

Runnymede - Local Service Specification
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The priority for the Neighbourhood Prevention Grant in Runnymede is to prevent young people from becoming NEET by supporting young people in years 8-11 to reduce their risk factors and increase protective factors for those who are identified as being most at risk of becoming NEET.

Prevention activities should be co-produced with young people and delivered in the local community. Preventative services must demonstrate high-quality delivery and a focus on meeting the individual needs of young people identified as being at Risk of NEET (RONI). There were 173 young people NEET in Runnymede and 269 identified as at risk of NEET (RONI's) in 2011/12.

Definitions:

- **NEET** young people are those who are '**Not in Education, Employment or Training**'. They are in year groups 12-14 (aged 16-19) and have had at least one period when they were out of education or work during the 2011-2012 Academic Year (Sept 2011 - Aug 2012);
- **RONI** young people are those who have been identified as '**At Risk**' of becoming NEET when they leave school (aka **RONI**) are in year groups 8-11. These young people have been identified by Services for Young People in collaboration with schools. They will exhibit a number of NEET indicators, such as being Looked After or a Child in Need, involvement with crime or anti-social behaviour, low school attendance or fixed term exclusions, or having a learning difficulty or disability.

Key local services/commissions.

There are three key strands to Services for Young People. Providers will be expected to link between these commissions:

- **Centre Based Youth Work** – Delivers universal and targeted provision to all young people. Also works with the RONI cohort.
- **Youth Support Service** – A one-to-one case management service supporting young people who are NEET, in the Youth Justice System, Child in Need and homelessness.
- **Neighbourhood Prevention Grant** – Providing preventative services to RONI young people.

Key characteristics for the Neighbourhood Prevention Grant.

Neighbourhood Prevention activity must take place outside the school day and be delivered from premises other than the Youth Centres above. Initial contact can be made in schools.

Based on the knowledge of local need the Runnymede Task Group have identified the following neighbourhoods are some that should be targeted areas for the delivery of prevention projects. Providers must deliver from one or more of these priority areas of Runnymede:

- Pooley Green
- Middlesex Court, Surrey Towers, Green Lane
- Englefield Green West Ward
- Addlestone
- Chertsey – Gogmore Farm Park
- Heathervale Rec
- Egham – Ripley Springs

The Task Group has identified the following specific needs or barriers to Participation in Education, Training or Employment (PETE) in Runnymede for which bids are invited support:

- Support for young people with who do not have a statement of educational needs, but exhibit learning disabilities or difficulties, to anticipate their needs moving forward towards PETE.
- Support for young people around employability through innovative ways of engaging and encouraging young people to attain level 2 Maths, English and ICT (core skills).
- Support for young people with mental health needs, including social skills and self esteem, as well as motivation and low aspirations.
- Enterprise opportunities and support prior to year 12 to develop their own business and enterprise skills. This could include work experience opportunities.
- Support for teenage parents (mums and dads) to remain in education pre 16.
- Young people need highly developed role models, and mentoring opportunities to support them to make a successful transition post 16.
- Support for young people where substance misuse is impacting on their future employability and resilience to remain in mainstream education.
- Support for young people to develop employability skills and experiences to prepare young people for future work or education.

The Runnymede Task Group has identified a need for projects, which fulfil the following key criteria:

- Projects must demonstrate a strategy for engaging young people.
- Projects must work alongside the Supported Families Programme, Youth Support Service, Surrey Police, and create links with Youth Centres.
- Projects must deliver during the school holidays, weekends and evenings to young people in addition to term-time out of school hours.
- Providers should form strong links with local schools and existing alternative provision education provision, including non-statutory education services. Projects should have links with Education Welfare Officers and police truancy patrols.
- Projects should not duplicate existing provision within the Runnymede area and should enhance or add value to existing services.
- Provision should be developed in one or more of the key priority areas. Projects should have capacity for borough wide referrals, to ensure any young person in Runnymede can access the provider's service(s).
- Bids should demonstrate how providers are going to promote their services and engage with young people. Use of alternative media to communicate with young people is desirable.

Bids will be scored by their ability to meet the above needs and deliver in the target areas against the criteria in section 4.6 of the Prospectus.

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