

Paper to Scrutiny Committee on Youth Provision in Eastbourne

1 Provision by ESCC 2012/13

ESCC service changed in 2011 from a Youth Development Service to a Targeted Youth Support Service (TYS).

The changes came about following a reduction overall in the budget available for youth services of over 60%. It has not been possible to provide information on the actual reduction in spending on youth services in Eastbourne as budgets were previously allocated on the basis of an east-west divide rather than by District or Borough. The west included parts of Lewes and Wealden as well as Eastbourne. The services are also not comparable as the new service draws together a range of services provided under different budget headings.

ESCC carried out a review of their services evaluating the impact of their different services and designed a new holistic service which they believed would deliver the best outcomes rather than trying to replicate existing services. The aim of the new service is to focus resources on those young people most at risk (e.g. of becoming NEET, offending, teenage pregnancy, substance misuse etc).

Initially there was a risk that services available to all young people might be lost. However, the decision was made to continue funding youth sessions at Archery Youth Centre and various venues around the town as these played an important role in supporting young people at risk.

The new Service began on the 1st of September although there was a short transitional period relating to staffing changes which meant some teams were not fully staffed for a period up until November 2011.

The new YYS service employs:

- ❑ 1 Practice Manager
- ❑ 1 YYS Co-ordinator
- ❑ 3 Senior YYS Workers
- ❑ 8 YYS Workers
- ❑ 18 YYS Assistants
- ❑ 2 Administrators

The key aims of the service are as follows:

- Support young people in school who are having difficulties either at home or in school which may be affecting their learning with the aim of reducing the risk of their poor attendance, attitude or behaviour and improving their aspiration and achievement in education.
- Working with young people who have been involved for the first time with the criminal justice system by providing an early intervention

response and, together with key partners, such as the police, be both challenging and supportive to young people in changing their behaviours.

- Reduce the risk of young people being accommodated by the Local Authority through supporting families in understanding what the difficulties are in the home and by working directly with both parents and the young person in addressing the areas of conflict and creating a positive change .
- Improving emotional and physical health of young people by providing information advice and guidance on sexual health, teenage pregnancy, alcohol and substance misuse issues

The service covers:

- ❑ One to One holistic casework
- ❑ Targeted group work
- ❑ Sexual health (school drop-ins, mobile provision, SAS)
- ❑ Detached/mobile hotspot responses
- ❑ Specialist diversionary projects (half-term football project)
- ❑ Youth clubs

The TYS team includes specialist provision in areas including:

- ❑ Crime prevention
- ❑ Youth homelessness
- ❑ Teenage pregnancy
- ❑ Substance misuse
- ❑ Mental health and well-being
- ❑ School exclusion/attendance

What activities are now running supported by ESCC

- Football Project Willingdon Trees
- Freestyle Arts Project – Archery - but this is potentially at risk
- Bike Project – Archery (new)
- Willingdon Trees Youth Club
- Hampden Park Youth Club
- Freestyle Music Project – Archery
- Old Town Youth Club
- Archery Youth Club
- Mobile Session – Targeting Schools across Eastbourne
- Detached – Targeting Schools across Eastbourne
- Mobile – Old Town
- Detached – Old Town
- Mobile – Skate Parks
- Detached – Shinewater / Hampden Park
- Detached – Various Locations

Former Youth Development Service Sessions no longer funded

- Archery Football
- Archery Youth Club
- Eastbourne Arts Award
- Archery FreeZone Music – but YMCA have included a music project in their activities
- Hampden Park Football
- Kingsmere Youth Club – but this continues, run by local volunteers
- Shinewater 5 A Side Football
- Willingdon School Health
- Willingdon Trees Football Project - but YMCA now run a Football Project in Willingdon Trees

What else has been lost

- **Connexions** – responsibility for vocational Information, Advice and Guidance has passed to individual schools. The only independent provision is now available through CRI Connexions project targeted at? And the generic services at Eastbourne Works supported by a dedicated Job Centre Plus officer.
- **After-school** club at the Eastbourne Academy.

2 Services provided by YMCA with EBC grant

The Council's grant was designed to replace services which we had previously delivered directly ourselves and our aim was not to use YMCA grant to replace ESCC services or funding, but to identify needs and gaps in provision based on those.

The Youth Strategy identified the priorities and the Youth Partnership has been discussing what needs are not being met. The focus is on diversionary activities and general engagement with young people with services tailored to encourage healthy and safe behaviours.

The YMCA focuses its spending on those areas identified as priorities in the Eastbourne Joint Youth Strategy – namely Devonshire, Hampden Park, Langney and Old Town. The grant is designed for them to consult with young people and organise a range of regular activities.

The grant has been spent as follows:

- Staffing costs – coordinator and sessional staff - £33,552
- Venue hire, equipment and supplies - £8,636
- Printing, advertising, phone, recruitment, training, travel etc. - £4,630
- Overheads – HR, accountancy etc - £7,493
- Costs of developing internet café - £5,725

Some of this was funded from grant carried forward from the previous year in agreement between the Council and YMCA.

The most recently monthly update report from YMCA is included at the end of this report and shows what this funding is currently delivering.

The EBC grant awarded to YMCA for 2012/13 will cover the following activities:

- 6 Youth Forum sessions
- Youth Events including: Dragons Den type event for Youth Bank launch; Mini Olympics and one other event
- 6 Consultation exercises
- 7 Youth sessions a week – sessional staff, venue costs, specialist workers and coaches, provision of food at Healthy Eating sessions, resources and equipment.

YMCA has provided a small number of other youth activities with funding other than the EBC grant – for example Freestyle Gymnastics.

A bid to the Big Lotteries Reaching Communities Programme is also under discussion. Initial proposals are for a project to train and support people living in local neighbourhoods to develop and run activities for young people in their area. This may include supporting local communities to take over some activities as well as training volunteers to lead or help out at others. As well as encouraging and supporting voluntary activity, the aim would be to lever in external resources to support the YMCA's current programme funded by the Council and to develop them on a sustainable footing.

3 Gaps in services and funding

YMCA and TYS met recently to review current activities and identified a gap in Shinewater and North Langney. The Shinewater Hub is developing some new activities and services for young people and the new Neighbourhood Management project there will offer opportunities to work more closely with YMCA and TYS.

It is also recognised that the majority of current provision attracts younger teens up to 16 years and there is very little that is likely to appeal the older age group. Plans for a Fishing Project and for Street Games (if funding can be secured) may go some way towards addressing this.

Partners have also been meeting to look at funding needs and gaps, and identify services which are at risk.

There is no fully-funded independent counselling, support and advice service for young people. The County Council provides a Children and Adolescents

Mental Health Service but the focus of this is on those with severe mental health disorders. The County Council reduced its spending on Charlie's Youth Access Centre this year and YMCA are now looking at applying for external funding to meet a funding gap of £30,000 and draw in additional funding for their other services and activities.

The loss of independent vocational advice and guidance services previously provided through Connexions is also a concern. The County Council commissions an intensive support service for vulnerable young people aged 16-18 wishing to access education, employment and training but there is a need for wider provision open to all young people.

Eastbourne Borough Council has made a grant of £3,000 in 2012/13 to support the development of an information, advice and guidance project at the Shinewater Hub.

In addition to these gaps, there are a small number of other projects which are currently being provided but at risk or not fully funded. These are:

- Freestyle Arts sessions – Fridays at Archery Youth Centre
- Freestyle Gymnastics – funding gap of £5,000 to continue this in 2012/13
- Kingsmere Junior and Senior Youth Clubs – partial funding secured; Kingsmere Community Association are currently bidding for funding to pay remaining costs.

4 New provision under discussion

There are a number of projects have been proposed as part of the Youth Strategy consultation and are identified in the Youth Strategy Action Plan.

These include:

- The development of a website which young people will use to find out what is available for them and to promote activities. We need to identify costs and funding for these.
- A town-centre youth café which is open in the evenings and employs young people to provide a youth-friendly service.
- Dance events and classes
- Youth shelter(s)
- Skate park and other outdoor facilities

As well as any initial capital or start-up costs, we will need to identify staff resources to develop, consult on and support these and other new projects.

Youth Bank

Eastbourne Borough Council has made a grant of £8,000 to establish a Youthbank in Eastbourne and this has been matched by the County Council

who will also lead on the development of the project and provide administrative support.

Youthbank is a youth-led grant-giving scheme designed to get young people actively involved in their community by giving them a say in how budgets aimed at benefiting them are used. Youthbank involves young people in two ways: as project leaders submitting ideas for projects and as decision-makers, deciding which projects to fund.

We intend to launch Youthbank at an event in the autumn.

Pat Taylor
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VENUE	TARGET GROUP	TIME	ACTIVITY	NUMBERS
YOUTH CLUB Willingdon Trees Community Centre	Age 11-15	Every Other Friday 6-8pm	Activities : Cooking- Arts and Crafts- Dance-DJ Workshops Teambuilding activities	Average 20 young people
HEALTH & WELL BEING PROJECT Willingdon Trees Community Centre	Age 13-21	Every other Friday 6-8pm	Activities : Healthy eating- Physical activities - Health activities in small groups- Team challenges- Sign posting to health professionals	Average 20 young people
YOUTH CLUB Langney Community Centre	Age 13-19	Tuesday 6-8pm	Activities : Indoor sports - drama - art and craft - cookery Teambuilding activities	Up to 6 young people
YOUNG WOMEN'S GROUP Old Town Community Centre	Young Women Age 13-19	Tuesday 6-8pm	Activities : 12 week programme covering topics that are relevant to young women including practical workshops on presentation, body image, hairdressing and cookery.	8 young people attending on a regular basis (latest : 15-20)
MUSIC PROJECT Devonshire Charlie's	Age 15-19	Wednesda y 6.30- 8.30	Activities : Music- Lyric Writing- Recording- Singing- Playing Instruments Including a 10 week Sound Art Programme with Towner and Rythmix resulting in a Sound Installation in Eastbourne	On average 10 young people attending
FILM CLUB Devonshire Charlie's	Age 11-15	Saturdays 11-1pm	Activities : Showing films - Creating a Saturday Morning Cinema Club	Not started yet

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YOUTH FORUM Devonshire Charlie's	Age 11-19	6 each year	Activities : Young people's focus group discussion topics relevant to young people raising awareness of issues for young people A voice for Young People	Re-launching
FOOTBALL PROJECT Willingdon Trees or Hampden Park sports centre	Age 11-15	Every Friday 6-7pm	Activities : Football training with 2 trained coaches	15 young people on average per week
FOOTBALL PROJECT Summer WillingdonTrees Winter Hampden Park sports centre	Age 15-19	Every Friday 7-8pm	Activities : Football training with 2 trained coaches	20 young people on average per week
INTERNET HUB	Hampden Park Community Centre	Not started yet	Activities : Provision of PCs with internet access with IT programmes, pool table and general support. 2 supervised sessions a week	Finalising works to Basement in Hampden Park Community Centre