

Young People's Service

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- To provide access to high quality, safe and enjoyable activities for children and young people outside of the school day
- To facilitate a structure for children and young people to voice their opinions and to shape the services which are provided for them

12/13 Service Priorities

- Engage at least 26,000 at over 250,000 attendances at Youth and Play activities provided directly by the Service
- Ensure that Children and Young People are involved in developing and scrutinising services that are provided for them including inspecting provision
- Deliver the new Young People's Centres in Forest Town, West Bridgford and Sutton in Ashfield on time and within budget
- Prepare the Service to meet the Government's new 'Positive for Youth: Statutory Guidance for Local Authorities on Services and Activities to Improve Young People's Wellbeing'

12/13 Service Priorities cont.

- Meet the requirements of OHSAS 18001 H&S assessment in January 2013
- Ensure the Skills For Employment Team meets the Education Funding Agency's contract requirements for the 12/13 academic year
- Deliver the annual Outstanding Achievement 4Uth Award in September 2012
- Ensure at least 13,000 young people participate in the election of the Members of the National Youth Parliament in November 2012
- Undertake the commissioning process for the provision of Play across Nottinghamshire in preparation for 13/14.

How the Service Operates 12/13

- £4.9 million base budget
- £1.8 million of additional income from various sources including the Education Funding Agency 800k, Behaviour Service 300k and Children's Social Care 700k
- One Group Manager and seven Locality Managers lead the service through the combined deployment of over 475 individual members of staff. 386 of which, are part time (129 FTE)
- The Service operates from 39 fixed and over 70 mobile delivery points

Seven Locality Teams

- 28 Young People's Centres, 29 by March 2013
- 10 voluntary sector youth clubs
- 10 Mobile Youth Facilities
- 4Uth festivals and programmes of holiday activities
- Play Days, Street and Park Play in each district
- Seven minibuses, which are mainly used by the voluntary youth sector and Duke of Edinburgh

Countywide activities

- Children and Young People's Participation Team
- Looked After Children's Team
- Play for Disabled Children Team (funded by CSC)
- Disability Support Team
- Skills for Employment Team (funded by EFA)
- Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

Countywide activities cont.

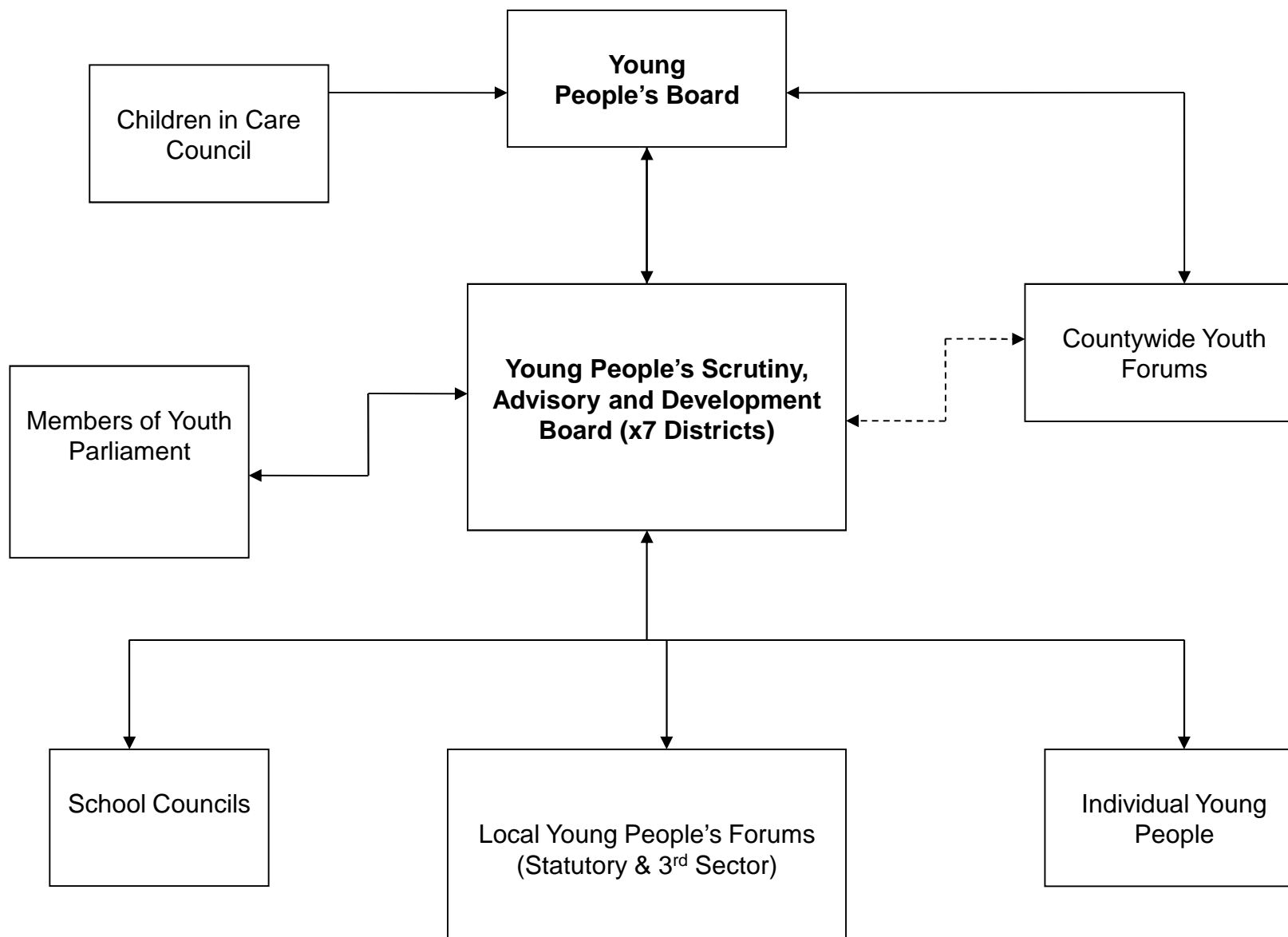
- Learning Centre Support Team (funded by BS)
- Publicising activities to young people and their parents and carers through the 'nottszone' web site, Face Book and Twitter
- C Card Team
- Play and Youth voluntary sector co-ordination and support
- Assessment and monitoring of youth (£111k) and play (£101k grant aid to both umbrella organisations and individual projects).

Recent Service improvement checks

- An excellent Ofsted Survey visit of open access provision for disabled children and young people in the Spring of 2012
- Work completed with the National Youth Agency on the most appropriate delivery method for youth work in Nottinghamshire
- National peer inspection of youth work planned for Spring 2013

Participation structures with children and young people

- Support for the eight Members of the National Youth Parliament
- Operation of the Young People's Board
- The Children in Care Council
- Seven Scrutiny, Advisory and Development Boards
- Nottinghamshire Pioneers disabled young people's forum
- Advisory Boards for Young People's Centres



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12/13 Service Challenges

- Ensuring that the current high quality of provision delivered to children and young people is retained, whilst increasing attendance and opening patterns
- Succession planning with young people for the various participation structures
- Recruiting appropriate staff, in a timely manner, to ensure agreed opening patterns of provision
- Providing constantly refreshed environments and activities which are both attractive and beneficial to large numbers of children and young people
- Providing increased access during week days to the YPCs for direct work with young people by the TS&YJ, CSC and voluntary sector youth organisations.