

Epsom and Ewell Neighbourhood Prevention Local Service Specification

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 commissions and 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.

The priority for the Neighbourhood Prevention Grant in Epsom and Ewell is to prevent young people from becoming NEET by supporting young people in academic 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 115 young people NEET in Epsom and Ewell and 176 identified as at risk of NEET (RONI's) in 2011/12.

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 in Epsom and Ewell which are located at Lintons, Yo Yo and The Edge. Initial contact can be made in schools.

Based on the knowledge of local need the Epsom and Ewell Local Committee Task Group identified the following neighbourhoods as being in need of this type of provision. Although these are priority areas, it is important that there is borough wide

access to any commissioned service according to the needs of individual young people. Providers must deliver from one or more of these areas of Epsom and Ewell:

- Longmeade
- Watersedge
- Stoneleigh

The Task Group has identified the following areas of need which projects should address with the overall objective of removing barriers to Participation in Education, Training or Employment (PETE):

- English as a Second Language (ESOL) – The area around Epsom Primary and Stoneleigh have high numbers of families with ESOL needs. Projects should focus on this barrier to PETE in these areas.
- Mentors and Role Models – Projects which offer young people highly developed role models, and mentoring opportunities to support them on a 1 to 1 basis to make a successful transition post 16.
- Mental Health – Projects to support young people with mental health needs, poor social skills, low self esteem, aspirations and motivation.

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

- Projects must be preventative and demonstrate a strategy for promoting the project and engaging young people. Use of alternative media to communicate with young people is desirable.
- 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 (in particular the Summer, Easter and half-term holidays), weekends and evenings to young people in addition to term-time out of school hours.
- Projects should have a focus on working with young people around relationships in the broadest sense (e.g. friendships, peer, family and personal relationships).
- Providers should form strong links with local schools and existing alternative education/training provision, including non-statutory education services ensuring that they take account of current provision in the Borough.
- Projects should not duplicate existing provision within the Epsom and Ewell area and should be flexible, enhancing or adding value to existing services.
- Projects should offer CAB style provision for assistance with finance and benefits.
- Bids should demonstrate a clear strategy for sustainability and methods to build community cohesion.

Bids will be scored by their ability to meet the above needs and deliver in the geographic areas listed above.