



- **Profile of the Resilient Communities Partnership:** <http://db.tt/hqMJ48U0>
- **July agenda:** <http://db.tt/ga6TBIn2>
- **July minutes:** <http://db.tt/XcbV08uX>

**Laura's notes from the meeting:**

- A Wiltshire market town has been the focus for a case study by Barnardos: <http://db.tt/UA1rppYK> Conversations took place with BME families (those with children under 5 years old). Wider work has also been carried out in Bristol and Cornwall as the South West is a predominantly white area where there is often no real sense of a BME community. Often children are of dual heritage living with a single white parent. Fifteen families were interviewed, eight of which reported repeated racism directed at their children (under 5's). Many of the parents wanted their family to 'blend in' to avoid racism but others strongly opposed this and promoted a focus on their heritage. The results of the case study are currently being used to promote awareness and for internal training for workers.
- ECBL are producing an Impact Assessment Toolkit, LGBT resource pack and BAME resource pack. They're also running cluster meetings across the county focusing on issues of minority groups and have started with people with mental health issues, people of Islamic faith and people of Afro-Caribbean origin.

Wiltshire Money talked about the Welfare Reform issues which were also covered in more detail at the recent Wiltshire Assembly – see here: <http://www.wfcap.org/resources/Welfare%20Reform%20Act%20Policy%20Briefing%2020120609.pdf> for details on all the changes. A leaflet has been produced to advise on pathways relating to Debt issues: <http://db.tt/JUtneyCd> Fuel poverty is a real issue in Wiltshire, especially in rural areas: <http://db.tt/PM8elm6a> and it was acknowledged that far more information is required on housing issues.

- Child Poverty Strategy has been produced: <http://db.tt/PybU8zkD> – this is an obligation of the Local Authority. The take-up of free childcare vouchers is 97/98% in Wiltshire. This is a continuation of the scheme set up in 2009. It began alongside the 'every child a reader' and 'every child a talker' schemes. Looking at a multi-agency approach to issues such as absenteeism.
- RCP members have developed an Action Plan: <http://db.tt/WbCskYXa> by collating projects that are being worked on in their sectors, in partnership with other RCP members. The RCP Strategic Plan: <http://db.tt/XCLJJ1TB> has also been rewritten. Wfcap have contributed to both of these documents
- The JSNA is to be updated this autumn.
- Voluntary & Community Sector Impact Survey carried out by Bath University in 2012 – results to be launched in September at the Voluntary Sector Assembly.
- Voluntary Sector Strategy to go to cabinet in September

**Next Meeting: 19<sup>th</sup> September 2012**

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