

COUNCIL CONTRIBUTION TO CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS PLAN

The Council can and does contribute in numerous ways to support the CYPP.

Housing Services support to families with children

- Support, advice and guidance to prevent homelessness.
- Provision of supported accommodation for young parents and care leavers
- Re-housing of families affected by domestic abuse.
- Aid and adaptations to properties for children with physical disabilities.
- The use of enforcement powers to improve the condition of private rented housing.
- Help to access affordable/free furniture & household items when setting up home.
- Help to set up utilities.
- Help to apply for benefits.
- Help to gain employment including referrals to the Job Coach. This supports mentoring role of parent and aspirations for children.
- Access to support agencies such as drug & alcohol abuse and domestic abuse support.
- Help to access activities in the community including local voluntary sector.
- Help to access healthcare – GP, Dentist, Mental Health.
- Help to sustain tenancy by monitoring compliance of tenancy conditions.
- Help with budgeting & debt advice and access to other agencies as necessary.
- Advice re basic cooking skills/healthy eating.
- Contribute to multi agency working with social care/mental health.

Community safety work to support children & young people.

- Locations of ASB – working with residents, consultative groups and partners to identify locations of youth ASB and implementing strategies to address and divert at risk young people to positive activities. (Matchborough, Winyates, Astwood Bank Park, Tunnel Drive, Paddock Lane). Crime risk surveys completed to improve the built environment and reduce opportunities for committing ASB in identified locations. Provided funding and commissioned projects to provide specialist workers engage with difficult to reach young people and young people with challenging behavioural issues. Deliver targeted group activities and programmes to address issues of youth ASB; project include, the Polish youth club, Woodrow football sessions, targeted youth work sessions with groups of young people.

- Crime incidences – working with partners, local communities and victims to identify crime committed by C&YP and implementing crime prevention strategies to reduce opportunities and facilitators for crime. (Matchborough/Winyates, Kingfisher shopping centre/Town Centre crime survey). Work with young people who have carried out hate crime incidents, provide awareness sessions with perpetrators and deliver targeted sessions to young people referred by schools.
- Crime victimisation – working with partners, local communities and victims to identify crimes and locations where C&YP are victims or are vulnerable to crime and implementing crime prevention strategies to reduce opportunities and vulnerability.
- Drugs and intoxicating substances – working with partners, residents, consultative groups and communities to identify locations and risks to C&YP through availability of drugs and intoxicants and identifying and implementing strategies to reduce opportunity, availability and vulnerability. Respond to locations identified with targeted work with the YP in and out of school
- High Risk locations – working with partners and communities to identify locations where C&YP are at risk of physical harm and developing collaborative strategies to minimise risk. (Tunnel Drive disused railway tunnel)
- Home Security Assessments/Works - Providing crime prevention advice and measures to families affected by domestic abuse which ensures that children are able to stay safely in their own homes and near their families, school and other support networks.
- School Sessions – Deliver sessions to YP in a classroom setting on a range of community safety issues, these sessions include topics such as Hate Crime, ASB, drugs and alcohol, Domestic Abuse, community responsibility and internet safety .
- Targeted group work – Deliver targeted sessions to young people who have been identified by schools as being at risk of harm or engaging in criminal behaviours; CRUSH programme, CSE awareness, Anti-Social Behaviour and anger management
- One to one mentoring sessions – we work within schools to deliver one to one mentoring to young people referred to the service; Sessions pick up on issues such as Hate Crime, ASB, drugs and alcohol, Domestic Abuse, community responsibility, CSE, risk taking behaviour and internet safety .

The table below outlines the number of referrals in the last three years:-

Academic school year	September 14 – July 15	September 15 – July 16	September 16 – July 17
Number of Referrals	50	62	92
Referral Route - Schools	33	59	67
Referral Route - Connecting Families	13	15	23
Referral route – Channel Panel	1	2	2
Referral route - YMCA	3	-	-

Parenting and Family Support Service work to support children and young people

Parenting

- Provision of a range of age related parenting Programmes.
- Ensure that all safeguarding policies and procedures are followed; having professional curiosity with groups and being aware of parents disguised compliance.
- Keep updated with other services available for parents, child and young families to attend other than our own service that improves healthy lifestyles, access to affordable places to have family time, further education etc.
- Assess family's needs based on what they want to attend and what is needed to help better and improve the lives of Child and young people.
- Ask and make parents aware how much the child's lived experience is important to us.
- Sending worksheets and options for young people to have their say in how they feel they are parented and their view on their relationship with family member.
- Being a role model in groups we deliver to show health positive relationships.
- For the ultimate outcomes we ensure children are safe from harm: from parents accessing our groups for parents promotes parents to ensure their children live in safe environments such as PEEP we look at stimulating home environment and what that looks like and talk about internet safety for example through talking teens group. Also working closely with social care and improving working relationships with them for them to refer families to our service for parenting support and ultimately keeping children safe and parents role of this.
- Reach their full potential: we offer parents through PEEP to look at the early years of their children including their development and building a positive relationship.

Family Support

- Provision of targeted one to one family support working with the following principles:
 - The needs of all family members are taken into consideration, including extended family members if their involvement impacts the children we are supporting. Involvement of parents or other significant adults in assessment even if they do not live at the family home or their contact with the child/young person is minimal.
 - The views of the child/young person are key to our assessment and our evidenced within our recording.
 - Work with other involved agencies/professionals ensuring regular review meetings are held and information is shared.
 - An assertive approach and escalation of concerns.
 - Improving the lived experiences of the children/young people they support, through helping them to achieve their goals, access specialist services such as CAMHS, offering extensive emotional and practical support and ensuring parents are able to meet the needs of their children, if not further support is

put in place such as accompanying parents to appointments or referring to additional support services such as DWP.

- Building relationships by ensuring awareness of the family's history, their likes, dislikes and interests, by taking an active role in understanding their present situation and what needs to be changed in order for the children to be safer, happier and achieve their potential.
- Provision of extensive Protective Behaviours Support in order to ensure young people understand what are safe choices, they make informed choices in regards of relationships, how to keep themselves safe, who are their supportive networks, safety plans are in place etc. further training includes behaviour management/anger management, Autism Awareness, Solihull Approach and Solution Focussed Techniques.
- Support young/new parents to access the correct support such as safe adequate housing, specialist support for themselves, support groups, emotional and practical support to give their children a better future than they may have experienced themselves, by giving parents the tools, knowledge and emotional support to 'break the cycle'.
- Support young people to access alternative educational options if they have been excluded or are not coping within mainstream educational settings, exploring apprenticeship options or college courses.
- Ensure school have a good understanding of the child/young person's individual needs based on their abilities and the impact of home life or past experiences, ensuring school implement individual support to those pupils such as a mentor or time out cards.
- Support young people to access young people's groups and improve independence activities such as a catching a bus or going clothes shopping.
- Provision of budgeting support and work closely with Job Coaches, CAB and DWP.
- Working closely with social care, sharing concerns with community social workers, hosting a weekly allocations meeting which is attended by Social Care, Early Intervention Family Support, Parenting, Family Support.

Leisure and Cultural Services' support to children and young people

- Provision of a range of leisure services for families, children and young people to support both their physical and mental well being. Examples include:
 - Activities for children receiving free school meals.
 - Take Part Tighter for all ages activities.
 - Activity sessions during the school holidays.
- Partnership working with the police and community safety team to deliver diversionary activities at identified 'hot spot' locations.
- Use of section 106 monies for the provision of outdoor sports, play and leisure facilities.
- Provision of high quality green and open spaces to enable access to physical activity and supporting mental wellbeing.
- Development and support of community sports and cultural organisations to increase local provision to young people including grant funding applications for capital projects.

- Development and delivery of in school session to ensure high quality PE opportunities are provided within and outside of the national curriculum.
- Access to museums and theatres to provide learning opportunism, access to programmed activities (e.g. Youth theatre groups to develop skills in team work, social skills and confidence. History productions for local school to access).
- Provision of community centres that enable the voluntary sector and businesses to deliver local services eg play groups, nurseries, groups for children with disabilities.
- Listening to the views of children and young people through surveys and designed services to meet local need and aspiration.
- Provision of large scale community events programme to increase the quality of life of residents and to provide community cohesion opportunities for other public sector and communities bodies to engage with CYP.
- Operating a concessionary policy that support hard to reach families and removes financial barriers to participation and/or attendance which includes looked after children.
- Provision of numerous work placements, volunteering opportunities and apprenticeship opportunities to increase work place knowledge and experience and to offer young people greater life skills.

Planning and Regeneration's support to children and young people

- Providing appropriate play facilities in new housing developments.
- Consideration of secure by design standards to design out crime making developments safer and reducing the risk of anti-social behaviour.
- Supporting economic growth and employment opportunities for parents and young people.
- Supporting businesses to work with schools to promote the local skills young people need.

Voluntary Sector's support to children and young people

- Engagement with the local voluntary sector to promote volunteering opportunities for families.
- Engagement with the voluntary sector to support the provision of services that meet the local needs of families, children and young people.
- Awarding of grants to the local voluntary sector to fund services that support children and young people in their mental, physical and emotional wellbeing.