

WEST AREA COMMITTEE – 15 JULY 2009

Title of paper:	Catch 22 – Nottingham Prevention Programme – Youth Inclusion Delivery in West area	
Director(s)/ Corporate Director(s):	Director of Targeted Services for Children and Young People	Wards affected: Aspley, Bilborough and Leen Valley
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Relevant Council Plan theme(s):		
Choose Nottingham		
Respect for Nottingham		x
Transforming Nottingham’s Neighbourhoods		
Supporting Nottingham People		
Serving Nottingham Better		
Summary of issues (including benefits to customers/service users):		
<p>As a deliverer of targeted services in the West Area in receipt of funding from Nottingham City Council, Targeted Services 14 to 19 and the Youth Offending Team, our desire is that we feedback to the Area Committee on our progress in the West Area. With this in mind we would like to report back against our 5 main targets with a presentation at the Area Committee meeting. The targets / Key Performance Indicators (KPI’s) are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to work with 75% of those identified young people who are targeted to become core group members; to ensure that 90% of the core group are receiving appropriate educational provision; to ensure that 90% of the engaged core group have exit strategies; to engage at least 20% of parents of the core group in activities; to reduce substantive offending outcomes by 70%. <p>Feedback during the presentation to the Committee will be carried out by young people who are accessing the service and the Project Co-ordinator.</p> <p>We will be asking for relevant questions from the Committee.</p>		
Recommendations:		
1	That the Area Committee receive acknowledge by catch 22 in regard to delivery against the targets/KPI’s .	
2	That the Area Committee comment on the implications of Targeted Youth Support plans on present levels of service delivery across the West Area.	

1 BACKGROUND

Catch22 (formerly Crime Concern Trust) have been delivering services in the West Area since 2002 and Nottingham Prevention Programme since April 2005. We have on one occasion come to the West Area Committee to present information and were well received by local representatives and other colleagues alike. It was found to be informative and saw an increase in referral numbers in the subsequent months as others in the area became more aware of the service we deliver.

2 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

The Local Authority commissions Catch22 to deliver services, however, it is not clear at this stage what levels of awareness are of the work being carried out by Catch22 in the West Area.

The next few months will bring much change via the development of the targeted youth support service, opening up the debate and scrutiny in the West Area of future plans. We hope the Committee will find time to focus its attention in its busy schedule on this important issue.

Nottingham Prevention Programme is funded at this point until September 2009 and there is a risk that the commissioning of new services may not reflect the local priorities.

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

None.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY)

The service is contracted until September 2009 with a possibility of further funding until March 2010. The funding has reduced since the last financial year (2008/2009) which has reduced delivery by 15% and equates to 7.5 young people not receiving a service. Last year West Area received £160,000 to support the work of the senior Youth Inclusion Project (YIP). This financial year it has been agreed that we will receive £68,000 for the first six months which equates to £136,000 over a 12 month period should the contract be extended. Both beneficiaries have subsequently been reduced as has the variety of intervention programmes. No request to the Area Committee for financial assistance is being made.

5 RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES (INCLUDING LEGAL IMPLICATIONS, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS AND EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS)

The proposed presentation is focussing upon the delivery in the West Area, its reach, effectiveness and its quality, but will also offer some of the consequential risk factors if change is not managed effectively.

Risk one

Reduction in re-offending - Recidivism

Target: To reduce substantive offending outcomes by 70%

Project and Areas covered	Average no. of substantive outcomes in the 12 months prior to engagement	No. of substantive outcomes in the period of engagement	Reduction of substantive outcomes
Senior YIP West Area & Area 7	28.5	11	Reduced by 61%
Nottingham Prevention Programme All Areas	39	14	Reduced by 65%

If members consider the reduction in offending amongst the group of young people we engage who have an offence history, and the reduction in first time entrants into the criminal justice system within our identified group of young people, it is clear that the risk lies in the increase in those figures should any strategic or structural changes alter the levels of resources available to the West Area's targeted service delivery.

Risk Two

First time entrants

LAA target : To reduce first time entrants into the criminal justice system amongst the core group

Project and Areas covered	YP with Medium to High risk assessment rating at referral who have NO offence history	No. of those young people who offended whilst engaged	Percentage of engaged young people with no previous offence history kept out of the criminal justice system
Senior YIP West Area & Area 7	11	0	100%
NPP across areas 1/2/West/7/8/9	85	0	100%

The risk of those young people who are identified as being at medium to high risk of offending (at referral point) in the West Area not receiving an early intervention and consequently being drawn into the criminal justice system are very real. Should services change, the local area may want to be mindful of being involved in what those services are.

Other areas the presentation will cover and may present areas of potential risk are:

- to work with 75% of those identified young people who are targeted to become core group members;
- to ensure that 90% of the core group are receiving appropriate educational provision;
- to ensure that 90% of the engaged core group have exit strategies;

to engage at least 20% of parents of the core group in activities.

DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION

None.

7 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

None.