



23 April 2018

Agenda Item: 5

**REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, YOUTH, FAMILIES AND SOCIAL
WORK**

**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE YOUTH JUSTICE – QUALITY LEAD STATUS FOR
PRACTICE WITH YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS
AND DISABILITIES**

Purpose of the Report

1. This report informs Committee about Nottinghamshire Youth Offending Service being awarded a Quality Lead Status for its work with young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). This paper seeks approval to promote this in the local press and through the Council's social media and to develop a sold offer to schools and other local authorities to share the good practice that Nottinghamshire has developed.

Information

2. High numbers of children and young people who come to the attention of youth justice services have complex support needs, low levels of educational attainment and more untreated health issues than their peers. Special educational needs and disabilities are often undiagnosed, with many in this vulnerable group not receiving the support they need to achieve positive change.
3. Achievement for All (AfA) and the Association of Youth Offending Team Managers (AYM) in conjunction with the Department for Education introduced the Youth Justice SEND Quality Mark award last year to recognise effective local partnership working between youth offending teams and local authority SEND specialists in England.
4. Nottinghamshire Youth Offending Service has been awarded 'AFA/AYM SEND Quality Lead Status' in acknowledgement of securing better outcomes for young people with special education needs and disability in the youth justice system.
5. This Quality Lead Status will run for three years from 1st April 2018 until 31st March 2021 before re-designation is necessary.
6. Specifically the service is performing well in respect of young people with Speech, Language and Communication Difficulties and case studies of Nottinghamshire effective work with young offenders with these issues feature on the national Youth Justice Resource Hub.
7. It is proposed that the Council promotes this achievement in the local press and through social media. The campaign will consist of:

- Facebook promotion
- Press release
- Tweets from Council accounts.

8. It is proposed that the Youth Offending Team develop a training package for working with young offenders with SEND to be promoted as a sold service to schools and other local authorities.

Other Options Considered

9. No other options have been considered.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

10. To promote that Nottinghamshire has been nationally recognised for its good practice with young people with SEND in the Youth Justice System.

Statutory and Policy Implications

11. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, 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, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

12. This is a low cost campaign because the promotional activity will be undertaken by staff dedicated to this area of work and any other costs are minimal. Staffing and any other costs will be met from the Early Help Service budget.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That:

- 1) the award of Quality Lead Status to Nottinghamshire Youth Offending Service for its work with young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities be promoted in the local press and social media.
- 2) Nottinghamshire Youth Justice Service designs a package of training for working with young offenders with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, to be promoted as a sold service to schools and other local authorities.

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Constitutional Comments (LM 27/03/18)

13. The Children and Young People's Committee is the appropriate body to consider the contents of the report.

Financial Comments (LCD 27/03/18)

14. The financial implications of the report are contained within paragraph 12 above.

Background Papers and Published Documents

None.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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