

Report of: Youth work in Pudsey; Calverley & Farsley; Farnley & Wortley

Report to: Area Panel

Date: 12th June 2012

Subject: Youth Service's work report for the Outer West area

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):As above	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	No

Summary of main issues

1. The report summarises the key programmes and performance of the Youth Services team in the Outer West wards over the last year.
2. There has been a refocus of youth work delivery in line with the Children's Services prioritise. There are descriptions of key pieces of work that have been delivered in each of the three wards.
3. A summary of the performance of the team, ward by ward against annual targets for 2011/12 are presented.
4. A Well Being Fund evaluation is attached at the back of the report (see Appendix 1).

Recommendations

5. For the Area Committee to acknowledge receipt of the report for information.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The Area Committee has requested an update report from the Youth Service highlighting key youth work delivery over the last few months and the presentation of performance data for the previous year.
- 1.2 It is recognised that it has been some time since the Youth Service presented a report on its work to the Area Committee. In the last sixteen months there have been several staff changes including a new Senior Youth Officer and moving a couple of Youth Work Managers. It has been assessed that these changes have been well managed and as a result the performance of the team and the quality of the work has been good.
- 1.3 A round of meetings between Youth Service Officers and ward Councillors took place last summer to discuss youth work programmes in each ward. The next round of meetings with Councillors is currently being arranged.

2 Background information

- 2.1 The Youth Service has significantly realigned the focus of its work in the last couple of years to target its programmes and support to young people most in need and to those who would benefit most from its services. This has been to prioritise youth work delivery to help in addressing the Children Services three 'Obsessions', in particular to ;

- Reduce and prevent young people becoming NEET
- Reduce persistence school absence
- Reduce and prevent young people going into Local Authority Care (LAC)

In addition, a focus on prevention and diversionary work with young people away from crime and anti social behaviour.

- 2.2 As part of the wider Children Services restructuring there is a review of youth work in Leeds taking place (Youth Offer). This aims to improve outcomes for young people by enabling them to access a wide range of opportunities, tailored to wants and needs, easy access, efficiently and effectively organised in a way that focuses on the young person. The result for young people will be opportunities commissioned in an area to meet local needs, citywide activity made easy to access and opportunities to find out about specialist services when required. It is understood elected members will be consulted on the Youth Work review over the summer/autumn. This is being lead by Jean Davey the Youth Offer Lead.

3 Main issues

The paragraphs below highlight key pieces of work delivered in each ward. (More comprehensive detail has been emailed out to ward Councillors in quarterly briefings).

Pudsey ward Programme

3.1 Forward Steps - Cluster Referrals for targeted support

Over this past quarter we have continued to take individual referrals onto our Forward Steps programme where youth workers target individuals in need of support. Referrals come through the Cluster Guidance and Support sub group which the Youth Service has representation on. This involves a variety of 'support issues' conducted on a one to one basis. We take referrals throughout all our wards and also support young people through the Common Assessment Framework CAF's.

3.2 'REVIZIT' at Swinnow CC and Andy's Bar

We had suffered some anti social behaviour from some of the young people here. To challenge these young people from deterring other young people from participating, we are about to initiate a 'REVIZIT' programme. This is a crime diversionary project targeting first time offenders and young people involved in anti-social behaviour. We aim to develop a multidisciplinary programme of activities in partnership with the local PCSO. We are also initiating a similar programme at the Andy's Bar, to curb some antisocial behaviour here and also to initiate participation after a substantial redecoration to the club.

3.3 Duke of Edinburgh Open Access

Based in Pudsey Sports Centre each Friday tea time the group is now made up of both boys and girls. Consisting of a regular group of 12 the group cover a range of themes such as sharing experiences, route planning, map reading, tent erecting and service planning. Some of them have recently completed their practice expedition and are looking forward to enhance their skills through our summer bush craft residential

3.4 Pudsey Health and wellbeing

A new initiative to our programme is a health drop in at the Pudsey Health Centre, catering for the after school crowd. As well as 'C' card and pregnancy testing we also offer health and wellbeing advice and information on a range of topics.

Farnley and Wortley ward

3.5 REVIZT / New Farnley Mobile

Following our 10 week crime prevention focused group work project, we have continued contact with some of the young people involved, through our mobile provision. We park up at the playground in New Farnley and engage with young people in the park and make small group contact in the mobile

3.6 Just Play – Old Farnley

The Just Play football programme has proved to be a great success over winter attracting regular groups on Friday nights with over 20 young people gaining a Leeds Youth Award. We had a celebration event in April. We are continuing this session as the weather is improving; we are attracting other young people from the local estates. We hope to have a small 'European' themed league with young people organising the events to coincide with the European football championship.

3.7 Detached Sessions

The Detached sessions have been covering the Gambles, Tongs, Bawn's, Butterbowl's and Wortley areas with youth workers meeting young people on the streets. These have been useful for signposting young people to building based and mobile provision and keeping in regular contact with young people.

We have also commenced a detached 'NEET' project, targeting young people 'Not in Education; Employment or Training' in and around Hillside and surrounding.

3.8 Gypsy Roma Traveller Project

We have just completed a music programme based offsite at the GATE building in East Leeds. Around half a dozen young people were involved in devising a musical memorial CD for a deceased community activist involved at Cottingley.

Calverley & Farsley Wards

3.9 Mobile Youth Van

The van continues to be a key resource for us and after some recent investment is continuing to provide young people with a sociable environment targeting the heart of identified community 'hotspots' such as Hainsworth Park on Thursday evenings where it is crucial we work (and where a building venue is not available). Well resourced and run on a scheduled service the van offers young people a space that is safe, warm, lit, and informative with a range of informal learning opportunities.

3.10 Farsley Health and wellbeing

The Farsley Health & Wellbeing programme runs from the Library. It offers confidential advice on sexual health. The venue is registered where young people can access support & information on sexual health services including condom distribution, Chlamydia and pregnancy testing

3.11 Mechanics Art Group

This is a new group who have shown an interest in art and design and wanted a place to meet and socialise. We were fortunate to have a letting available here on Friday nights and are developing a steady group of attendees. .

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.2 The Youth Service has had regular involvement from a number of young people in the 'west engagement group'. They meet monthly to receive training and discuss issues arising in their communities. Some young people have also been involved in a 'peer inspections' programme whereby they conduct an inspection of local youth work programmes and make recommendations for improvements. They will be involved in planning and budgeting for summer activities.
- 4.3 The young peoples engagement group have also been involved in a 'MysteryShopper exercise whereby they visited sexual health services in West Leeds and the city centre, and assessed the provision and made recommendations for improvement; they are going to present their findings at 'City Wise' Clinic in Leeds city centre.

5 Resources and Value for money

- 5.1 Please refer to Appendix 1. Well Being Funding Evaluation Report

6 Performance summary for 2011/12 Outer West team

Ward	Reach		Participation		Recorded outcomes		Accreditation	
	(Target)	(Actual)	(Target)	(Actual)	(Target)	(Actual)	(Target)	(Actual)
Calverley & Farsley	(284)	376	(213)	348	(64)	147	(28)	32
Farnley & Wortley	(493)	508	(370)	427	(111)	141	(49)	40
Pudsey	(349)	531	(262)	375	(79)	267	(35)	28

- 6.1 The performance of the Youth Service against targets last year was very good. In terms of numbers of different young people 13 -19 years of age that were worked with (Reach) in each ward, this exceeded the targets.
- 6.2 The Recorded Outcomes performance which measures the progression or learning for a young person, highlights that this was done in abundance as all targets were significantly exceeded for all wards.
- 6.3 Finally, for Accredited certificates, e.g. the D of E or Leeds Youth Award, this amounted to be more or less in line with expectations. A number of these young people went on to achieve several certificates for different skills or activities that they participated in.
- 6.4 A significant number of 11-12 year olds have additionally been worked with, particularly in a way that would help them to avoid regularly taking part in risky behaviours.

6.5 The youth workers have increasingly led on and supported young people with CAF's, and have taken referrals from schools and other agencies for youth workers to provide urgent one to one support for young people finding it difficult to cope.

7 Recommendations

7.1 For the Area Committee to acknowledge receipt of the report for information.

8 Background documents¹

8.1 Appendix 2 Area programmes for June.

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available for inspection on request for a period of four years following the date of the relevant meeting. Accordingly this list does not include documents containing exempt or confidential information, or any published works. Requests to inspect any background documents should be submitted to the report author.