community and local government at an all-day Parish Conference 2010, organised by St Albans City and District Council, on 2 July.

The Parish Charter, which was also signed by the District Council and Hertfordshire County Council, aims to ensure that all three tiers of local government work together to make services more efficient and responsive to the needs of local communities by providing best value and quality.

The full [press release](#) is available on the St Albans District Council website.



## New Neighbourhood Inspector For St Albans

Tackling issues that impact on residents' quality of life and effectively resolving crimes that concern them most are the focuses for new St Albans Neighbourhood Inspector Ruth Dodsworth.

Ruth took over the management of the St Albans Safer Neighbourhood Teams from Inspector Mike Hanson recently.

As the St Albans Neighbourhood Inspector, Ruth is responsible for the St Albans Neighbourhood Teams in London Colney, Harpenden and St Albans City, and the Community Safety Unit. Combined, these consist of sergeants, neighbourhood officers, PCSOs and Special Constables, supported by volunteers.

For more information on Ruth and her team please visit the [Herts Police](#) website.



## BIG Society...?

The Big Society is a Government agenda that seeks to shift power from politicians to people. It formed a key element of the Conservative 2010 election campaign and was the subject of the first major policy announcement of the new coalition government.

The link below is to major speech by Greg Clark (CLG Minister for Decentralisation) on 'Big Society'. The speech provides a clear and informative explanation on what it all means;

Follow the link for the [full transcript](#).



## PRG Funding

The Performance Reward Grant due to be received by the Local Strategic Partnership in two instalments (March 2010 & 2011) has been affected by the recent spending cuts. The first instalment of £430K was received as expected at the end of March 2010 and is being spent now, as agreed by the Board, primarily on the 28 Targeting Change Fund projects and 2 commissioned pieces of work which are already underway. The LSP Management Committee has made clear that it expects these commitments to be honoured, including any existing

commitments to Targeting Change projects falling in 2011/12.

In light of the spending cuts the LSP Board has asked the Management Committee to carry out a thorough review of all other committed expenditure to date and all commissioning proposals being developed in order to prioritise the options for spending any balance of the grant received so far. This review will be completed over the next two months and recommendations made to the Board at their next meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2010.



## Summer Activities

The District Children's Trust Partnership have pulled together details of the wide range of activities for young people over the summer across the District.

Activities are offered for young people from 5 to 19 year olds (up to 25 years for those with special needs and disabilities) at affordable prices and will be delivered at a range of time including daytimes, evenings and weekends.

If you work with young people and/or families, please take some time to let them know what is on offer.

For activities for young people and information on the range of Youth Connexions activities and events can be found on <http://www.mogozout.org> or <http://www.stalbans.gov.uk/summeractivities>



## Rejuvenille – a targeting change fund success

A local drama group made up of older people from the local community have been enjoying discovering their creative talents through drama workshops. Working alongside Hilary Dawson and Sarah Mackay of *Buskin*, the group devising an original piece of theatre that was performed in July 2010 to an audience of over 100 people.

The weekly sessions incorporate drama based games, improvisation and bringing to life personal memories and stories. Props and artworks required for the show were designed and made by group members, utilising a range of recycled materials. The workshops have become a high point in the week for participants, providing friendship, fun and creative expression.

For more information and details of contacts, please see the full [press release](#).



## Dog Watch Launch in Sandridge a Success

Over 40 dog owners signed up to the St Albans Dog Watch at the launch on July 17<sup>th</sup> with roughly a 100 people attending to support the event.

As part of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme, it encourages dog walkers to be the eyes and ears of their community by reporting any suspicious activity they see or hear back to police

and for the benefit of their community.

The scheme was launched in Sandridge by the District Councillor and St Albans Deputy Mayor Beric Read, and is the first of its kind in the St Albans area.

If you would like to join or find out more about Dog Watch please contact Jo Bartlett at [jos.bartlett@herts.pnn.police.uk](mailto:jos.bartlett@herts.pnn.police.uk) or phone 01707 354192.



## Annual Community Conference: 'Targeting Change local solutions to local issues'

**Date for your diary:** The LSP Annual Conference will take place on 13th October 2010 at Rothamsted Research Centre, Harpenden.

You are invited to the  
**ANNUAL COMMUNITY CONFERENCE 2010**  
**Targeting Change**  
**Local Solutions to Local Issues**  
 Sharing achievements, getting involved and taking action

Wednesday 13th October 2010, 10am to 4pm  
 Rothamsted Conference Centre, Harpenden

**Keynote speaker:**  
 The Rt Revd Dr Alan Smith  
 Bishop of St Albans

For more information contact Wendy Henrys,  
 Conference Co-ordinator on [wendy@cvsstalbands.org.uk](mailto:wendy@cvsstalbands.org.uk)  
 or visit the LSP website [www.stalbandslp.org.uk](http://www.stalbandslp.org.uk)  
 Registration Forms to follow



The conference will pick up on some of the Coalition Government's Big Society themes by looking at how we can provide local solutions to local issues as well as celebrating the success of the District's targeting change projects that were launched at last years conference.

Please visit the LSP's [Annual Community Conference](#) page for more information around the event.



## CONFERENCE 'Voluntary Sector News'

The **Voluntary Sector Conference** will be held on 30th September from 9.15am to 12.25pm followed by the CVS AGM at 12.30pm and lunch at 1pm.

The event will cover the various benefits from the '**Big Society**' and '**Civil Society**' proposals and the speakers include; the High Sheriff of Hertfordshire, Karl Wilding from NCVO and James Blake from SADC.

More information:  
<http://www.cvsstalbands.org.uk/>

## Further information

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