

'Supporting young people-an evaluation of recent reforms to youth support services in 11 local areas'

Key issues for leaders and managers

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The Overview

- **still evolving - the reforms had not yet been sufficiently consolidated at a local level**
- **targeted support creating more options for vulnerable young people**
- **the priority given to targeted support often undermined the contribution which universal youth services made to the development of young people more generally**
- **the most responsive local areas had ensured that the voluntary and community sectors were involved in strategic planning**

The Overview cont.

- **overall progress in the external commissioning of youth support provision had been slow**
- **targeted support for young people older than 16 was not as good as for those below that age**
- **quality assurance and value for money measures were not secure in any of the local authorities visited**
- **involving young people as partners-clear improvement**
- **youth support workforce positive but working beyond their experience, skills and training ?**

Pressing challenges- considerations

- **Leadership and vision-** creating a constructive mindset
- **The 'youth offer'** - a fragmented notion or a continuum of support?
- **The LA as a facilitator and enabler**
- **The third sector-** the best appears symbiotic
- **Supporting politicians in their aspirations** - localisation and enabling social action
- **New alliances**
- **Commissioning with ambition**
- **Setting and maintaining standards and performance management**