

CONSULTATION ON SUNDERLAND PARENTING STRATEGY

South Area Committee

07 January 2008

The story so far:

- Government Policy and Guidance
- Children's Trust Commitments
- Parenting Board
- Parenting Champion
- Parenting Commissioner

Government Policy and Guidance

- **“The family is the bedrock of society.**
- **Nothing shall be done to remove from parents their responsibility to their child.**
- **It is in the national interest to help parents meet these responsibilities.”**

Parenting Support provided at 3 levels

- For parents who are experiencing significant problems.
- Where parents want or need additional support
- All parents early access to advise and support in a wide range of local settings and times.



Parenting Support provided for 4 age bands

- Pre-birth
- 0-5 years
- 5-11 years
- 11-18 years

Sunderland Parenting Offer - Consultation

- Is this the right model to deliver the Sunderland Parenting Offer?
- Key challenges as outlined in Parenting Strategy
- Views of parents/carers about what makes effective parenting
- Views of parents/carers on what help/support they need

Sunderland Parenting Strategy - Challenges

- Accessing harder to reach groups
- Evidencing improving outcomes for children and young people – does it work?
- Building the resource/commissioning base
- Balancing innovation and prescription

Sunderland Parenting Offer - Consultation

- November 07, December 07, January 08
- March 2008 – report back to Review Committee with amended Strategy .
- March 2008 – approved by Sunderland Children's Trust Strategic Partnership/EMT, etc
- April 2008 – publication of Strategy

South Area Committee – Consultation

- *What do we think makes good parenting?*
- *What makes it hard to be a good parent?*