

Surrey Heath Partnership Project Proforma

Surrey Heath Partnership Theme/s:

PROJECT NAME: Old Dean Priority Work

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Please give a description of the Project below:

This project seeks to co-ordinate partners to address priorities as identified by the data and the frontline services in the Old Dean area. Most of concern are issues affecting children and young people (including their parents), and work to support and enhance the capacity of the front line (housing, health, education) interventions will be key. This will be achieved through planning SMART, mainstreamed or sustainable, actions to improve the quality of life and life chances for the residents of the area. Partners are currently working to ensure targets are SMART. The action plan will be delivered locally by the Old Dean priority group.

This links to the work of the NW Children's Alliance Forum, and the review of this body will be important to the future of this work. It is proposed that as this priority is geographic, the priority would remain relevant in any new arrangements. Further links have been made with the schools confederation, and the surrey heath confederation of schools project manager is attending the meeting in September. The former head teacher of Lorraine/Pineridge retired at the end of the 09/10 school year. The new head teacher, will take up the post in September 2010.

Area Alliances have been tasked with identifying 2-3 priorities areas to progress over the next 12 months. In September 2009 the NW Surrey Alliance identified the following priorities:

- Focus on 14-18 yr olds who are or may become disengaged in the Maybury Sheerwater area. Preventing NEETs, preventing youth offending.
- Improving outcomes for children aged 0-5 years in the Maybury Sheerwater & Old Dean areas – particularly focusing on well-being speech and language therapy. Home-school links.
- looking at prevention, focusing on less acute mental health services and looking at wider issues of general mental well-being.

We have successfully reached agreement with the NW Children's Alliance that Old Dean should be one of the priority areas for NW. This means that all partners round the table have agreed to enable their organisations work on this. As a result we have now identified additional experts who will contribute to an even more robust and sustainable set of measures.

The third priority will also have an impact on Old Dean where the need for less acute mental health services are high and the subject has been identified by partners as one to be taken forward by the Old Dean priority group.

Current work streams:

- Local provision of support for children with speech difficulties. This has been identified as a main reason why some children do not achieve as highly as others and contributes towards low GCSE attainment. Workers currently being

- Provision of a rolling programme of frontline worker training so that people who work in the area can get advice about services and signpost to providers. First meeting on 21 April 2010.
- Financial literacy sessions being provided to all year 11 classes in Collingwood by Accent Peerless (Start date tbc)
- Targeted work for children of teenage parents. Project still being scoped out.
- Possible project to support male teens in not becoming teen parents.
- Possible mentoring scheme to support local young people, especially those moving into employment.
- Low level mental health support, linking into mentoring and new mental health strategy.
- Facilitating better housing provision by assessing the level of overcrowding, along with properties that are under-occupied to identify where provision can be allocated more appropriately.
- Provision of emergency contraception. Looking at where people currently access this and the provision of more local sites.

The Old Dean Community Group (ODCoG) are looking at better and more streamlined use of facilities on the Old Dean and how to maximise the impact of funding coming into the area. There is a review of building provision being undertaken to ensure that activities are run from the most appropriate venue in order to maximise their impact and achieve specified outcomes.

Please identify key partners in the delivery of this project below:

SHBC: leisure, environment, amenities, recreation, housing, - inc. links with Peerless Housing, domestic violence, integration with NW children's alliance.
PCT and GP: mental health, counselling, GP provision, contraception/teenage pregnancy, DA.
Schools: GCSE attainment, teenage pregnancy, contraception.
Children's Centre: Emergency Contraception; Teenage Parents, Domestic violence, income deprivation affecting children, low GCSE attainment, and mental health.
SCC Youth Development Service: Contraception, Teenage Parents, Domestic abuse and violence, mental health.
SCC Fire and Rescue: vulnerable and excluded young people.
SCC Local Partnership Team : project management, integration with LSP and NW children's alliance
Police : Domestic Abuse and Violence
Accent-Peerless Housing – housing management, mental health, DA
Vol sector and Business A mix of support 365/24/7 including mentoring, support to community groups and faith groups best complements professional support.

Please identify project milestones below:

Key Milestones	Year 1	Year 1 to 5	Year 5 to 10	Years 10 to 20
Research, partner group set up, ToR and priorities identified	x			
Add additional experts identified at NW alliance.	x			
Link to the area wide priority of the NW Alliance on mental health.		x		

Key Partners to identify SMART interventions	x	x		
Interventions and action plan as part of NW Children's Alliance	x	x		
First report to SHP Spring 2010	x	x		
Integration into service plans of partners	x	x		
Realignment of services in Old Dean to reflect key issues		x	x	

Please identify how this project will be managed below:

- 1) A project group: Old Dean Priority Group has been set up to develop and enhance co-ordination and capacity of key frontline services, and to provide a relevant local management and performance mechanism. The links with and support of the SHP, including faith, voluntary and business sectors will be key.
- 2) The NW C&YP Alliance is now under review, and it is recognised that if a borough confederation model is supported as the future model, that would be a strong asset to support the project. Of the priority areas agreed by partners, Old Dean is unique in having relatively poor outcomes related specifically to C&YP.
- 3) Links to the community group, ODCoG, are also important and the group have identified with and are supporting some of the work streams.

Please explain below how the project will add value to the Surrey Heath community, what will the outcomes of the project be?

This project will target the three most disadvantaged SOAs in Surrey Heath to raise the quality of life and life prospects, and will be a 5 year + project.

In the first stage, outcomes should include a better co-ordination of the range of interventions available for working on the frontline: 1) schools and children's centre, 2) Health including pharmacies, health visitors, mental health support providers and GPs, 3) Housing – including tenancy management, who have contact with many of the vulnerable families.

1. Emergency Contraception – increased availability and, over time, decreased use as young people reduce the risks they take.
2. Teenage Parents – provide support for existing parents and encouragement not to have a second child so young. Increase provision of emergency contraception and education; decrease the number of new teenage parents.
3. Domestic abuse and violence – increased reporting, and then reduced repeat offences, and a decrease in the number of incidents.
4. Income deprivation affecting children – maximise income & resources to families.
5. Low GCSE attainment – increase attainment by supporting children to learn at an earlier age, and identifying effective support for those “opting out” of learning.
6. Mental Health which often underlies the 5 areas above. Increase support available and access to existing services in order to better support people to live full and healthy lives.

Please provide the most recent update on the project:

The priority group met on 5th July 2010.

Following a brief review of progress to date, a series of themes for future meetings

were agreed:-

Worklessness (including NEET's);
Domestic Abuse;
Children in Need.

The group will meet in late September at the local GP surgery and the theme for the meeting will be health centre activities, plus confederation work.

There was a discussion about the closure of the Old Dean Advice Centre and the need to identify alternative venues to ensure that the services continue to be provided locally. VSSH are co-ordinating this work as part of Old Dean Community Group (ODCOG).

The group were advised of changes to the Children, Schools & Families services at SCC – there are now 4 teams that are responsible for:-

- Assessment;
- Children in Need;
- Child Protection & Court; and
- Looked After Children.