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Agenda Item: 09

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, YOUTH, FAMILIES AND CULTURE

PROVISION, ACHIEVEMENTS AND PROGRESS OF THE YOUTH SERVICE COUNTYWIDE TEAMS

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide an overview of the achievements and progress of the Youth Service countywide teams.

Information and Advice

2. There are several countywide teams situated within the Youth Service including the following:
 - a) **Children and Young People's Participation (CYPP) team:** this team comprises two term-time only Youth Workers and is responsible for the development and maintenance of the participation structures available to children and young people in Nottinghamshire. These structures include The Young People's Board, District Youth Forums, and Pioneers which is a forum for disabled young people.
 - b) **The Young People Looked After (YPLA) team:** this team comprises two term-time only Youth Workers and is responsible for the Children in Care Council (CiCC) and ensuring that young people looked after are represented at all levels in the Nottinghamshire system of Youth Participation. The team also actively encourages and enables young people who are looked after, adopted or living in residential care, to engage in positive activities provided by the YPLA team and to independently access mainstream provision.
 - c) **Voluntary Sector Development team:** this team comprises two full-time workers and offers support to local communities to set up or further develop play and youth work provision. The team also plays an active role in assessing Play and Youth grant aid applications, subsequently supporting and monitoring the development of organisations in receipt of funding.
 - d) **C-Card** is a scheme that offers advice on sex, sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and relationships. Following a comprehensive discussion and assessment by a trained C-Card worker, young people aged 13-25 years can be registered onto the C-Card scheme to access free condoms, lubricants and continuous sexual health advice and support. This team is funded by Public Health and comprises one full-time worker.

- e) **ASSIST** is an evidence based smoking prevention programme, aimed at reducing smoking prevalence in Nottinghamshire amongst young people. ASSIST is a peer led intervention targeted at Year 8 students that aims to tackle inequalities in health through promoting and supporting the benefits of being smoke free. This team is funded by Public Health and comprises one part-time Co-ordinator and several part-time Youth Workers who deliver the programme to year 8 school pupils.

3. The recent achievements of each of these teams include the following:

a) **Children and Young People's Participation (CYPP) team:**

- Eight Members of the UK Youth Parliament (MYPs) elected by over 12,000 young people voting in formal elections across the County. 27 young people stood as candidates
- Facilitation of the seven District Youth Forums
- Operation of the 'Pioneers', an active forum for disabled young people – who were visited by Ofsted during the SEND inspection
- 88 nominations for the 4Uth nominations leading to seven District and one Countywide awards
- An active Young People's Board (made up of a Chair elected from the eight District Youth Forums, eight MYPs, Chair of the Children in Care Council (CICC), and Chair of the Support After Adoption (SAA) who regularly meet with senior service officers and elected members
- The production of the anti-bullying 'Stop and Think' DVD
- Work with the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) disability team to help in finding ways to explore what young people who have intellectual disability and challenging behaviour need from the services available to them
- Development of a Prevent resources toolkit on extremism and radicalisation to support the work of front line staff and teachers in Nottinghamshire, and disseminated across the East Midlands through the Participation Leads Group.

b) **The Young People Looked (YPLA) team:**

- The Children in Care Council (CiCC) continues to review and monitoring the Council's Pledge to the Looked After cohort for example, identifying how requests for their involvement from service managers link to the PLEDGE, and in addition young people are involved in the review of the Looked After Children Strategy
- Continued inspections of residential homes by young people, which were publicised on local radio, BBC news and on the One Show, highlight good practice in involving young people in the design and delivery of services available to them
- The active involvement in a European research funded project looking into safeguarding disabled children and adults in residential care with the Ann Craft Trust
- Young people in care have recently been involved in a project sharing their experiences of the health care system
- Attendance at the 'All Parliamentary Group' for Looked After Children and Care Leavers.

c) Voluntary Sector Development team:

- Completion of annual monitoring for Grant Aid funded Youth Infrastructure Groups, Youth Projects, Play Forums and Summer Play Schemes across Nottinghamshire
- Support, facilitate and engage in the Nottinghamshire Voluntary Sector Youth Partnership meetings (umbrella youth organisations including Guides, Scouts, Boys and Girls Brigades, Young Farmers, Nottinghamshire Clubs for Young People and Play Forums)
- Establish and develop community/voluntary sector groups – currently working on eight long term projects, whilst providing ongoing short term support to other established provision
- Dissemination of information around training, funding opportunities, changes in legislation and useful contacts in relation to working within the voluntary sector
- Facilitate 10 school council visits to County Hall to meet with the Chairman of the County Council
- Engaging with Children and Young People's Forums and other organisations to maintain up to date information and promote networking
- The team has been able to offer services to the voluntary youth sector across Nottinghamshire. For instance, processing Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks for staff and volunteers.

d) C-Card:

- Latest statistics show a reduction in teenage pregnancies
- There has been an increase in young people returning to use the C-Card Scheme
- C-Card Training has been a success with 10 courses running each year
- The C-Card Scheme is currently developing its own website with young people for publicity and promotion of the service available.

e) ASSIST:

- The ASSIST programme to date has been delivered in four schools
- The four schools already involved will be taking up the programme again next year, with a further three schools having signed up to the programme
- ASSIST has currently trained 105 Year 8 students as peer supporters in smoking
- Feedback from both schools and students has been very positive.

Other Options Considered

4. As this is a report for noting, it is not necessary to consider other options.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

5. The report is for noting only.

Statutory and Policy Implications

6. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That the overview of the achievements and progress of the Youth Service countywide teams be noted.

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Constitutional Comments

7. As this report is for noting only, no Constitutional Comments are required.

Financial Comments (TMR 27/10/16)

8. As this report is for noting only, no financial comments are required.

Background Papers and Published Documents

None.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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