

Report of:	Meeting	Date	Item no.
Cllr Andrea Kay, Lead Member for Young People	Council	21 January 2016	10

Lead Member Report: Young People

1. Purpose of report

1.1 To update the Council on activity taking place for children and young people over the last year.

2. Current and future issues

2.1 A summary of activity is included in Appendix 1 relating to the following issues:

- Fylde, Lancaster and Wyre Children Partnership Board
- CYP Participation
- WTWF Phase 1 closure
- Summer Holidays Activities

3. Questions and comments

3.1 I will respond to any questions or comments on the contents of my report or on any other issues relating to young people in Wyre.

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Appendix 1 – Lead Member for Young People: Progress Update – January 2016

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There has been a variety of activity taking place for children and young people since the last report in January 2015. The following highlights key areas of work:

Fylde, Lancaster and Wyre Children's Partnership Board

This year's Fylde, Lancaster and Wyre action plan has focussed on:

- Safeguarding
 - Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)
- Emotional Health and Wellbeing
- Wellbeing, Prevention and Early Help
 - Effectiveness of step up and step down procedures
 - Summer Holidays Activities
- CYP Participation

'Chelsey's Choice' workshops delivered within secondary schools across Fylde and Wyre via Fylde Coast Women's Aid. The workshops aim was to raise awareness around child sexual exploitation with young people. This has proved to be very effective with positive feedback received.

Various agencies have accessed the LCC CSE E-Learning training package. The coordinator supported CSE awareness week (9-13 November) by distributing information to wider partners.

CYP Participation

The Chair of Fylde, Lancaster and Wyre Children's Partnership Board and the CPB coordinator held a bowling session with the Youth Council and some local children from Pheasants Wood. The aim was to engage with the young people and capture their thoughts and views on the board's action plan. This also coincided with Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) week so we included this within our discussion.

The event was attended by 8 Youth Council members along with Jim Byrne, Youth Voice and Influence Worker from YPS and 15 children from the local area.

The young people raised the following issues:

- Not enough direct involvement with young people (YP). No discussion with YP seems to have taken place to influence the actions.
- Not easy for an YP to understand the meaning of the action plan – very strategic.
- What is available for young people? How do YP who support other YP find out about services and support which is available, i.e. matrix of services.

- Would it be worth having a Q&A session with CYP as part of the participation element on the action plan?
- Chelsea's Choice – excellent production and has had a positive impact on members of the Youth Council who watched it and other YP.
- Not enough access to counsellors, waiting lists to long – Do the CPB have any influence over this?

All the above will be fed back to the Children's Partnership Board.

Working Together With Families

Phase 1 for WTWF came to an end in March 2015. Across Lancashire, some 2,765 families have been identified and worked with under the WTWF approach and 2,281 of these have achieved positive outcomes. 1,887 front line workers across Lancashire have attended 1 or more of the training courses available through the Lead Professional (LP) training programme and we have a wealth of evidence from LP's and testimony's from families of the positive impact the WTWF approach has had on their lives. It is clear that very significant progress has been made to achieve Lancashire CYPT aspirations for the WTWF approach to facilitate change to the way in which services were delivered to complex families and to improve the way agencies work together to make the very best use of our collective resources. Lancashire has been admitted to the expanded Troubled Families Programme (Phase 2). The expansion of the programme means that a larger number of families can be reached, due to wider eligibility criteria. The challenge in Phase 2 is much bigger than Phase 1, requiring Lancashire to identify and turn around 8,660 families over the next five years.

Summer Holidays Activities

Wyre Council produced *Summer Stuff 2015*, a co-ordinated programme of summer activities. The aim was to provide families with a single point of information on all the activities taking place for children and young people. This was circulated through a range of organisations, e.g. schools, Children's Centres, groups, and was targeted to encourage those children and young people who might not otherwise attend these activities. The *Summer Stuff 2015* holiday activities booklet was well received. Lancashire County Council is currently compiling an evaluation.

Early Action

In partnership with Lancashire police, a multi-agency group has been formed to deliver Early Action in Wyre. This looks at the high risk victims of ASB, Wellbeing Prevention and Early help cases along with high intensity users. A launch meeting was held at Thornton Little Theatre in October 2015 to inform partners on the proposed new way of working and understand how this would assist and change their area of work. The first meeting was held on 26 November 2015, this was very

well attended and a positive step. A review of the approach will take place in three months.

Road Safety

Councillor Kay has sponsored a road safety campaign together with Manor Beach primary school and the primary schools from Thornton/Cleveleys, using Lancashire County Council delegated budgets in her role as a County Councillor.

Lancashire County Council are currently consulting on premises and reviewing current property to reduce the number of buildings used which is likely to have an impact on CYP in Wyre.

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