

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**LOCAL COMMITTEE (SURREY HEATH)****DATE:** 04/07/2013**LEAD OFFICER:** Garath Symonds, Assistant Director for Young People**SUBJECT:** Services for Young People Commissions in Surrey Heath
2012/13**DIVISION:** ALL**SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

The purpose of this report is to update the Local Committee on the progress we have made towards participation for all young people in Surrey Heath in post-16 education, training and employment during 2012-13. This is the overarching goal of Services for Young People (SYP) and our strategy to achieve it is set out in 'The young people's employability plan 2012-17'.

In particular this Local Committee report focuses on how the different commissions managed by the Commissioning and Development Team have contributed to this goal, keeping in mind that these are only a part of the system that is working to increase participation. Please note that the majority of detailed performance information is provided in two Appendices to this report.

Next steps have also been included to set out how we will keep the Local Committee informed about developments and our progress during the year ahead.

RECOMMENDATIONS:**The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) is asked to note:**

- (i) The progress Services for Young People has made during 2012/13 to increase participation for young people in Surrey Heath, as set out in detail in the appendices to this report

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee has an important part to play in supporting the local development of Services for Young People, ensuring that services provide the right support to young people in local communities. In particular they have an important formal role in relation to the Local Prevention Framework.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 This report is for information. It provides: a summary of the participation of young people in Surrey Heath; an overview of how the different commissions have performed during the year; and a brief outline of how the Local Committee will be kept informed of our progress during 2013/14.
- 1.2 2012/13 has been a year of transition in Services for Young People, during which a range of new commissions and services that prepare and help young people to participate in education, training and employment when they leave school have been established. At the end of March 2013, this new system of services had reduced the number of young people who are not in education, employment or training (NEET) by 12% when compared to the same time last year - a real success for young people in the county.

2. ANALYSIS:

- 2.1 The appendix to this report provides a more detailed overview of the performance of Services for Young People in Surrey Heath, but some key headlines have been included below for information.
- 1.3 In March 2013, the number of young people in years 12 to 14 who were NEET was 39% lower than in March 2012 – 58 young people compared to 95. This is very significant progress in preparation for the planned raising of the compulsory participation age in education from 16 to 17 in September this year and reflects the strong performance of Services for Young People in the borough. At only 2.4% NEET at the end of March, Surrey Heath had the lowest proportion of young people who were NEET in Surrey.
- 2.2 At least 152 young people moved from being NEET into participation during the course of the year – the second highest number in Surrey.
- 1.4 More than 90% of young people who were identified as being at risk of becoming NEET when they were in Year 11 in the borough, were participating in post-16 education, training and employment at the end of March now that they have progressed to year 12.
- 1.5 Old Dean youth centre has engaged 134 young people in an average of over 12 sessions of youth work during the year. This is one of the highest averages in Surrey.
- 1.6 A Skills Centre, delivered by NACRO, opened at Old Dean Youth Centre during 2012 and has already supported 12 young people who would otherwise be NEET through a formal training programme. This puts us on target to support twenty four young by the end of the academic year.
- 2.3 During the year, the Commissioning and Development Team has worked alongside our different providers to ensure they are delivering to a high standard and improving outcomes for young people. The Team has taken a risk-based approach to managing performance, allowing those providers that are performing well to flourish and develop, whilst bringing robust challenge and appropriate support to address areas of underperformance.

3. OPTIONS:

3.1 There are no options in relation to this 'for information' report.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

4.1 During 2012-13 there has been wide ranging consultation with young people, staff, and partner agencies. The Youth Engagement Contract has secured feedback from more than 35,000 young people across Surrey in relation to different aspects of SYP services, the information we provide and local issues. Members have been consulted through the Local Committee Youth Task Group, Youth Steering Groups at some of our Youth Centres and were central to the review of the Local Prevention Framework completed early this year. The feedback from these different consultations has directly contributed to the development of our services during the year.

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 The budget allocated to each of the commissions managed by the Commissioning and Development Team in Surrey Heath is provided in the Appendix.
- 5.2 It is anticipated that the local commissioning of the Local Prevention Framework, which is currently underway, will offer better value for money, as the outcomes commissioned will be more closely aligned to local needs.

6. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

6.1 Through local commissioning and needs analysis we focus our resources on identifying and supporting those young people who are most at risk of experiencing negative outcomes in the future. This group includes young people from a wide range of backgrounds and its make up often varies between different parts of the county.

7. LOCALISM:

7.1 Localism is at the heart of much of the activity commissioned and delivered by Services for Young People and all our services are co-produced (developed, designed and delivered) with young people from local communities. Particular examples of localism in action are the Local Prevention Framework, Small Grants programme and Steering Groups at Youth Centres.

8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Area assessed:	Direct Implications:
Crime and Disorder	Set out below
Sustainability (including Climate Change and Carbon Emissions)	No significant implications arising from this report
Corporate Parenting/Looked After Children	Set out below

Safeguarding responsibilities for vulnerable children and adults	Set out below
Public Health	Set out below

8.1 Crime and Disorder implications

The Youth Support Service provides support to young people who have offended and those who are at risk of offending. Other Commissions within Services for Young People also play an early help role in reducing offending behaviour amongst young people, in particular the Local Prevention Framework and Centre Based Youth Work.

8.2 Corporate Parenting/Looked After Children implications

Young people who are looked after are a key target group for Services for Young People

8.3 Safeguarding responsibilities for vulnerable children and adults implications

Services for Young People plays a key role in safeguarding vulnerable children and young people in Surrey.

8.4 Public Health implications

Services for Young People deliver a number of services that improve the health of young people in Surrey, in particular providing them with information so that they make informed choices about healthy lifestyles, including sexual health.

9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 9.1 This report and the information provided in the appendix have provided an overview of performance of Services for Young People in Surrey Heath.

10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

- 10.1 To keep the Local Committee informed about the progress of the Service during 2013/14, the Development Team will present one annual report to the Local Committee, attend two Youth Task Groups per year and circulate electronic quarterly progress reports to each Task Group Member.

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Annexes:

Services for Young People in Surrey Heath: Commission Performance Summary 2012/13
Surrey Heath Youth Small Grants awards 2012/13

Sources/background papers:

- The young people's employability plan 2012-17
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