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Bristol Youth Links January – March 2016 Summary Update

Area 1 (North)

Avonmouth, Henbury, Henleaze, Kingsweston, Southmead, Stoke Bishop & Westbury-on-Trym

Learning Partnership West, Barnardos & 1625
Independent People

Service Delivery	Target	Actual	Success
Service Targets Jan 2016 – Mar 2016:			
Number of Children & Young People engaging as participants	594	569	96%
Number of Children & Young People engaged in 1:1, closed or targeted groups	178	238	134%

Delivery Examples

The new structure at the Southmead Adventure Playground was completed this quarter along with the new bike track commissioned using the very generous community donations, totalling £20K. The response to these changes has been excellent; it has been wonderful to see children and their families enjoying the varied activities on offer. Attendance reached a peak of over 130 with more people than ever taking advantage of this excellent new provision. The Quality Assurance Team visited a session and commented:

“Again the observed session featured positive working relationships between play workers, children, volunteers and parents and created an atmosphere which inspired children to engage in all the activities on offer. The building and the equipment was well looked after and respected by attendees. The lead worker maintains excellent partnership arrangements which enable the team to offer a rich activity programme to children and young people. Parents present spoke highly of the facility and the staff”.

This quarter three young people from LPW’s Young Carer’s group were shortlisted for one of Bristol’s Young Heroes Awards, the awards celebrate those young people who have overcome challenge and adversity to live life to the full, both for themselves and for others. One of them won the Caring Hero award in recognition for their hard work providing care to a family member.

The Young Women’s group held at Southmead Youth Centre delivered an 8 week female empowerment project focusing on issues such as body image, bullying and sexual health. This project was a direct result of consultation with the young women who wanted to learn more about building confidence as a female in today’s society. The Quality Assurance Team visited a session and commented:

“The staff team execute skill in creating and fostering positive working relationships with vulnerable young women. The setting is an enabling environment which is born out of trust and the young women have clearly benefitted from attending”.

The Peer Support programme delivered in partnership with 1625IP continues to develop well with more than 20 Peer Supporters working with children and young people across BYL provision in Bristol in both 1:1 and group settings.

Success Example

A young man, who was himself trained through the Peer Support programme as a service user, now attends Southmead Adventure Playground to provide 1:1 support to a child with learning difficulties. His support has encouraged the child to attend the playground on his own while his parents get some much needed respite. Without this support, it’s unlikely the child would have been able to access this provision.

LPW also supported a group of young people to secure £500 funding to carry out a project at their newly renovated youth centre in Lawrence Weston. Young people from the open access session on Wednesday evenings completed the application and plan to use the money on an arts project for the common area of the centre.

Individual Successes Outcomes Jan 2016 – Mar 2016:	Achieved
BYL Intermediate outcomes achieved by individual young people (as a result of 1:1 targeted support):	89
Positive destinations (Securing Education, Employment, Training or volunteer placement):	16