### Agenda Item No. 3 - Appendix A

# Hunts Children and Young People Area Plan 2014 – 17 Summary of progress @ May 2015

Below is a summary of progress on the Aunts Area Partnership Plan. For a copy of the full plan and progress contact gill.hanby@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

The following issues have been raised in relation to progress...

1.1 – Local counselling services are experiencing difficulties recruiting volunteer counsellors

Voluntary groups in St. Neots need support to talk to young people about emotional health

1.2 - Contact needed for Godmanchester Children Centre

Is anyone working with/offering services that support parents whose children are experiencing emotional health problems? (Godmanchester)

- 4.1 Partners are asked to
  - Identify young people who would benefit from seeing a performance of Chelsea's Choice
  - Identify any work/service support that can support follow up work around CSE

# 1.1 Build young people's resilience in order to promote emotional wellbeing (St. Neots)

Centre 33 service had good take up in schools. The service needs to recruit volunteer counsellors for out of school provision.

Level of need has been underestimated

Vir2oso are exploring how to talk to young people about emotional health – support is needed with this

Exploring how Blob experience can be used in the locality with staff and young people

#### Questions/Support needed from AP

- How can more volunteer counsellors be identified?
- Can anyone offer any support/ideas for Vir2oso?

# 1.2 Build young people's resilience in order to promote emotional wellbeing (Godmanchester) (G)

Mapping with young people complete

21 people attended the Blob Conference. It evaluated well and there is evidence of work being taken forward in Godmanchester and St. Neots

St. Anne's Primary is planning to be a Blob School and embed the Blobs in everyday behaviour of the school. This will encourage children to talk about how they feel and promote positive emotional wellbeing. Seeking agreement with the school to track young people to see if long term there are fewer mental health issues that need interventions emerging

Meeting planned with Hinchingbrooke to look at mental heath initiatives and links with the project

Self Esteem pack has been peer reviewed; planning to talk to young people about their experiences of using it and seeking verification from health services

#### Support/information requested from Partnership

Trying to make contact with Godmanchester Children Centre. Can anyone help with a

contact?

• Looking to set up support for parents when their child needs extra support. Is anyone offering any service/support that can be linked to this?

#### 2.1 Increase the up-take of Free School Meals in Hunts

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Information from Cambridge City received but not able to use on HDC system.

Developed report that will identify recipients of Child Tax Credit which can be sent to CCC. Report will only include cases where Housing Benefit is part of the claim

Waiting for legal dept at HDC to sign off info sharing permission

# 2.2 Increase the up-take of the free school meal by students in secondary schools and FE Colleges in Hunts

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All Hunts schools (including secondary) invited to Food for Life Cooking Bus open day but take up poor

# 3.1 Co-ordinate employability opportunities and support for young people across Hunts

NEET Figures in Hunts remain good and are below County and National Average. Particular issues around numbers of NEET with below Level 1 qualification and SEN.

Work has started with sharing information with Post 16 providers on most vulnerable Young People to support transition.

YPW / GA / IA and all YSS staff have produced case studies for Cambs County Council which could be shared at a later date.

Data from Early Leavers survey shows most young people are leaving course as not meeting expectations (caveat here is that not all young people leaving course will complete this so does not give full picture)

HRBS tells us that 45% (39%) of pupils responded that they have found school lessons about careers 'quite' or 'very' useful, while 9% (10%) have found them 'not at all' useful and 10% (13%) couldn't remember any. (NB. 2012 comparison in brackets) Cambs average is 38%.

35% (39%) of boys and 49% (51%) of girls responded that they want to continue in full-time education after the end of Year 11/12. Cambs average is 50%.

53% of Young people worry about their future career and 49% said they would speak to their parents for advice

## 3.2 Using the Arts to promote arts, culture & heritage; employability & enterprise

Artist's Brief revised and to be advertised in June 2015

Timescale for appointment of lead organisation and start of project proposed and awaiting final sign off from Urban and Civic (proposed start date Sept 1)

First Stakeholder meeting planned (June 2015)

#### 4.1 Raise awareness of child sexual exploitation

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Performances booked

- 28 September St. Neots
- 1 October Huntingdon

Task group identified - meeting 9 June

- Ensure preparation and follow up support in place
- Plan adult workshops
- Evaluation

LSCB hosting 3 performances for professionals on June 22

### 5.1 Support new communities as they develop across Hunts (Alconbury Weald) Y

Lack of funding from the S106 for social care/preventative services will leave CFA with a gap in funding for service provision. CFA new communities team are working with libraries and schools to make best use of community facilities and reflect the requirements of CFA.

Form a public service and community led working group similar to Northstowe to enable more joined up working with all public, voluntary and community services/groups – working with Hunts Area Partnership to progress.

AS & New Communities Team to progress

### 5.2 Support new communities as they develop across Hunts (Godmanchester) Y

Informal conversations with Town Council

- •Focus will be different to completely new community as development is an increase of an already existing community
- Some facilities already exist
- Need to integrate new community and existing communities

Affordable Housing provider not yet known but meeting with Town Council the providers of affordable housing, the builders and the CCC team is being planned

#### 5.3 Support new communities as they develop across Hunts (St. Neots)

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Invites to go out shortly for a first July meeting via the New Communities team