

South Cambs & Cambridge City Children & Young People Area Partnership

Report for CTEP July 2016

Young People and Mental Health

The Alliance project aims to support children with emerging mental health needs but in practice has been working with children with high needs who have needed support for up to 2 years. The project works with children using art, music and play therapies. Initially it received pump priming money from the Area Partnership but is now self sufficient receiving funding from participating schools; the CCC locality team and grant funding. The project has also organised preventative work eg a Y5 mental health conference which has lead to work in participating schools. The project wants to look at work around confidence/self esteem/personal skills linked to broadening horizons and increasing employability

Heads Up is an early intervention service for primary students in schools South of the River. Funding ends in September 2016

Young People and Employability

A project led by Young People's Workers at Cambridge City Council works with a group of Y10 students at North Cambridge Academy providing additional support to improve work readiness. Focus is on helping students make the most of their work experience; career goals; increasing confidence, promoting aspirational career paths and encouraging them to think beyond their immediate environs for work experience opportunities. Young people's progress will be tracked

Discussions around Accelerating Achievement highlighted the need to broaden young people's horizons in raise aspirations. This has generated interest in promoting career options and developing personal skills that will enhance work readiness from Primary school age. At the next Area Partnership meeting there will be a focussed discussion on employability with the view to considering

1. A project that links employer engagement with existing projects/work with young people
2. Initiatives that can be delivered from Primary age

Free School Meals

The partnership continues to work with the Educational Welfare Benefit Team on information sharing

Child Sexual Exploitation

The Area Partnership hosted a successful tour of Chelsea's Choice in February/March 2016. The project was well supported by Area Partnership members and all local secondary schools. A successful programme of community events accompanied the school

performances. An evaluation has been completed and suggests the show had a largely positive impact but that follow up support needs to address some of the issues arising in more detail. In particular healthy and unhealthy relationships and the 'stranger danger' message.

Funding has been identified for a further tour, possibly of Tough Love, in South Cambs but has not yet been identified for the City area

Area Partnership Meetings

The Partnership has introduced themes to Area Partnership meetings that allow more in-depth consideration of key issues – recent themes have included Accelerating Achievement and Supporting New Communities. The theme for the next meeting is employability and work readiness

Youth Grants

£13 400 was distributed to projects and initiatives working with young people. Regular reports on progress are received by the Area Partnership and impact reports will be received as projects reach completion. Projects include...

- Summer activities
- Equipment for new youth group
- Story telling project
- After school café
- Caving equipment