



AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

HORFIELD AND LOCKLEAZE NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

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Title: Children & Young People - update and future plans

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Recommendation/ Decision:

- Note Quarter 1 (April – June) and Quarter 2 (July – September) reports from LPW
- Note the Youth and Play Partnership meetings
- Note progress with the Young People's Grant Panel and approve request to roll-over the funding
- Approve future plans

1.0 LPW Quarter 1 Summary Report

For additional detail the city-wide reports by LPW are available on the Horfield and Lockleaze Neighbourhood Partnership website:

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/people-communities/horfield-and-lockleaze-neighbourhood-partnership> under Downloadable Files Youth

Services

In Lot 2, LPW engaged 320 children and young people (CYP) across Quarter 1. 73 received targeted 1:1 or group work. 9 referrals to LPW were received with 22 contracts opened and 22 closed. 15 improved outcomes were recorded, with particular successes around improved behaviours, acquiring new skills and healthier lifestyle choices.

Monday and Friday night open access sessions at Lockleaze Youth Centre are reaching more than 50 young people a week, including around 20 newcomers, engaging them in sport, cooking, substance misuse workshops and sexual health advice. Apart from existing sessions, we have added a Girl's group, targeting 12-19 year olds and already attracting between 6 and 8 participants each week including members of the Somalian community.

In response to need in both Horfield and Lockleaze and concerns about noisy, unsupervised sports activities in local areas, LPW has also launched a weekly basketball session at the Wordsworth Centre, attracting between 15 and 20 8 to 19 year olds each week. We also ensured the Wordsworth Centre was a local hub for CYP during half-term by providing Children's Engagement Workers and funding the centre staff member. Detailed mapping data shows the Wordsworth Centre is particularly important for children and young people from Horfield, as well as from western fringe parts of Lockleaze.

General delivery has been hampered by problems with the Vench, the Lockleaze Adventure Playground structures. Ground Work closed the APG due to safety concerns and other parts of the space have been closed off for construction of new facilities. However, LPW moved sessions to other local parks and spaces, promoting these via the community and social media with no noticeable effect on attendance.

2.0 LPW Quarter 2 Summary Report

This will be available at the December meeting.

3.0 Youth and Play Partnership

There are 4 Youth and Play Partnership meetings per year with attendance from both VCS groups and the commissioned providers- the purpose of these meeting is to produce coordinated plans for Holiday activities as well as an opportunity to ensure good information sharing, identify needs of children and young people in the area and an opportunity to develop partnership working to secure the best outcomes for children and young people. This is then shared across the patch via email, booklets, newsletters etc to schools, youth centres, children centres and to a variety of staff working with children, young people and families.

These take place each year at the following times.

1. February - plan for Easter holidays and an evaluation of Spooky week activities. (BYCA applications)
2. May - evaluation of Easter activities and start to plan for the summer.
3. July - final development of the Summer programme and begin planning for spooky week.
4. September - evaluation of summer programme and developing plans for spooky week

4. 0 Young People's Grant Panel

Five young people from Horfield and Lockleaze have been recruited to the Young People's Grants Panel. They have attended planning sessions to discuss and develop the decision making process, application forms, marketing and publicity, training, evaluation & monitoring. The Panel are now at the stage of completing the final draft of the application form and aim to be sending out the forms by the end of November 2015.

The process has taken longer than anticipated due to availability of the young people over the Summer Holidays and the Panel requests a roll over of the funds allocated for the Young People's Grants Panel from January 2016 to December 2017.

5.0 Future plans

Charlene Richardson and Caroline Hollies will lead a discussion on future plans for young people's activities and facilities in the Neighbourhood Partnership. This will lead on from work at the Forums and at the Communications meeting in November.