

THE ISLE OF WIGHT YOUTH INCLUSION FORUM

TERMS OF REFERENCE

OBJECTIVES

To deliver services that will ensure measures are in place to support children and young people and direct those who are most vulnerable away from crime, anti-social behaviour, substance misuse or unsuitable activities through community-based provision which promotes positive outcomes.

CORE AIMS

The Isle of Wight Youth Inclusion Forum will maintain a strategic multi-agency approach to create opportunities to:

- Ensure the voice of young people is heard in order to shape service provision.
- Promote a positive image and perception of children and young people.
- Reduce youth offending and anti-social behaviour.
- Co-ordinate funding and resources which divert children and young people into positive activities.
- Support activity-based initiatives to promote engagement and academic attainment.
- Contribute towards the development of pathway planning and access into integrated services or school-based initiatives.

MAIN TASKS AND PRIORITIES

- The continued development of effective partnership working to deliver optimum outcomes for children and young people and to identify risk areas within local services to ensure optimum partnership working.
- The maintenance of a co-ordinated approach by effective and clear communication to support achieving optimum outcomes for children and young people.
- Children will be central to, and involved in, all planning to achieve optimum outcomes and young people will be consulted through a range of communication forums.
- The Isle of Wight Youth Inclusion Forum will feed into and influence the Youth Justice Plan and ensure the objectives are aligned to the Isle of Wight Community Safety Partnership Plan and the Isle of Wight Children and Young People's Plan.
- The Isle of Wight Youth Inclusion Forum will ensure that local and national practice is focussed on inclusion to gain optimum outcomes for children and young people.
- The work of the group is to monitor and evaluate the identified tasks and activities in order that optimum effectiveness is gained for children and

- young people and to review its roles and responsibilities to ensure functions fit with the change agenda to deliver integrated services for children and families.
- The role, responsibility and functions will ensure equality and diversity issues are in line with Race and Equality Scheme.
 - The Isle of Wight Youth Inclusion Forum reports annually to the Children's Trust Board and Community Safety Partnership..
 - The Isle of Wight Youth Inclusion Forum will meet on a bi-monthly basis.
 - The Terms of Reference will be reviewed on an annual basis every January.
 - Commission relevant services by identifying evidence based needs in the community.

MEASURE OF SUCCESS

Success will be measured on these indicators:

- NI 017 – Perceptions of Anti Social Behaviour
- NI 019 – Rate of proven re-offending by young offenders
- NI 020 – Assault
- NI 069 – Children who have experienced bullying
- NI 070a – Reduce emergency hospital admissions caused by alcohol and substance misuse related incidents for children and young people
- NI 110 – To enable young people to take part in activities and opportunities that will assist their transition into adulthood. Helping young people to develop key skills with the view to increasing their involvement in their local communities, taking an active role in decision-making and therefore leading to improved outcomes in health, learning and personal & social development.
- NI 111 – Reducing the number of first time entrants (10 – 17) into the Youth Justice System
- NI 115 Substance misuse by young people
- NI 117 – 16 – 18 year olds not in education, employment or training

LINKED STRATEGIES

- Anti Bullying Strategy
- Community Safety Partnership Plan
- Children and Young Peoples Plan
- Compact
- Hear by Right
- Local Area Agreement
- NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training) Plan
- Parenting Strategy
- Young People and Substance Misuse Plan

MEMBERSHIP

- Community Safety Partnership
- Commissioner, Positive Activities
- Commissioner, Children's Centres and Health Schools and Extended Services
- Commissioner, Parenting and Family Support
- Commissioner, Alternative Educational Provision
- Fire, Community Safety
- High Sheriff
- Police, Community Safety
- Voluntary Sector
- Youth Offending Team

DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The Isle of Wight Youth Inclusion Forum will take into account the wide ranging views of the multi-agency representation and will attempt to reach a consensus. In the event of disagreement, a voting will be taken. In the absence of a majority, the chair will have a casting vote.

The Chair and Vice Chair will be reviewed on an annual basis. This should take place at the last meeting of the financial year.

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