

Accelerating the Teenage Pregnancy Strategy

Improving support for teenage
parents

TPIAG's 5th Annual Report Support Recommendations

- Role of Maternity services
- Simplifying benefit system
- Developing financial awareness
- Increase funding for Care to Learn
- Evaluate effectiveness of housing support
- Ensure quality housing support and move-on accommodation for young mothers
- Data analysis on housing support

Teenage parents: next steps (2007)

- Jointly published with Dept of Health
- Commitments to improve poor outcomes for teenage parents
- Vision of what should be in place locally and nationally
- Focus on health, emotional and economic wellbeing
- Young fathers
- New approach to housing

Improving maternity services

Three publications

- Multi-agency working to support pregnant teenagers – Information sharing (2007)
 - Getting maternity services right for pregnant teenagers and young fathers (2008) for non-specialist midwives and maternity assistants
 - New edition – Teenage parents: who cares? – commissioning
- + focus on nutrition and smoking cessation in pregnancy
- + Impact of Family Nurse Partnership

Improving access to learning

- Package of support
- EMAs – parents can apply in own right
- Care to Learn - evaluations show reduces NEET and helps achieve progression
- TYS & Lead professional adviser
 - + Impact of raising participation age
 - + Better tracking of teenage mothers and fathers

Benefits

- Benefits – simplification
 - Health in Pregnancy grant (April 2009)
 - Guidance for jobcentre plus staff on working with teenage parents
 - Work centred advisers in Children's Centres
- + CSA reforms and Joint Birth Registration

Improved housing for teenage parents

- Challenging area to achieve improvement
- Mapping of current situation
- New pilot as part of Budget 2008 child poverty proposals; to run 2009-2011
- 6 pilots currently being selected
- Test new ways of providing enhanced support for teenage mothers in housing need – with proper evaluation.