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SUBJECT: CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION GRANT: PRINCE'S TRUST

SUMMARY:

This is the final report detailing the progress of The Prince's Trust's Suffolk Family Focus project, for the period ending August 2014.

The project aims to support Suffolk County Council (SCC) in making a difference to the lives of families in Suffolk (Ipswich) identified through SCC's Troubled Families Initiative. The project is offering intensive mentoring to 15-20 young parents / people identified as being Suffolk Family Focus families or living within a Suffolk Family Focus family. The Prince's Trust is working to move the young people towards work, education and training through a combination of individual engagement and team-based programmes. The project includes group interventions involving the 'core' young parents and an additional 20 young people linked to Suffolk Family Focus families, with up to 30 places on 2 Get Into Programmes (Get Into Healthcare and Get Into Retail), 10 places on Team programmes and 10 Development Awards.

Using the grant awarded by Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner, The Prince's Trust employed a project co-ordinator specifically for the project. The report attached (Appendix A) covers: Outcomes, Planned Interventions, Caseload information, Case Study and Outreach activities.

UPDATE REPORT

1. PROGRESS:

Please see report attached from the project worker (Appendix A).

2. OUTPUTS & OUTCOMES:

Outputs and outcomes achieved against those proposed in the business case include:

- *15-20 young people identified as being Suffolk Family Focus families or living within a Suffolk Family Focus family will be given intensive mentoring and support;*
- **23 were actively engaged with.**

- *Group Intervention support involving young parents and an additional 20 young people from the local community who are also linked to Suffolk Family Focus Families;*
- **See below.**

- *Two 'Get Into' courses for up to 30 young people (maximum of 15 participants on each course) resulting in around 20 young people receiving 'Get Into' certification. This course offers employment progression pathways linked to locally based employment opportunities and apprenticeships. This will enhance their skills and experience thus enhancing their ability to gainful employment.*
28 attended the 2 'Get Into' courses and 22 received 'Get Into' certification.

- *Prince's Trust Team Programmes (10 places for a 12 week course);*
4 attended team.

- *Development Awards (for 10 young people);*
7 Development awards.

- *To help five young people secure employment status;*
6 went into work of which 5 were apprenticeships.

- *It is also intended that each young person engaged in the programme would participate in qualitative assessments measuring their perception of their journey and the impact on their relationships and engagement with others (e.g. with schools, friends, neighbours, and the wider community), and would also measure other areas such as attendance at school.*

3. FINANCIAL UPDATE:

The PCC spend on this project was towards the cost of the project worker who has now left. We spent £13,893 on salary and once expenses and line management costs are included we exceeded the £15,000

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS:

The project has been a great success as can be seen by the outcomes that were achieved in a shorter period of time than planned. Due to the project worker leaving The Trust to take on a new role closer to home, it has finished early.

We have had several meetings with the lead provider Suffolk County Council about this and we have agreed a hand over and further joined up working.

They have been pleased with the project from the outcomes that were achieved, the brilliant partnership working, and the learning that was taken from the project and that we will look to maintain contact next year with other activity.

The project has highlighted the major challenges that some of these young people have and the real intensive support that is needed to help them move forward from their chaotic lives.

Due to the recent work Suffolk County Council are doing on the Ipswich Youth Guarantee the project would not have been continued as this work will now be completed by the new contractor who has just been announced, EOS working with Tomorrow's People. We have already met with them to share our learning and see again how further partnership working can happen to the benefit of Ipswich troubled families and young people.

ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)	PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO'
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	N/A
Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted (<i>if there are any financial risks</i>)?	No
Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including equality analysis, as appropriate?	N/A
Have human resource implications been considered?	N/A
Is the recommendation consistent with the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan?	YES
Has consultation been undertaken with people or agencies likely to be affected by the recommendation?	YES
Has communications advice been sought on areas of likely media interest and how they might be managed?	YES
Have all relevant ethical factors been taken into consideration in developing this submission?	YES

In relation to the above, please ensure that all relevant issues have been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission.

Suffolk Family Focus Employment Project

Since the project went live in February 2014, a total of 29 referrals have been received. Of these, 23 have actively engaged in support and mentoring. Four young people are yet to be seen and three were either not within the project remit or were in positive outcomes by the time of their initial assessment.

Get Into Programmes:

Two young people started the GI Hospital Services programme but were unable to sustain attendance during a period when the project worker was away from work. This programme resulted in positive outcomes for other participants so emphasises the need for this particular group of young people to have ongoing mentoring and support during Princes Trust and alternative programmes.

Team:

One young person completed the Team programme and is now in employment. Three young people are enrolled on to the Team programme beginning in September.

Employment:

Six young people are now in employment. Five of these are in paid apprenticeships.

Training and Education:

Two young people are returning to education after support from the project.

Development Awards:

A total of 7 Development Awards at £710.00 have been awarded to date.

The project has been able to support young people who have previously disengaged with services. There has been strong interest in the project from agencies including Youth Offending Service, Safer Neighbourhood Teams and transition projects which work with young people leaving Pupil Referral Units.

Key contacts have been made which have resulted in some excellent partnership work.

Case Study:

The project worker contacted a company who were advertising on a national website for two apprentices. The project and its aims were explained to the company and it was suggested they recruit from the project caseload alone. This was agreed as the company were very keen to take on young people who faced disadvantages in gaining employment. Four young people made applications to the company and were supported at interview by the project worker. All four were taken on as apprentices and will be taught transferable skills such as sales, admin, design and screen printing. Additional agencies have been approached to help this group of young people remove the barriers to employment. Prior to this the young people selected had been NEET for between 1 and 4 years. The project will continue to offer support to help these young people to sustain their positive outcome and continue to full time permanent positions within the company.

Case Study:

One of the barriers to employment for many young people, particularly those travelling to a work place in Suffolk's rural areas is transport. Development Awards have funded provisional driving licences and referrals have been made to Wheels 2 Work. <http://www.communityactionsuffolk.org.uk/who-we-help/local-communities/community-transport/wheels2work/>

This organisation provide loan mopeds and safety equipment as well as putting young riders through the CBT driver training. The Seckford Foundation have agreed to fund this initiative for the first 6

weeks for two young men supported by the project who would otherwise have been unable to take up employment opportunities. <http://www.seckford-foundation.org.uk/>

Future Development:

Health & Social Care Programme run by Health Education East to tie in with the end of Team programme. This could be looked at again next year as would provide employment based outcomes for case load.

Moving On Project – Develop working with this organisation to build relationships and awareness of the project in Pupil Referral Units. The project could then work with some of the more troubled young people who would otherwise become NEET at the end of compulsory education. This could be done by one to one or group mentoring and referring on to PT programmes etc.