

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

29th June 2007

Work Programme Report

1.0 Purpose of Report

This report asks the Committee to:

- (a) note the information in this report
- (b) confirm, amend or add to the list of matters shown on the work programme (attached at Annex A)

2.0 Mid Cycle Briefing- 25th May 2007

The main focus of the Mid Cycle briefing was an interesting and thought provoking presentation on young carers in North Yorkshire and the support they currently received.

Members were made aware of the pressures in relation to gaps in funding to support young carers which government is looking to address. Members requested that a report on the outcome of this piece of work is brought back to the Committee later in the year.

A Copy of the presentation by the Head of the Carers Resource Centre in Harrogate/Craven is attached at Annex B or your information.

3.0 ICT Schools - Transport and Telecommunications Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

Members of the Committee were invited to attend the Transport and Telecommunication Service Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the 20th June. The purpose of this invitation was to advise the Scrutiny Committees of the current position regarding recent developments in Schools' ICT provision.

Members were satisfied with the information they received and agreed no further action is required currently.

4.0 In-Depth Scrutiny Reviews

Sports Provision and Participation

Members of the Task Group continue to unravel the complexities of this scrutiny review, gather information and evidence through a process of consultation and expert witness panels.

The Task Group are due to meet later today (29th June) to review the information gathered to date and agree the areas still to be covered.

Outdoor Education Service

Several Members of the Committee have visited all four North Yorkshire Outdoor Education Centers, a private provider in Lancashire and a voluntary sector provider.

Members had the opportunity to see for themselves how the best use is made of incidental learning in the natural surrounding environment in NY Outdoor Education Centers and how each child's outdoor experience is linked into the extended curriculum.

Visits to the private and voluntary sector providers, both of which are used by North Yorkshire Schools, gave Members a good insight into "Activity Centres" and provided a useful comparison.

5.0 Items for information

The second meeting of the Triumvirate Group (Executive Members, Corporate Director and Overview & Scrutiny Chairman, Vice chairman and Group Spokesperson) is planned for the 11th July 2007.

Mid Cycle Briefing - 31st July 2007

Members will be updated on the Teenage Pregnancy Strategy and progress made in relation to the recommendations set out in the Scrutiny Review on Sex & Relationship Education. As well as hearing from the Teenage Pregnancy Co-Ordinator , a representative from the North Yorkshire and York PCT has been invited to expand on School Nurse issues.

A briefing on the Apprentice Programme by Justine Brooksbank, Assistant Chief Executive of HR has also been arranged.

Recommendation

6.0 The Committee is asked to:

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Annexes: Annex A Work Programme
Annex B Presentation Slides

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Every Child Matters Outcomes

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In-depth Scrutiny Projects

SUBJECT	AIMS/TERMS OF REFERENCE	ACTION/BY WHOM	TIMESCALES
Outdoor Education Service	This scrutiny review is running concurrently with the committees review on Sports Provision. The aim being to look at the Outdoor Education Service the challenges and priorities facing the service and future developments.	Visits to all NY Outdoor Education Centres Private and Voluntary sector provider visits Draft Final Report	Feb, March and May 07 May/June 07 July 07
Sports Provision and participation for Young People in North Yorkshire	To consider how the County Council works with its partner organisations to improve and increase the percentage of 5 – 16 year olds accessing two hours or more of high quality PE and School Sport within and beyond the curriculum each week; understand the importance and benefits of physical education and sport for young people.	Briefing Seminar and Scoping <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Task Group Meeting • Consultations • Draft Report to Committee 	Oct 06 January 07 March/April/June September 07

OVERVIEW REPORTS

Corporate Parenting Group	To receive the Annual Report from the Chairman of the Corporate Parenting Group	Cllr Paul Richardson, Chairman of Corporate Parenting Group and Lead Member	Jan 07
Staying Safe	Briefing on the role of the Independent Reviewing Officer	Jan Taylor, General Manager Social Care Children & Young Peoples	Jan 07

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Anti-Bullying Measures	Report and briefing on the measures in place for supervision of young children at break times.	Nigel Ogley, Head of Behaviour Support Service, Children & Young Peoples Service		Jan 07
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Post 16 Home to School Transport	Progress Report on the impact of introducing charges for post 16 home to school transport	Chris McGee Head of Learning Youth and Skills Unit, Children & Young Peoples Service		Jan 07
Youth Justice	Briefing on the outcome of the Youth Offending Team Inspection and Action Plan	Lesley Ingleson, Youth Offending Team Manager		Feb 07
Developing Local Democracy	Feedback on the Democracy Wall Build and the proposed Action Plan	Cllr Carl Les, Cllr Tony Hall, Young People Officers: Richard Flinton and Ian Marr		Feb 07
Youth Services and Adult Learning joint sub-committee	Six month post implementation review for Members of both Young People and Economic Development O&SC on the new Community Education Service	Corporate Director of Children & Young Peoples Service and Head of Adult Learning & Youth Services		March 07 Joint sub committee
Performance Management and Monitoring arrangements	Overview on the Performance Management and Monitoring arrangements for Children's Social Care following the JAR inspection report.	Corporate Director of Children & Young Peoples Service		April 07
Integrated Services in Localities	Overview on the integrated working in the County and an update on the pilot project.	Corporate Director of Children & Young Peoples Service		April 07

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Parenting Strategy	Briefing on the development of a County wide parenting strategy with NHS Partners		Corporate Director of Children & Young Peoples Service	April 07
Performance and partnership arrangements of the Children & Young Peoples Service	Evaluating the performance and partnerships of the Children & Young Peoples Service. to include presentations from the North Yorkshire & York PCT and North Yorkshire Police		Corporate Director of Children & Young Peoples Service. Representatives from North Yorkshire & York PCT Inspector Macklestone North Yorkshire Police	May 07
Evaluating the Performance of the Children & Young Peoples Service	Review of the Children & Young Peoples Plan to include the outcomes following the JAR Inspection.		Corporate Director of Children & Young Peoples Service.	June 07
Contact Point (formerly known as Child Information Sharing Index)	Report on the development of a universal Children's Information Database and governance issues.		Corporate Director of Children & Young Peoples Service	June 07

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SEN and BESD Delegated Resources	Briefing and progress report on monitoring arrangements for delegated resources for children and young people with SEN & BESD		Corporate Director of Children & Young Peoples Service	June 07
SEN Review	Committee to monitor the implementation of SEN Review, including resources made available to mainstream schools for new provision under the commissioning arrangements.		Corporate Director of Children & Young Peoples Service	September 07
Monitoring Pupil Numbers	The Committee have requested an overview report on the matter of falling rolls.		Corporate Director of Children & Young Peoples Service	September 07
Drug and Alcohol Treatments and services	Members to be briefed on the services, treatments and partnership arrangements available to young people with drug and alcohol problems.		To be advised	September 07
Engaging Hard to Reach Groups	Committee are asked to comment on the recommendations set out in the Communications Overview & Scrutiny Committee;s scrutiny review on Hard to Reach Groups.		Task Group Chairman Cllr Bill Hoult	September 07
Youth Offending Service	Progress report on the Action Plan		Lesley Ingleson, Youth Offending Team Manager	October 07
Educational achievement of Looked after Children	Briefing from the Chairman of the Corporate Parent Group on developments for improving outcomes for looked after children and their progression towards independence.		Chairman of the Corporate Parent Group, Lead Member and Corporate Director of Children & Young Peoples Service	October 07
C&YPS Partner organisations	Fire Service Voluntary sector		To be advised	

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Young People and diversity	Children and young people from minority group backgrounds	To be advised	November 07
Hear by Rights	4Youth Service – progress report on where the County Council is with 'Hear by Rights'		November 07

This is a working document therefore topics and timeframes could alter

The Carers Resource Harrogate/Craven

Children and Families Team

The Carers Resource Young Carers Project

- started 8 years ago
- with 2 staff in the team

Staff Team

- 4 Young Carer Workers (33hr, 16hr, 16hr, 10hr), 2 of which term time only.
- 2 Sibling Workers (30hr, 18.5 hr) 1 term time only.
- 2 Parent Carer/Family workers(30hr,16hr)
- 1 Go Sitting Service Co-ordinator (12hr)
- 1 After School Club Teacher (18.5hr)
- 2 part time Youth workers – youth club

Funding

- NYCC fund us for 2 - 28hr posts, part Social Care, part Carers Grant, part Education and part Health.
- The rest of the service is funded via – Comic Relief, The Big Lottery, PRTC, BBSky, Community Foundation, Rotary Club, Ladies Inner Wheel etc.

Who are Young Carers?

Children under 18 who care for a family member, who have a disability, illness or mental health/ drug or alcohol issues

1/12

One in twelve young people
within a secondary school will
be young carers!

Statistics

- Work with 284 young carers – scratching the surface!
- 47 of these sibling carers.
- 9 of these are caring for grandparents.
- Of 248 young carers 91% caring for one parent, 9% caring for 2 parents.
- Equal gender mix.

Statistics - conditions

- 32% physical disability.
- 27% caring for MH issues.
- 22% drug and alcohol issues.
- 21% learning disabilities.
- 15% autistic spectrum.
- 3% MS
- 3% Stroke
- 3% elderly/Dementia

Why support Young Carers:-

- isolated - not alone!
- Need time away from caring
- May need to share problems/worries/issues - often bullied/low self esteem.
- May need support in education / have limited aspirations.
- Meet other young people in similar situations
- Memories
- Need family life with well supported parents -we signpost

Voices of Young Carers

Why can other children's mum's cope with 4 children
but my mum can't cope with me?

Will I die too?

I must keep going, what else can I do?

I hate my mum, but I love her and feel guilty too!

I missed a lot of school because mum wasn't well & I
didn't like leaving her in case she tried to hurt
herself

In a recent Health Survey by NYCC/Healthy Schools and PCT

(8275 children and young people surveyed across
North Yorkshire)

- 30% of pupils said they worry about family problems 'quite a lot' or 'a lot'.

31% of pupils they felt afraid of going to school because of bullying at least 'sometimes'.

70% of pupils said they were bullied 'a few times', 'often' or 'everyday' in the month before the survey.

Basically

We help Young Carers travel
through their childhood!

Emotionally, Socially and
Educationally!

We offer :-

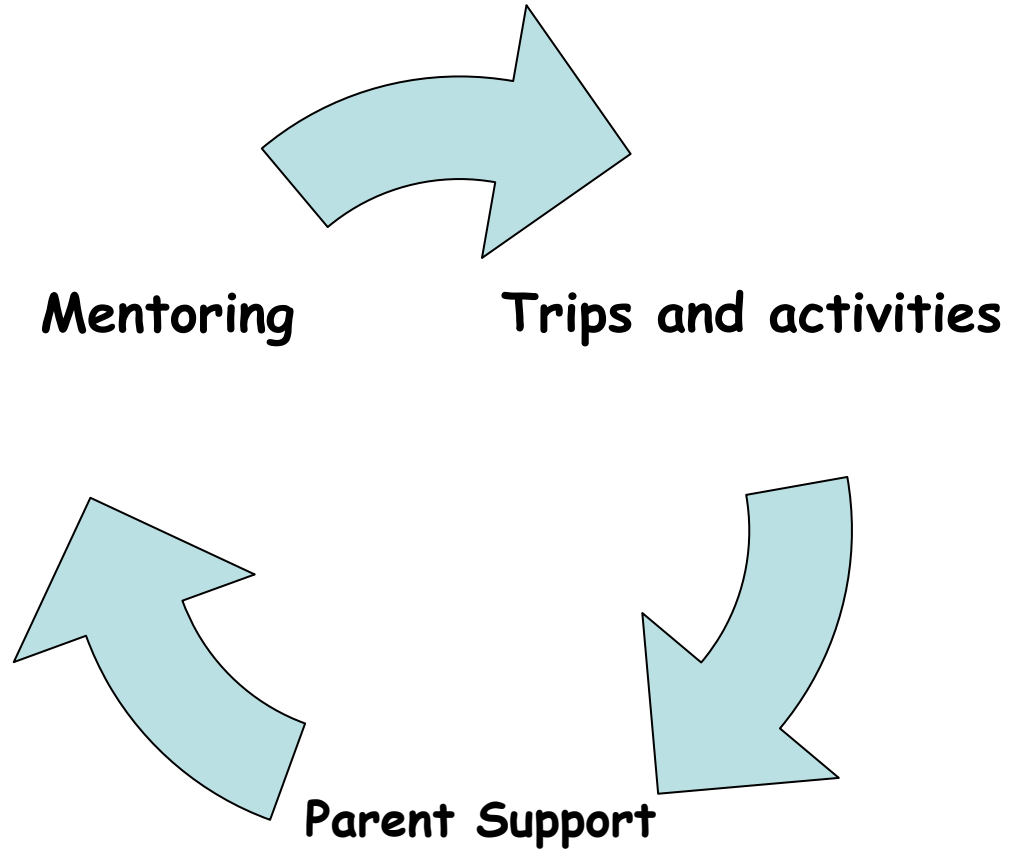
- One to One mentoring support
Emotional/educational/social support - 1 hour sessions. 99 yc receiving one to one!
(a significant + adult info makes a difference - think back.)
- Courses - cookery/ lifting and handling/ dealing with anger etc
- Trips and activities
- Youth Club
- Weekend residentials
- Drop in TRAX
- Family support

Engaging: -

- Referral made - usually by phone. Educational Social Worker/Social Worker/ CAMS
- Assemblies - Year 7 / Year 9
- Self Referrals

Engaging:-

Simple Model of Work



But it works!!

Issues for Young Carers Project:-

- Referrals coming in when Young person too far into 'behavioural issues'
- Grey areas - caring for or 'affected by' (Gaps in provision for these young people)
- Fear of what other professionals will do once identify themselves.
- Funding!
- Not identified in the Children and Young Peoples Plan.

Young Carers info

"About a Boy" - Hugh Grant Film

"An illustrated Mum" - Jacqueline Wilson

"Promoting whole family Practice for Young Carers"

www.childrenssociety.org.uk/youngcarers

www.youngcarers.net - PRCT website

Children caring for parents with mental illness - Aldridge and Becker. (Saul Becker) S.Becker@bham.ac.uk

Growing up Caring - Vulnerability and transition to adulthood - Young Carers Experiences - Chris Dearclen & Saul Becker

