

	Inquiry into Anti-Social Behaviour – Monitoring January 2007 Additional Comments
<p>RECOMMENDATION 7</p> <p>That the Positive Actions for Young People scheme is evaluated and assessed according to its impact on anti-social behaviour. We also recommend that should the evaluation of the scheme confirm its success, it is appropriately funded to allow further development and greater capacity.</p>	<p>PAYP is monitored by Connexions West Yorkshire through reviews every 6 months and by a self assessment process devised and assisted by Crime Concern. The Leeds PAYP scheme received a “good” rating from Connexions West Yorkshire for 2005/06.</p> <p>The key workers have provided individual support to 247 young people (against a target of 138). A total of 2,843 young people have accessed PAYP activities (target of 901).</p> <p>The Leeds PAYP scheme has the highest numbers in the region of young people back into full time school, part time school, and part time learning. Leeds also has the highest number of PAYP referrals who volunteer regularly.</p> <p>Funding for 2006/07 has been secured from Connexions West Yorkshire. An additional resource has been allocated for 2006/07 through Neighbourhood Renewal Fund to enable an extra dimension of PAYP groups accessing a sports academy model.</p> <p>Longer term PAYP funding will be incorporated into Local Area Agreements. PAYP officers are actively involved in formulating initiatives with the Local Area Agreement framework.</p>
<p>RECOMMENDATION 14</p> <p>That appropriate Scrutiny Board receives information from Youth Services regarding the distribution of resources, the relationship with the ‘narrowing the gap’ agenda and whether there is scope for further developing</p>	<p>The Youth Service maintains a balance between offering universal and targeted services. This is evidenced by two principal approaches to the allocation of resources.</p> <p>Firstly, a proportion of the Youth Service budget is the subject of a delegation scheme to Area Committees. This determines the staffing levels allocated to each ward. 50% of resources are allocated according to population statistics and 50% according to social deprivation data.</p> <p>Secondly, the Service’s Best Value Performance Indicators act as a catalyst for this balance. One target is to “reach” 25% (16,864) of the 13 to 19 population and a second target is to provide accredited experiences for 3,036 young people.</p>

<p>ways of ‘rewarding good behaviour’ in young people.</p>	<p>As an integral aspect of its work the Service offers trips, events and fun opportunities for young people. This aspect is very often linked to positive behaviour demonstrated during ongoing youth work programmes. As such it can be perceived as “rewarding good behaviour” and it is an approach which applies as part of the universal service for all the Service’s clients.</p> <p>The Youth Service operates a number of initiatives which specifically target young people who are disaffected and/or involved in crime. Often this work is supported via external funding. Connexions and Positive Activities for Young People are good examples. This means that these young people might well have increased access to trips, event and fun opportunities. The same principles apply as described in the previous paragraph.</p> <p>This strategy contributes significantly to the agenda of Narrowing The Gap.</p>
<p>RECOMMENDATION 15</p> <p>That consideration is given to Youth Services working more actively with 8 – 13 year olds, should funding allow.</p>	<p>The Formula Funding Share allocation for Youth Service is based upon the 13 to 19 youth population. During its inspections of 1999 and 2004 Ofsted did not wish to visit provision outside of this age range.</p> <p>The principal Best Value Performance Indicator for Youth Service requires us to “reach” 25% of the 13 to 19 population. We are committed to achieve that target of 16,864 by 2007/08 but are already evidencing a reach figure in 2005/06 in excess of 20,000. Other indicators, relating to participation, accreditation and recorded outcomes, are also applicable to the 13 to 19 age range only.</p> <p>Leeds Youth Service, and its partner voluntary youth organisations, choose to adopt a more flexible approach. In consequence we have evidenced work in 2005/06 with more than 2,000 young people aged 11 and 12. This is not, strictly speaking the intended use of the Government’s allocation to Leeds but we can justify it because of meeting very satisfactorily our 13 to 19 targets.</p> <p>In quite a few situations this ability to be flexible has been enhanced by the award of area committee Well Being grants.</p>

	<p>The Youth Service is positive about working with the 11 to 19 age range but is clearly constrained by external factors. Given the overall budget position matched with the potential size of operation, the Youth Service tends to prioritise particular groups or issues regarding 11 and 12 year olds. Initiatives such as Youth Inclusion Programmes and Positive Activities for Young People are good examples.</p> <p>Given the above position, it would be very difficult for the Youth Service to extend its remit further to the 8 to 11 age group unless appropriate policy decisions and funding allocations were made.</p>
<p>RECOMMENDATION 17</p> <p>That, should the scheme ultimately be judged to have been successful, the Neighbourhoods and Housing department considers the long term funding for Signpost, both through mainstream budgeting and through funding from other partners beyond March 2006 and that a city wide application of the scheme be considered.</p>	<p>During 2006/07, Signpost has expanded its provision, it now operates in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beeston Hill in South Leeds • East End Park and Burmantofts in East Leeds • Gipton and South Seacroft in East Leeds • Garden Village in Micklefield, East Leeds <p>In addition, Signpost has developed a RESPECT Family Intervention Project, which will focus on providing dispersed tenancies for those families who are evicted on the grounds of anti-social behaviour. The Family Intervention Project will operate citywide, managing up to six dispersed tenancies at any one time.</p> <p>The bulk of the Signpost funding is from NRF, Safer Stronger Communities Fund and the Respect Taskforce and whilst this funding has been confirmed for 2007/08, there is no clear indication about how the service will be funded beyond this period.</p>
<p>RECOMMENDATION 24</p> <p>We recommend that wherever possible the Youth Council is given a higher profile and that the</p>	<p>The Youth Council's profile is increasing steadily. An exciting new development, the introduction of Youth Opportunity Fund and Youth Capital Fund, will help considerably from 2006/07 onwards.</p> <p>LYC is now responsible for making decisions about the allocation of more than £900,000 per year to fund youth work schemes designed and submitted by groups of young people from across the city. Some schemes will hopefully target anti social behaviour. LYC will be joined on the</p>

<p>Youth Council itself seeks creative ways of representing more widely the views of young people across the city, particularly around the issue of anti-social behaviour.</p>	<p>decision panel by young people from ROAR (Reach Out and Reconnect). ROAR's involvement will help to ensure a broader representation of young people.</p>
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