

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO HEALTH, WELLBEING AND PARTNERSHIPS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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Report Title: SPACE 2019

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Portfolios: Community Safety and Wellbeing

Ward(s) affected: All

Purpose of the Report:

This report seeks to update the Scrutiny Committee on the coordination and delivery of SPACE 2019 for Newcastle under Lyme. This will include addressing the following questions:-

1. Does the Committee feel that the SPACE programme for Newcastle to date has been an effective way of addressing the issues of youth ASB?
2. Are there any improvements to the way that the programme was coordinated and delivered that should be considered to the 2020 programme subject to available funding?

1. Introduction:

- 1.1 SPACE 2019 is a programme of activities that runs during the school summer holidays across Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent. Young people aged between the ages of 8 and 17 can access the scheme. The Partnerships Team at Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council coordinate the programme for Newcastle under Lyme with funding from Staffordshire Commissioners Office.
- 1.2 Core funding is provided by the Staffordshire Commissioner for Police, Fire and Rescue and Crime across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent. Activities have been delivered over the 7-week summer holiday of 2019 between the 22nd July and the 30th August.
- 1.3 SPACE 2019 in Newcastle was co-ordinated by a partnership working group facilitated by the Borough Council's Senior Partnerships Officer with involvement from JOG partners:-
 - Staffordshire County Council – Families First.
 - Staffordshire Police.
 - Newcastle Borough Council Leisure section.
 - SCVYS.

- 1.4 The total amount of funding allocated for the delivery of SPACE 2019 in the Borough was £21,891.84. The Provision was split into 2 elements:-

The Core Universal Offer

Four external providers and the Borough Councils leisure facility were to provide a wide range of activities across the age range and these included:-

- Jubilee2 Gym Passes (£9,444.97)
- Bee Active (£3,936.87)
- Staffordshire Clubs for Young People (£2,640)
- Streetgames (£3,920)
- Time4Sport (£1,950)

The Targeted Offer

A further 100 young people aged between 8 and 17 were given free Jubilee2 gym passes. These young people were identified / referred by professionals and in need of positive intervention to divert them away from engaging in anti-social behaviour.

2. Coordination and Programme Delivery Overview:

- 2.1 Newcastle Borough Council coordinated and publicised SPACE 2019 programme of activities which included local media, social media, promotion through partners, schools and the local college. Queries were dealt with directly by Newcastle Borough Council and the services commissioned were evaluated on completion of the scheme along with provider's feedback and young person's feedback.
- 2.2 The evaluations completed highlighted the following for each activity:-

Jubilee2 Gym Passes

- 400 Universal membership passes (£15 per person) and 100 targeted (free of charge) membership passes were available for individuals aged 11 to 17 years old, (see breakdown of the gender and age ranges in the tables below).
- Leisure activities included swimming, climbing sessions and gym sessions.
- The membership pass has allowed them to use the facilities everyday throughout the holidays. Young people could use the gym daily between 10am to 5pm. They could go swimming daily (during any of the public/general swim sessions). This also includes / access to evening sessions and early morning.
- Climbing wall sessions had to be pre booked.
- Promotion undertaken through schools and social media seemed to attract most responses; parents seemed to be key in getting many young people signed up.
- Feedback was generally very positive and included feedback statements such as:
- 'A great scheme to allow our daughter to use the pass everyday' & 'Great value for money'.
- In summary there were total attendances of; Gym sessions: 2,970, Swimming: 2,419, Climbing: 169 attendances. All available memberships were used as part of the universal offer (400). The targeted memberships (100) were more sporadic

in attendance and there were only 20% of these who attended the full programme each week.

Universal Offer

Age	Female	Male
11	9	16
12	45	49
13	50	55
14	47	44
15	21	35
16	9	8
17	6	6
Total	187	213

Targeted Offer

Age	Female	Male
11	3	8
12	8	6
13	7	10
14	10	11
15	10	13
16	3	8
17	0	3
Total	41	59

Other Providers Attendance Overview

Provider	No. YPs	Attendances	Hours
StreetGames	271	720	1265
Time4Sport	43	154	308
Bee Active	19	54	324
SCYP	254	339	508
J2	500	5187	5187
Total	1087	6454	6502

Bee Active

- Provided a mix of all sports, games, crafts for children aged 8-12 years.
- Activities were held at Newcastle under Lyme College and Newcastle under Lyme School between the hours of 9:30 – 3:30 between Wednesday to Friday.
- The feedback that Bee ACTIVE received was all very positive, parents were happy with the programme that was provided and very grateful that this was open to them. This year there were only a small number of cancellations which is great to see. It worked well, working alongside support workers and also they booked it on behalf of the parents of the families they had supported.
- Overall there were 180 sessions of multi-sport activity, including lunch, provided for children between the ages of 8 & 12 – all recipients from targeted cohorts referred by relevant agencies.
- Only 2 ‘no shows’ at most sessions – generally the same individuals.

Staffordshire Clubs for Young People

- Provided youth club and archery sessions in Clough Hall Park and Talke
- The Talke afternoon club worked really well with a lot of parents giving positive feedback, this has prompted SCYP to plan for a food and fun Friday over next year’s summer period. It was noted that there was a lot more uptake from the younger age ranges for the provision than the older.
- As an addition as a reward for those regular attendants SCYP arranged a trip out for them which could be repeated should SPACE go ahead next year.
- There were 13 sessions hosted over the period.

Streetgames

- Multisport activities on parks and open spaces at the following locations; The Whammy, Audley, Bradwell, Silverdale, Kidsgrove within the afternoons and evenings weekly or twice weekly.
- The young people who attended really enjoyed the activities on offer. Football, cricket and dodgeball were the most popular sports followed by other ‘invasion’ games created by the coaches like Capture the Flag.

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- The young people were particularly keen to take part in cricket due to the 'buzz' created by the Cricket World Cup. Large games of cricket took place at sessions throughout the holidays.
- 234 young people in the 5 targeted communities engaged in positive sporting activities – a reduction in levels of ASB for the period should ensue. A total of 1090 attendances were recorded.

Time4Sport

- A programme of weekly multi sports took place at Clough Hall Park Kidsgrove (ST7 1DJ), Audley Park (ST7 8HB) and The Whammy (ST5 6HH).
- In total 13 sessions over the 2019 summer holidays were provided for young people aged 8-17 years old.
- Comments from individuals involved included..... 'We loved the dodgeball and rounder's activities'. 'It was great to make new friends and try new sports I have never tried before'. 'Hoping this will continue the next holidays'. 'Great to do some sports in the holidays. A lot of my friends don't live local so it was good to meet some new friends and try a range of sports'. 'My two loved the activities sessions Time 4 Sport did, we will back for more every week!'
- Numbers up from last year. Promotion of activities from everyone has helped the increase in numbers.
- 43 young people attended sessions in 3 targeted locations – 18 of these attended all the sessions provided in their location with an impressive average 80% attendance.
- Comments from the young people involved suggest a general satisfaction with the activity they attended.

3. Observations and learning from the evaluations:

- 3.1 Advertisement and publicity of the SPACE scheme was considerably earlier this year with a save the date poster that went live early June with the full programme advertised mid-June. This contributed to a more coordinated approach and allowed for provisions to be booked up before the school holidays commenced. Gym passes were able to be obtained before the holidays which allowed for them to start the membership as soon as the 22nd July.
- 3.2 In comparison to SPACE 2018 where it was decided that we would only accept referrals for children & young people living within in Newcastle-under-Lyme this year it was extended to include those attending schools within Newcastle under Lyme. This allowed for groups of friends to attend the provision regardless if one lives outside of a Newcastle Borough post code area so to not exclude from them peer network.

- 3.3 The partnership approach to the co-ordination of SPACE activities in Newcastle ensured that we were able to best utilise the knowledge and skills of partners across sectors.
- 3.4 Most of the activities met, or exceeded targets for attendance and received positive feedback from attendees and agencies involved.
- 3.5 Generally speaking activities that required no booking were easier to manage, but the nature of such activities meant that levels of attendance did fluctuate.
- 3.6 Drop-in activities were focused on target hotspot areas as identified through the JOG: these being Audley, Kidsgrove, Knutton, Cross Heath, Silverdale and Park Site.
- 3.7 Healthier fitter lifestyles offered to younger individuals and the experience to participate at a young age, has been encouraged to continue after the summer holiday period.
- 3.8 It was reported that a range of positive new peer relationships have been made and that the children and young people attending learnt about working in a team with their peers.
- 3.9 For subsequent years it is recommended that could consider possibly having a different membership offer for 8 to 10 year olds, as there were a number of younger individuals wanting to attend. This would of course be subject to available funding.
- 3.10 A total of 6279 attendances of young people attended the SPACE scheme in 2019, who live within Newcastle under Lyme, which can be seen on the table below.
- 3.11 There were total of the following attendances for; Gym sessions: 2970, Swimming: 2419 and Climbing: 169.

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Time4Sport	43	154	308
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Total	1050	6279	6327

4. Legal and Statutory Implications

4.1 N/A

5. Equality Impact Assessment

5.1 N/A

6. Financial and Resource Implications

6.1 Due to the funding only allowing for a certain amount of provision there were certain young people who could not attend. This was the case for the Jubilee2 gym passes as most went within a three week period from advertisement. If any further funding is obtained next year we will look to increase the capacity of the provision and provide more gym passes.

6.2 Unfortunately for the scheme this year we did not have the benefit of the Detached Youth Service provision due to transformation of the service. This meant that a number of activities during the summer period could not go ahead this time which were predominantly outings, specific trips and fishing sessions. This provision for SPACE 2018 made up a total of 59 sessions that contributed to younger person's activities that they could engage in and had been missed this time.

4.3 The coordination of SPACE 2019 for Newcastle under Lyme was done through the Partnerships team within the Borough Council working with internal colleagues and partners.

7. Major Risks:

7.1 The level of OPCC funding for next year 2020 is unknown at this stage so we may not be able to provide this service.

8. Sustainability and Climate Change Implications

8.1 N/A

9. Key Decision Information

9.1 N/A

10. Earlier Cabinet/Committee Resolutions

10.1 N/A

11. List of Appendices

11.1 N/A

12. Background Papers

12.1 N/A

