

# Targeted Youth Services

## Draft Commissioning Plan Consultation

Consultation period: 2nd February to 27<sup>th</sup> April  
2017

Summary presentation for Neighbourhood  
Partnerships

# Current contract BYL

- BCC currently spends £4.2 million a year on open access youth and play services, targeted group, 1:1 and online services. Current contract is called Bristol Youth Links (BYL) and it runs until 2018.
- There are Seven geographical area based contracts and two citywide contracts aimed at children and young people aged 8-19 years (up to 25 years for young people with learning difficulties and disabilities).
- Citywide Specialist services; counselling, drug and alcohol, healthy relationships, preventing homelessness, and specific services for LGBTQ+ young people and for deaf young people.
- The number of individuals worked with during April 2015 – March 2016 is approximately 7,360.
- Young People gain outcomes in soft skills as well as hard outcomes such as 623 yp getting back into education, employment and training 2015-16

# What the new model has considered

A budget reduction of £1.2 million

Link to the 'Our journey Together' priorities put together by CYP & youth sector (being healthy, safe, learning skills)

Children Young People and Families Strategy provide the overarching outcomes (safe, healthy, involved, achieving)

Need for more targeted services on areas of deprivation and vulnerable children and young people – tackling inequality in the city

How the contract will deliver statutory duties:

- Those not in education employment or training (NEET) – tracking and reporting back nationally
- Access to and advertising positive activities

# Proposed investment

Annual total spend	Spend over 3 years	Spend over 5 years
£3,314,000	£9,942,000	£16,570,000

Investment in each of the elements	Proposed spend
Area Youth Services	£2,167,800
Drugs & Alcohol Support	£213,500
Healthy Relationship Support	£213,500
Online Youth Service	£120,000
NEET Co-ordination and Tracking	£150,000
Supporting the youth sector	£249,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>£3,114,000</b>

Investment elsewhere (not in scope)	Proposed Spend
Mental Health Support (counselling)	£75,000
Young People's Housing and Independence Pathway	£50,000
YOT intensive diversionary activities	£75,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>£200,000</b>

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# Element one: Tracking (£150,000)

The draft proposal is for a contract which checks (tracks) that young people are still in education, employment or training until they are age 18.

This is one of our statutory duties, meaning we have to do it by law.

An organisation might do this by phoning or contacting young people through social media.

When they have found them, if they are not in education, employment or training they will ask the local youth support services to work with them to give advice and support to get them back into education, employment and training.

The tracking organisation will use a database that links with the council so they can gather all the statistics needed for central government reports.

## Element two: Youth Sector Support (£249,500)

Feedback in engagement phase was there was not enough support for youth sector organisations.

The draft proposal is to set aside a sum of money which organisations could access to support proactive partnership working via a citywide contract.

This money could be used to help organisations to sustain a universal offer of youth and play sessions. This could help lots more children and young people attend projects across the city.

The organisation who manages the money will need to work with other organisations across the city to do this.

It might be seed funding, or providing opportunities for the sector to get together for training and development.

# Element three: Online Youth Service (£120,000)

To fulfil our statutory duties to provide access to and publicise positive activities we propose and online service.

Young people have told us they access information via social media, so a clear link with social media should be included.

We also know that the best way of delivering it is to ensure children and young people create the design of it, so it is kept up to date and people keep coming back to use it.

We propose to give the money to an organisation who will work with children and young people to either continue the Rife and go places to play websites or develop something new to do this.

# Element four: Specific Support Drug/alcohol and Sexual Health Services (£427,000)

The draft proposal is to include 2 elements of specific support: sexual health and drug and alcohol services.

The specific support services will focus on the time limited 1:1 work with young people identified as needing support.

Young people will be referred into the services via schools, colleges, Early Help etc.



# Element five: Local Area Targeted Youth Services (£2,167,800)

The draft proposal is for 3 local area contracts (North, South, East Central) or one citywide contract

The funding will need to target young people living in areas of deprivation, so different areas of the city will be allocated more or less funding according to the index of deprivation.

Services will need to:

Receive referrals to work with young people from social care, Youth Offending etc.

Work with young people not in education employment or training (NEET)

Link in with the multi agency co-ordinating hubs to develop integrated working (these are currently being developed)

Be inclusive and accessible to children and young people with additional needs or vulnerabilities

# Consultation feedback

Please give us your collective or individual feedback via:

Online questionnaire:

<https://bristol.citizenspace.com/people/targeted-youth-services-commissioning-plan/>

Email to [byl@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:byl@bristol.gov.uk)

There will be a young person's version and questions developed by Young Commissioners