



## Deloitte Appointment

Worcestershire Partnership have recently appointed Deloitte as consultants to undertake a Governance Review Project. It is possible that you may be contacted during this review so we are asking all VCS representatives to respond to this request and to work with the Consultants to evidence issues for the VCS, if you are so asked. Depending on how this project develops, we may organise Focus group meetings or other means of contacting representatives so as to ensure that the VCS point of view is fully included in the review. If you have any questions or queries please contact Magda Praill who is the VCS representative on the Project Panel. Her email contact details are: [m.praill@virgin.net](mailto:m.praill@virgin.net)

## LAA Reward Grant

You will probably be aware that Worcestershire Partnership Management Group are now developing arrangements for

the allocation of the first LAA Reward Grant which is due in October/November 2009. At present, plans are that this will be distributed as follows:

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| LSP Staffing (County & District) | - | £2m          |
| Areas of Highest Need Initiative | - | £3m          |
| Other 2008 / 2011 LAA Activity   | - | <u>£2.7m</u> |
| TOTAL                            |   | £7.7m        |

The £2.7m allocated for 'Other 2008 / 2011 LAA Activity' will be allocated through a commissioning approach and bids will be invited against particular areas of activity.

We believe it is vital that the VCS secures some funding through this Reward Grant and we urge VCS representatives to ensure that their Theme Group recognises and includes VCS activity when discussing these funds. Again, if any, VCS representative would like to discuss this issue further, please do not hesitate to contact Jim J Smith, me or any WIC member.

**We hope you found this short Bulletin interesting and informative and we would welcome feedback from representatives as to future content as well as any other ways in which WIC members can provide support for you in your role as a VCS representative.** Sally Ellison, Chair ([sally@wvc.org.uk](mailto:sally@wvc.org.uk))

## WIC 'Voices' Hub Representation Bulletin June 2009

### Performance Manager Worcestershire Partnership

Alan Smith has recently been appointed as Performance Manager for Worcestershire Partnership. Part of his role is to ensure that the VCS is fully involved with all aspects of the LAA – including planning, commissioning and delivery. At WIC we are keen to work with VCS representatives to ensure that a co-ordinated voice is shown whereby we ensure that there is full recognition for all the work that the VCS undertakes in assisting partners to achieve the required targets under the LAA. If any VCS representative would like to discuss this issue further, please do not hesitate to contact Jim J Smith, me or any WIC member.