

Developing Local Life Chances Indicators

Frank Field's Independent Review of Poverty and Life Chances recommends that we measure annual progress at a national level on a range of factors in young children's lives that are predictive of their future outcomes – the review proposes that local authorities should create local LCIs (life chances indicators). Peterborough has already begun these discussions with colleagues, and some of our headlines are listed below:

What could the proxy be?

- **Quality of opportunity** – number of vacancies, education (attainment, levels moving into higher and further education), keeping skills in the city, sector of employment, affordable housing)
- **Healthy Communities** – transport, anti social behaviour, crime, housing, safety, neighbourhoods, access to services (transport)
- **Public Health** – truancy, mental health, wellbeing (hospital admissions, life expectancy, nutrition and obesity), substance misuse, time off work (sickness rates)
- **Income** – income levels and disposable income, benefits, NEETs, employability, debt, unemployment, aspirations, bringing work into the city (PCC Growth Agenda)

- **Home Profile** – plotting outcomes for children – free school meals, Social Support Networks (ethnicity), number of children in the home, mother’s age at birth, father (at home or not)

Recommendation: poverty core strategy group to refine this, working with our colleagues in performance. This work must then be used to shape Peterborough’s action plans and what we will report against. There is the potential to link this with PREview (DoH predictive tool which is under development – another reason to bring health and the local authority together)