

Report to Area Committee September 2010



The JESS Cluster is made up of two Neighbourhood Clusters and their communities and includes The South Leeds Academy.

Beeston Hill & Holbeck Neighbourhood Cluster

Beeston Hill St Luke's C of E Primary School, Cross Flatts Park Primary School, Greenmount Primary School, Hunslet Moor Primary School, Ingram Road Primary School, New Bewerley Community School, St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School, New Bewerley Children's Centre and City & Holbeck Children's Centre

LS10XS (Belle Isle and Hunslet) Neighbourhood Cluster

Clappgate Primary School, Hunslet Carr Primary School, Hunslet St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Hunslet St Mary's CE Primary School, Windmill & Low Road Federation, Hunslet Children's Centre and Windmill Children's Centre

Constitutionally Correct

The Cluster is working closely with Education Leeds towards becoming a Joint Collaborative Committee with a Memorandum of Understanding agreed by all the Cluster partners to ensure that the group is constitutionally correct and able to be commissioned to deliver work across the locality.

Family Support Work

- Data from the Summer Term 2010 showed that over 600 parents and families have been supported through the Family Support Worker role. 16 family Case Studies have been written. The impact of After School Activities has been measured for 76 children.
- **Delivery of STEPS** - STEPS is a personal development programme for parents who need to regain and develop their confidence and self-esteem. The team of Family Support Workers are trained facilitators and work together across schools and Children's Centres to deliver at least one STEPS programme in the cluster each term. In the past, a barrier to the success of STEPS has been the availability of crèche places for the parents with children under 3 years old. Funding for the next 2 terms for crèche places has been provided by the Area Committee under the Well Being Fund Small Grants.

Preventing NEET Before 16

The aim of the initiative is to raise aspirations, challenge comfort zones, raise self esteem and confidence, and change attitudes towards education and the world of work in later years.

The initiative has continued through the summer holidays. All the target group children have been offered places in a range of activities including with the group that they have been attending in the term-time. Children have been supported to attend activities when possible eg. Transport has been provided; Activity Leaders have met the children at school before the schools broke up for the summer holidays so that they know who they would be working with when they get to their activity later in the holidays.

Working with the Cluster Manager and 6 Primary Schools, the NHS Team has planned a Raising Aspirations event at The South Leeds Academy for the Year 5 children to meet employees from a wide range of occupations. The transport for this event is being paid for by Area Committee under the Well Being Fund Small Grants.

Team Belle Isle

The Cluster Manager has engaged in the newly established Team Belle Isle initiative and will continue to contribute to this work.

Reducing Teenage Pregnancy

- The incidents of teenage conceptions in the Cluster are amongst some of the highest in the City therefore targeted, locally-led, multi-agency work is underway to tackle this issue. The Cluster manager contributes to the three Inner South Task & Finish groups on SRE, Raising aspirations and improving access to contraception.
- An example of early intervention work includes training for staff to deliver the FPA Speakeasy course which empowers parents to talk to their children about growing up, sexual health and relationships from an early age.
- The Cluster Manager has met with the member of staff from Education Leeds who is responsible for "Looked After Children" in the Cluster Primary Schools. It is planned that she will link with the Designated Teachers in the Primary Schools to engage the Carers in Speakeasy Training to improve their skills in talking to the children/young people about sexual health and relationships.
- In line with the 'Preventing NEET before 16' cluster initiative, children in Years 5 and 6 in Primary Schools are targeted to raise aspirations and tackle attitudes before decisions about their futures are set in stone.

Reducing Infant Mortality Demonstration Site

The cluster Manager works closely with the NHS Team leading on the Beeston Hill & Holbeck Demonstration Site which was established in June 2008 and is a local multi-agency partnership.

Membership includes partners from LCC Area Management, Care Services, Primary Care, Early Years, Midwifery, the Voluntary Sector, Leeds Teaching Hospital, Education Leeds, Extended Services and Public Health leaders.

The Leeds rate of infant mortality has significantly reduced and latest figures show 5.2 deaths per 1000 live births (2006 – 2008)

Work in the Beeston Hill and Holbeck Demonstration Site will continue to focus on Child Poverty and Housing.

Child poverty:

- Completion of 3 'Making Every Penny Count' events at local Primary Schools – approx 150 families engaged. (local financial capability services and practical money saving work shared)
- Delivery of "Lets Talk Money" courses in the community (1 delivered, 2 further courses planned). Several Family Support Workers are trained to deliver this programme.
- Development of 'Healthy Start' vitamin access improvement model (2 Children's Centres have agreed to stock vitamins) Further work is being done to support campaign week in October)
- A booklet is being developed to support people in Holbeck to access free/low cost activities and services in locality.

Housing:

- Housing services have been provided with skills and information to enable them to support/signpost clients into appropriate local services.

Other developments/work streams:

- Consanguinity training to be delivered for frontline staff.
- Support in coordinating holistic services within baby clinics in the area
- Moses basket loan scheme set up with referral criteria – work being shared across Children's Centres, Midwives and Health Visiting staff
- Other work to support post natal and antenatal healthy lifestyle work delivery.

Meeting Health Needs in Belle Isle

Working with the Neighbourhoods team from Public Health at NHS Leeds, the Cluster Manager has become involved in the Belle Isle Health and Wellbeing group which is a multi agency partnership that meets regularly to plan ways of addressing needs identified by the community with a particular focus on the wider determinants of health. A light touch health needs assessment was completed with local residents and with local professionals to identify some of these. The work being carried out by this group covers:

- Development of an action plan to address these (including mapping of local services).
- Change4life child led health fair delivered at Windmill Primary school.
- Mapping of smoking support services and development of local smoking prevention, protection and cessation interventions (eg HFA commissioned to work in local primary school and community venues delivering smoke free homes programme).
- Development and delivery of intergenerational work programme with BITMO and Windmill Primary school.

Activity Fund

The JESS Cluster Activity Fund is approximately £200,000 for the period from 1st April 2010 to 31st August 2010:

Target Group – Children who fit one or more of the following criteria:

- Eligible for Free School Meals
- Potentially NEET Before 16
- Looked After Children
- Economically Disadvantaged



There have been 22 different activities across the cluster during the summer holidays that have been targeted for the cohort of children. The Cluster carried out consultation with the children and young people earlier in the year to assess the activities that they would most like to take part in. The Cluster Project Coordinator has worked with Providers of activities to ensure a wide range of activities has been available that meets the results of the consultation. The target group of children were approached at their schools during term-time to engage them in these activities and ensure that as many of the target group as possible attend the activities. A summary of the success of this will be available in September 2010.

Projects already in progress under the Activity Fund

Preventing NEET Before 16

The South Leeds Academy delivered a week's Summer Holiday Camp in the first week of the holidays for children transferring from Primary to High School education. 33 of the children from the 'Preventing NEET Before 16' cohort were invited to attend. A summary of the success of this will be available in September 2010.

Family Trip to Scarborough – 2nd June

This event was so successful, local Providers were commissioned by the Cluster to put similar trips during the summer holidays. A summary of the success of this will be available in September 2010.

Summer Activity Booklet

See copies of booklet.