

Grant Aid Annual Review:  
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# Appendix 5

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### **Examples of other achievements, innovation and partnerships**

#### **Children & Families:**

##### **The Centre Place (Bassetlaw)**

The Centre Place provides a range of targeted preventative/early support services, for young people and families aged 16-25 and their children.

“We developed a social enterprise project ‘Hot Foods’ working with a group of 9 young people initially to secure funding through the Talent Match Big Lottery Funded scheme. The project was developed to engage local young people aged 18-25 who have not been employed in education or training (NEET) for 12 months in setting up and running their own social enterprise business, providing freshly cooked healthy hot meals at an affordable price for the local residents.

The Hot Foods project has been an unexpected successful outcome which has provided vulnerable young people with long term volunteering opportunities enabling them to take on a variety of job roles in setting up this project including website design, flyer design, profit and loss, purchasing resources, food preparation, cooking, monitoring stock, ensuring health and safety and project evaluation. These outcomes will increase their ability to live independently and produce healthy and low costs meals. In addition to this young people increased their confidence and skills in working as a team, following instruction, meeting deadlines and customer service. Seven young people were successful in completing Food Safety qualifications (Level 2 CIEH Food Safety in Catering); and 5 young people were successful in progressing into paid employment as a direct result of their involvement with the project.

We have also been successful in planning and delivering LGBT workshops to tackle the high rates of homophobic incidents and lack of hate crime reporting we learnt about last year through our LGBT work. These sessions have been delivered in partnership with young people and has included workshops in schools, delivering in an LGBT conference in partnership Nottinghamshire NHS Healthcare Trust and organising the first Bassetlaw Hate Crime Event in support of Stonewall's ‘NoBystanders’ campaign in partnership with the local CVS, Police and County Council. Through our ongoing work within the LGBT community we have been involved in organising Worksop's first LGBT Pride (July 2016)...We have received feedback from the young LGBT people we work with about the positive impact the planning of this event is having on their lives, how they feel empowered, ‘more accepted’ and heard as a result of our campaign....We are working with other organisations and services to develop a survey for the Pride event that will enable professionals to gain the views of the wider LGBT community to use to continue to shape our services locally....we have become part of a local Mental Health Working Group and share what we have learned...”

#### **Community Transport:**

##### **Dial a Trip Ltd, Community Car Scheme (Bassetlaw)**

This project is a community car scheme operating in Tuxford and the surrounding rural villages. The transport is supplied by owner accessible cars and volunteers with their own cars.

“One of our volunteer drivers completed the Midas Trainer Training. This has enabled us to deliver Midas training to not only our selves but to other Minibus and Car Schemes throughout Nottinghamshire. All volunteer drivers must complete the Midas training and we believe this is a great value to the County as well as the local Schemes. We are able to offer value for money and also bring some income to our own scheme.”

## **Connected Communities:**

### **Age UK Nottingham and Nottinghamshire, Visiting Service (Countywide)**

This project coordinates and delivers volunteer visits to lonely and isolated older people in Nottinghamshire

“At the end of 2015 Age UK Notts secured funding (£37,600) from The Royal British Legion (RBL) to set up a pilot scheme to address loneliness and social isolation within the veteran community....This is an innovative development and an example of good partnership working that builds on the reputation that the Age UK Notts Visiting service has established. The visiting service would not exist in its current form without the support of the Grant Aid funding.”

## **Connected Communities:**

### **Beeston Dementia Friends, Beeston Memory Café (Broxtowe)**

Beeston Memory Café provides sessions for dementia sufferers and their carers. The purpose of the Memory Café is to enhance the quality of life of individuals with dementia and their carers. This is achieved through valuing and celebrating their contributions, listening to their needs and preferences, and acting on these.

“Innovative developments: Successful funding bid to purchase iPads for use with appropriate apps that will stimulate our guest creativity. Engaging arts and crafts-professionals to lead sessions to add quality of life and introduce wider experiences for those living with dementia and their carers/supporters;

Achievements: As from September 2015, we doubled the number of monthly Cafe sessions and now meet on both the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, with a varied, high quality programme being arranged for every session.

Partnership working: Beeston Dementia Friends (the umbrella body for Beeston Memory Cafe) organises twice yearly Dementia Friendly sessions in conjunction with the Broxtowe Borough Council. A range of local retailers have been generous in supplying food, goods or equipment, either free or at cost price Beeston Dementia Friends has held Awareness days local supermarkets. The Alzheimers Society and Nottinghamshire Carers Hub has given presentations at Memory Cafe sessions and provided information leaflets for inclusion in the Memory Cafe resource packs given to all new attendees.”

### **Reach Learning Disability, Reach Out (Newark and Sherwood)**

Reach Out supports adults with learning disabilities to gain the skills, knowledge and confidence they need to integrate positively within their community by for example encouraging volunteering and access to training.

“Reach is one of three Nottinghamshire charities selected in 2016 to receive the Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service in recognition of the commitment of our volunteers to our services and the community...This in turn has helped boost our volunteer recruitment.

Reach is developing a confetti project (a the Flower Pod), to create a new income stream from a product that has on-line marketing potential, whilst creating new purposeful and therapeutic activity for clients and peer volunteers. The John Lewis Foundation is to provide £7,000 towards this project to help forge a new partnership initiative with a local farm to further develop the confetti project.

Reach Newark Allotment group has transformed two overgrown plots into an accessible, pleasant wildlife-friendly area with a shed and picnic area. The Grant Aid funding helped to lever in small capital funding from a national trust The group have strengthened their links with Framework and the Community Mental Health Team, and held an open day and barbecue during the year.

Across Reach, we have had several success stories with adults with learning disabilities improving their lifestyle choices, for example cutting down on fizzy drinks and enjoying new sports.

The Grant Aid funding combines with current DH funding, Sport England Funding and partnership working with Mansfield District Leisure Trust and Newark and Sherwood District Council to enable us to offer a growing portfolio of accessible, community based sports activities. The funding helps gives us increased flexibility to bring staff together to share best practice and identify new project development ideas.

Reach Southwell staff were delighted when one of their office volunteers, (a young man with Autism Spectrum Disorder), secured part-time employment at a local firm, having sufficiently built confidence in his social and communication skills through his volunteering role.

Reach has been awarded a Local Sustainability Fund grant for 2016/17 from the Cabinet Office to help plan for sustainability and growth in a changing health and social care environment. We are currently developing a new sustainability and business plan, and working towards achievement of PQASSO, Investors in People, Information Advice and Guidance Matrix and implementing Learning Disability Outcome Life Star.”

### **Information, Advice and Support Services:**

#### **Nottinghamshire Deaf Society, Welfare Rights Service for Deaf People (Countywide)**

“We are launching a skype service to enable Deaf people to make contact with the service and use BSL directly with the workers. Over this year the project has helped deaf people gain an additional £156,338.00 in benefits/income.”

#### **The Friary (Rushcliffe)**

“.. we have set up a new social enterprise in partnership with Enactus Nottingham. the business is called Re-Covered and it is our first venture into the formal creation of training and employment pathways for service users who we have supported through crisis. we hope to expand on this success and continue to invest in ways of creating innovative and effective opportunities for skills development for service users. We believe that in order to properly work locally to end homelessness, we have to invest in creating these opportunities for our client base.”

#### **Disability Nottinghamshire (Mansfield)**

“We have evidenced a gain of £325,688, with another possible estimated £725,614 in disability benefits for the people of Nottinghamshire pending results. Since obtaining the funding for this period of the project, we are extremely proud that this money increases personal independence and goes back into our community. We are working closely with Framework & Mansfield District Council Housing department helping their clients obtain or retain their eligible benefits - suitable clients will also be signposted to our in-house peer support group, choir or training workshops. We have been carrying out information advice sessions across the county, for example in Beeston, Kirkby in Ashfield and Mansfield Woodhouse, raising awareness of changes to the Disability Benefits systems, giving people the opportunity to seek out information, including Disability advice and support services or ask any questions they may have. We have also been engaging in staff and volunteer training courses as good practice to keep us up to date on the ever changing systems.”

## **Promoting Independence:**

### **Autism East Midlands, Enterprise for Autism Volunteers (Bassetlaw)**

"The project has been a great success and we have been very fortunate with the people that we have recruited. Whilst we haven't secured the number of volunteers we had hoped for, we have far exceeded the amount of time that the volunteers have given and consequently our service users have benefited from very committed individuals. A further achievement is that we have been able to recruit two of the volunteers into permanent employment which is a hugely beneficial outcome for the project."

### **Broxtowe African Caribbean Elders Group , Healthy Body, Healthy Mind (Broxtowe)**

"We are looking at getting printed a booklet that tells of the members' arrival to England and their subsequent lives and taking this into schools as part of black history month."

### **Framework, Barista Sutton and Barista Workshop (Countywide)**

"We are proud that we have supported 16 people into employment over the last year. We have a great working relationship with Worksop Library where one of the Baristas is based."

### **Newark Live at Home Scheme (Newark and Sherwood)**

"...we have developed the monthly lunch club to a weekly activity. We are also doing partnership work with Newark & Sherwood Homes running community cafes at their local community centres to encourage community spirit and wellbeing within the local complex."

### **Worksop Live at Home Scheme (Bassetlaw)**

"We have been working with BCVS prescription service which is linked to the doctors - they get patient referrals with depression, early memory issues ect and refer them on to us. They pay for the first 12 weeks for the new member and then they stay and start paying for themselves. It is working very well and we have had some fantastic comments about our services and how much we are making a difference to the people."

## **Youth Projects & Youth Infrastructure Groups:**

### **Focus on Young People in Bassetlaw, Core Funding for FoYPiB (Bassetlaw):**

"We worked in partnership with Bassetlaw District Council to support Big Ambitions, Big Ideas, a careers event that raised awareness of opportunities for school leavers where we consulted with a 200+ young people asking them what activities they prefer to engage in. This information will shape our future events/activities. We also shared this information with other organisations within the area that we work in partnership with."

### **Rainworth and Blidworth Detached Youth Project (Mansfield)**

"We are extremely proud of our engagement of 16-25 year olds & our achievements in supporting them into education, training and Apprenticeships. We are also very proud of one particular service user who won the NCC young person of the year 2015 and has now gone on to secure employment!"

### **Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire, CAST Angling Projects (Gedling)**

"As a follow on from the case study we have set up partnership work with Barnardos to facilitate work with their Muscular Dystrophy project and are working with Portland Training College to complete suitable facilities for children and young people with disabilities."