

## **Services for young people summary (December 2019)**

### **Statutory Guidance**

- Local authorities have a statutory duty to secure services and activities for young people aged 13 to 19, and those with learning difficulties to age 24, to improve their well-being. The Government is reviewing the guidance.
- Local authorities are responsible for securing, so far as is reasonably practicable, a local offer that is sufficient to meet local needs and improve young people's well-being and personal and social development.
- Under the guidance it is for local authorities to determine the mix of open access, targeted, preventative and specialist provision needed to meet local needs and how to integrate all services around young people and decide what facilities are needed and how to make these available and accessible, wherever possible maximising the utilisation and potential of all local partners' assets.

### **Background**

- Nationally there have been very large reductions in central Government funding on youth services which has led to reductions in local authority spending.
- Services provided by the Council focus on disadvantaged young people. The Council no longer provides detached or open access youth work. However this is still commissioned from the voluntary sector. A proposal in the 2017 Budget to reduce commissioned services led to a campaign by young people and £250k funding was reinstated from the Housing Revenue Account. Additional funding of £90k was agreed in 2018 for youth led grants and £10k for the Youth Bus.

### **Summary of services**

There is a wide range of services young people available in the city described in the [Services for young people factsheet](#) published by the Family Information Service. There are two main websites aimed at young people [www.wheretogofor.co.uk](http://www.wheretogofor.co.uk) and [www.brightonandhoveyouthcollective.org.uk](http://www.brightonandhoveyouthcollective.org.uk) .

### **Youth Participation Team (67 Centre in Moulsecoomb)**

Youth Advocacy Project – for children in care, children and young people on child protection plans and care leavers

- Children in Care Council – including Young Ambassadors (social work recruitment)
- Arts Award Programme targeted for children in care and receiving family coaching (Duke of Edinburgh Awards are now supported by south east DoE)
- Youth Council – including the Make Your Mark Campaign
- Youth Wise – Youth Cross Party Group (representatives from council and voluntary sector and councillors. Developed and allocated Youth Led Grants).
- Independent Visitors – volunteers who meet with children in care (68k budget)

## **Adolescent Service (Regency Road)**

Provides a comprehensive response to young people with complex needs with teams brought together into a co-located, multi-disciplinary service:

- The Youth Offending Service
- RUOK? a substance misuse team for young people
- A health team providing sexual health, mental health and wellbeing support
- An Adolescent Social Work Pod who work with the most vulnerable and risky young people in the city,
- Functional Family Therapy
- Extended Adolescent Service, which offers flexible support to children and young people at risk of becoming looked after or being exploited.

## **Youth Employability Service (Regency Road)**

- Careers and employability support for young people aged 16-19, who are not in education, employment or training (NEET).
- Support for young people aged up to 25 if they have had a statement, Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), or are a care leaver from Brighton & Hove.
- Advisers provide careers information and advice, guidance and support with finding the right college course, apprenticeship, training or job.
- Joint European project with the Supported Employment Team “Think Futures” aimed at 18/19s with multiple barriers and complex social, emotional and or mental health needs.

## **Integrated Team for Families**

- Family Coaches work with the whole families with multiple, complex needs that fall just below the social work threshold for 6-9 months.
- They work to improve education, parenting capacity, employment, health, domestic abuse, financial inclusion and anti-social behaviour /crime outcomes
- Youth workers were transferred into ITF as part of the restructuring of youth services. Council funding for this service has also been reduced. The service is also funded by the national Troubled Families programme.

## **Youth Funding for the Community and Voluntary Sector (£0.500m)**

- The Youth Grants Programme runs from 1st October 2017 to 31st March 2020 (extended to September 2020) with an annual budget of £400,000.
- Based on 4 areas of the city and 3 citywide equalities services, focussed on young people living in council houses. The funding is a grant, not a contract. Organisations work in partnership to meet youth and housing outcomes.
- Activities and support for young people across the city include:
  - Open access youth clubs
  - Detached/street based youth work
  - Healthy lifestyles and relationships
  - Volunteering opportunities
  - Arts based activities
  - Equalities based youth work

- A range of sporting activities
  - Participation opportunities
  - Youth Bus (run by Hangleton and Knoll Project)
- The contracts are managed by the Service Manager for the ITF, Youth and Parenting with co-ordination meetings with lead providers each quarter.
  - Progress was last reported to the Children and Young People's and Housing Committees in June 2019 ([Youth Service Update and Use of Housing Revenue Account Funding](#)). The Committees agreed that the current contracts should be extended to September 2020 subject to consultation with Area Panels. Presentations were made to the four Area Panels in September and all agreed that HRA funding should continue.

| <b>Lot</b>  | <b>Apr 19 – Mar 20</b> |
|---|------------------------|
| <b>Area 1: Hangleton, Portslade &amp; West Hove</b><br>Lead Provider – Hangleton & Knoll Project              | £79,000                |
| <b>Area 2: Whitehawk and the Deans</b><br>Lead Provider – Trust for Developing Communities                    | £61,000                |
| <b>Area 3: Moulsecoomb &amp; Patcham</b><br>Lead Provider – Trust for Developing Communities                  | £88,000                |
| <b>Area 4: Central Hove &amp; Brighton</b><br>Lead Provider – Brighton Youth Centre (plus Tarnerland and YPC) | £99,000                |
| <b>Equalities: LGBTU - Allsorts</b>   | £19,000                |
| <b>Equalities: BME - BMEYPP</b>   | £19,000                |
| <b>Equalities: Disability - Extratime</b>   | £19,000                |
| Aspire data management system contribution  | £16,000                |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>£400,000</b>        |

### **Youth Led Grants**

- Funding of £90,000 a year for Youth Led Grants programme designed and assessed by young people who agreed priorities on mental health, youth activities, alcohol and substance misuse, volunteering and work experience (see annex 1). £10,000 for the Youth Bus (Hangleton and Knoll Project).

### **Other funding**

- REBOOT offers support to vulnerable young people to prevent them being exploited into criminal behaviour. TDC is working with YMCA DLG, AudioActive and the Hangleton & Knoll Project) to deliver the REBOOT across Sussex.
- The Police Violence Reduction Unit are funding TDC to establish a Brighton Streets partnership for young people as part of an early-intervention model to reduce rates of serious violence, particularly knife crime.

### **Youth Centres and Buildings**

The table in annex 1 sets out the youth centres and other buildings used to deliver services for young people.

## Annex 1 – Youth Buildings

| <b>Voluntary Sector Buildings</b> |   |         | <b>Comments</b>                                      | <b>Council funding</b>                       |
|-----------------------------------|---|---------|--|--|
| Crew Club                         | 26 Coolham Drive,<br>WhitehawkBN<br>2 5QW                                     | East    |  | Funding from Communities & Third Sector Team |
| Brighton Youth Centre             | 64 Edward Street<br><br>BN2 0JR   | East    | Youth Grants main provider                           | Yes - Youth Grants                           |
| Young People's Centre             | 69 Ship Street<br><br>BN1 1AE   | Central | Linked to BYC  | Yes - Youth Grants                           |
| Tarner Community Project          | Tarner Park,<br>c/o 6 Tilbury Place<br>BN2 0GY<br>( Phoenix Community Centre) | Central | Linked to BYC  | Yes - Youth Grants                           |
| Youth Advice Centre (YMCA)        | 11 St Georges Place   | West    | Advice, support and guidance                         | Yes - housing, Youth Grants, NHS             |
| <b>Council buildings</b>          |   |         |  |  |
| 67 Centre                         | Hodshrove Lane<br><br>BN2 4SE   | East    | Used by the Council Youth Participation Team and TDC | Yes - Youth Grants                           |
| Portslade Village Centre          | Village Centre, 43 Windlesham Close<br><br>B41 2LL                            | West    | Leased to Extratime.                                 | Yes - Youth Grants                           |
| Woodingdean Youth Project (TDC)   | Warren Road,<br>Woodingdean<br>BN2 6BB  | East    | Now run by TDC                                       | Yes - Youth Grants                           |
| Coldean Youth Centre              | Beatty Avenue<br>BN1 9ED  | East    | Run by TDC   | Yes - Youth Grants                           |

Services are also provided by the Adolescent Service and the Youth Employment Service from Regency Road