

Report of the Strategic Director, Place to the meeting of Bradford South Area Committee to be held on 27th October 2022

Subject:

Youth Service Update – Bradford South.

Summary statement:

This report gives an update on work undertaken by the Youth Service in the Bradford South Area in the past 12 months and outlines the direction of travel for the next 12 months.

Appendix A – Bradford South Youth Service Baseline Provision details the current provisions being delivered within the wards in Bradford South.

Appendix B - Bradford Youth Service South Ward Update gives an overview of ward work and developments

Appendix C – Bradford Youth Service South Ward Membership and Participation 2021/22.

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1. SUMMARY

1.1 This report gives an update on work undertaken by the Youth Service in the Bradford South Area in 2021-22.

1.2 The report outlines the following information:

- An overview of Youth Service provision in Bradford South.
- An update on how the Youth Service continues to respond to increased demand and complexity of need.
- An update on youth provision ward by ward and key developments.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The Bradford Council Youth Service is part of the wider Bradford District Youth Offer that aims to ensure the provision of a range of activities and services that take place in safe spaces, where young people can develop a sense of belonging, socialise with their peers and develop relationships with adults they can trust. It recognises that with the right supportive relationships, strong ambitions and good opportunities all young people can realise their potential and be positive and active members of society.

2.2 The Youth Service vision statement is to work with partners to ensure that young people grow up healthy, happy, informed and aspiring; proud of who they are, where they come from, and actively involved in their community.

2.2.1 Youth Service priorities are aligned to the five key elements of the Bradford District Youth Offer – as detailed in the table below:

<i>Youth Offer Element 1 – Information, Advice and Guidance(IAG)</i> Increase the numbers of young people accessing IAG through digital media.
<i>Youth Offer Element 2 – Voice and influence</i> Increase the numbers of young people participating in Youth Voice opportunities at all levels.
<i>Youth Offer Element 3 – Open access/detached</i> Deliver a diverse youth offer through working in partnership with the Voluntary & Community Sector (VCS) and local communities.
<i>Youth Offer Element 4 - Targeted provision</i> Increase the number of specific interventions to address the needs of vulnerable young people.
<i>Youth Offer Element 5 - Active citizens and young people's contribution to community life</i> Increase the number of young people having a positive impact on their community.

2.4 The Youth Service is managed as one service. Staff are contracted to the Youth Service and are allocated to areas.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 Youth Provision

Over the last 12 months' youth provision across all six wards has continued to respond to the needs of young people. Ward teams have worked with a range of community partners to ensure that young people have a network of support that enables them to engage in positive relationships. This work has taken place through a range of delivery methods including; detached, outreach and centre based sessions. This approach has enabled Youth Workers to respond to issues faced by young people and provide access to early help.

In October and November 2021, significant Youth Service resources were used to prevent and challenge the seasonal peak in Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) associated with Halloween, Mischief Night and Bon Fire Night. Youth Workers engaged young people in a 'Consequences' campaign that highlighted the impact of ASB and misuse of fireworks.

Between December and May 2022 Youth Workers focused on balancing the needs of young people through open access youth provision and small group work sessions. This approach enables Youth Workers to offer a menu of support to young people whilst increasing membership and participation.

Over the summer months Youth Workers offered activities in local parks that encouraged young people to respect green spaces and the members of the community. In addition, Youth Workers targeted young people making the transition between primary and secondary school and offered *Moving Up* sessions that helped build resilience.

3.2 Responding to demand and complexity of need

Over the last 12 months Youth Workers have responded to a significant increase in referrals from partner organisations to help address the following issues:

Domestic Abuse – some young people report that they have experienced domestic abuse within their family units.

Educational Anxiety – some young people report that they do not enjoy school and struggle to engage.

Isolation – some young people report that they feel disconnected from their community.

Self-Harm – some young people report that they have used self-harm as a means to cope with personal experiences.

The Youth Service has remained focused on meeting demand and delivered the following support through local youth provision:

One to One Support – young people are supported by a local Youth Worker who will offer a home visit and a series of interventions designed to build trust. Through these interventions youth workers will set goals and targets for young people and help them assess local support networks. This work helps address complex issues such as; Domestic Abuse, Child Sexual Exploitation and Family Breakdown.

Peer Support Groups – the Youth Service has developed a series of peer support groups that enable young people to come together and support each other for issues that are important to them. Many of these sessions have a central activity that helps young people to engage and build trust.

Youth Clubs – each ward has a youth club that enables young people to come together and socialise through a series of activities and programmes that help develop personal and social skills whilst encouraging thought and action on local area issues. Youth clubs are an essential component in developing independence and reducing dependency on specialist services.

Volunteering – as young people become older we encourage them to take on board more responsibility in the local community. Youth Workers support young people to participate in community action projects, helping others and developing employability skills through volunteering.

3.3 **Other work targeted at young people with specific needs including vulnerable and at risk.**

The Youth Service continues to provide direct support to young people at risk of exploitation. Through building trust with their Youth Worker, young people have reported feeling less isolated, more connected with their community and safer. Bradford South currently runs a number of targeted provisions all of which offer young people a safe space to engage in positive activities. This work helps raise awareness of issues such as serious organised crime, grooming and county lines.

3.4 **Youth Work support as part of Youth in Mind**

The Youth Service has been commissioned to deliver early interventions to young people across the district. This is a collaborative partnership with Bradford District Care Trust and Youth in Mind (YiM) which offers help to young people for their mental health and well-being and seeks to reduce demand on specialist services.

Over the last year, Bradford South has received over 400 referrals from the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS), School Nurses & other professionals. These referrals are allocated to Youth Workers who act as Buddies to young people, their role is to befriend them, support them using an early help approach and navigate local support networks.

In addition, Youth Workers work closely with all secondary school in Bradford South and help identify students who need support for their health and well-being. Youth Workers support these additional caseload in schools, delivering 1:1 work on a weekly basis developing young people's confidence, self-belief and resilience.

Youth Workers also support young people in hospital offering interventions that promote self-care and connect them to local services that offer crisis support.

3.5 **A Partnership approach**

The Youth Service is supported by a wide range of partners in each community. Youth Workers work with local partners to understand the needs of the community and help build capacity to deliver bespoke projects. These projects help build stronger relationships with the local community and increase participation, action and ownership on local area issues.

Within each ward Youth Workers work alongside Ward Officers to map local area issues and develop responses. A good example of how this can be seen in the weekly Anti-Social Behaviour Reports that are shared by the Police with the area office. These reports allow Youth Workers to identify where ASB is impacting on the community. Youth Workers visit the locations, engage the community and feedback to ward officers who track and monitor the impact of the interventions.

Mapping and understanding the root causes of local issues provides an opportunity to plan and develop longer term responses that local partners are supported to lead on. This enables funding to be secured and additional resources to be invested.

3.6 **Trainees**

In September 2021 Bradford South welcomed a new Youth Work Trainee to the team. The trainees will be with us for 1 year and will support the development of Youth Voice initiatives that ensure young people have a greater role in shaping service delivery. The trainees will also help identify gaps in provision and develop new projects that respond to the needs of young people.

3.7 **Post Covid Response and Intergenerational Work**

In September 2021 six young people from Bradford South were employed as Young Covid Recovery Ambassadors (YCRA). The Ambassadors undertook local Youth Work training to support them in their role integrated in to local teams. They worked alongside Youth Workers to engage young people and identify local area issues. This information was then collated and analysed for patterns and trends and then shared with Public Health Bradford. The information collected by the YCRA was integral to responding to local issue and supporting the community to recover from the Covid pandemic.

3.8 **South Wide Provisions**

Bradford South currently leads on the delivery of 3 area wide projects. These sessions are for young people to attend from across Bradford South. The area wide sessions are themed to suit young people's needs, interests and increase our Youth Offer. Information regarding the South Wide provisions can be found in both Appendix A and Appendix B with data on membership and participation in Appendix C.

3.9 District Wide Youth Work

The District Youth Work Team delivers the Breaking the Cycle project which provides an intensive intelligence led intervention to young people who are identified as being at risk of or who are being actively criminally exploited. The project works with young people, referred in by other professionals across the district where there are concerns or intelligence to suggest the young person is at risk or involved in serious, organised or violent crime, urban street gangs, county line trafficked, those identified as being actively criminally exploited or who may be exploiting others, or sometimes both, those who have higher than yellow Anti-social behaviour sanctions, drugs or weapons markers (as either users of, suppliers of or have been found in possession of), or who have out of character or unexplained missing incidents. Currently the team are working with over 500 individual young people who are on one of 3 levels of intervention - intensive where a young person receives support, which can be as frequently as daily, weekly or lighter touch.

- 3.10 Young people who are referred in to the Breaking the Cycle project have a bespoke 1-1 intervention that works alongside other professionals (including social care, health, education and police) to ensure the young person is flagged appropriately for their exploitation and their risks are appropriately managed. The team use a resilience framework to evidence distance travelled and work every day with colleagues through the risk management meeting to ensure the intervention is making a difference. The Service is also part of the monthly MACE meeting that looks to creatively work with young people who are 18 plus and where there are still concerns about their exploitation. All full time youth workers working in Breaking the Cycle are trauma informed, and certified, having undertaken bespoke training they are certified Bronze (Trauma Aware) and Silver (Trauma Informed) practitioners and are due to become Gold certified in late November. This means the Youth workers in the district team are well placed to work alongside the vulnerable cohort of referred young people who have experienced early childhood trauma, or who are facing trauma now as part of their ongoing exploitation.
- 3.11 Breaking the Cycle has been recognised for their practice, having been evaluated by the home office, Warwick university and as part of the Ofsted inspection for children's services that identified that the service was effective.

The team are currently working with 518 open cases, having had referrals totalling 1369 in the lifetime of the project.

Risk indicators – identified / evidenced at initial referral

Serious, Organised or violent crime	29%
Urban Street Gangs	46%
County Line Trafficked	32%
Criminally Exploited / Exploiting others	62%
In receipt of a higher than yellow ASB Sanction	42%
Weapons marker (user, supplier, possession)	35%
Drugs marker (user, supplier, possession)	46%
Out of character / unexplained missing incident	27%

This figure has only been captured in recordings in the last 6 months

3.12 Recognising that the work of Breaking the Cycle is focussed on supporting those who are criminally exploited the team have secured further funding to upstream the work and this enables work to take place where there are early indicators of exploitation. This includes work in the A&E department at BRI hospital 7 nights a week, working 4pm to midnight the team see young people who attend hospital due to incidents of violence, sharp instrument injuries or with injuries that do not match their explanation. The team will also work with those who present with contributing factors to exploitation like drug or other substance misuse, overdoses and those in mental health crisis. This work has seen hundreds of interventions with young people from across the district and provides support to young people as they go through treatment services at the hospital, which includes on ward and at point of discharge there is an onward support offer. This gives continued support, building on the relationships started in the hospital environment. This work is highly respected and has proven to be successful at identifying early signs of exploitation. The team work closely with clinical staff in the department to ensure the voice of young people is heard and that they get the right support during their stay in the department.

3.13 The district team also provide a service to young people in crisis through the work of the focussed deterrent car. This sees police and youth work colleagues working together across the district deployed to live time incidents of serious violence, with a remit of working together to prevent incidents of violence reoccurring once victim and perpetrator have been removed from a street based incident. The team is deployed in the aftermath of incidents of serious violence and fill the vacuum often left when the victim has been taken to hospital, suspect arrested and what is left young people in the streets.

- It is de-briefing young people after an event who haven't been directly involved but might have witnessed it.
- To speak with witnesses of serious violence after an incident to see if they will support prosecutions or consent to interventions and support.
- To deploy into areas in which have high levels of ASB / concern around child exploitation to engage with young people.
- To deploy alongside proactive police and partner's resources, to de-brief tactics such as stop and search.

3.14 Officers undertaking this work with Youth Workers are positive about the difference made with one officer recently feeding back to their Inspector that:

"It was the best shift she has worked in a long time and how her eyes have been opened to the work that Breaking the cycle does.

She had no idea how vulnerable some of the youths are that you work with, and she could not believe how they opened up to the youth worker and the valuable intelligence they were offering up when speaking to them.

Most of the caseload is in the area where the police officer works she realised that one of his caseload is one that she had referred a few months ago. It has given her faith that the system works and the referrals we make are actioned. She is going to go back to her team and reiterate how valuable the referrals are.

It is clear that the partnership between the Youth Service Breaking the Cycle and the Bradford District Policing is working and that Bradford is leading the way in this level of partnership working.

- 3.15 The Youth Service also have a district team of apprentices, recruited to work on the UNICEF Childs Rights agenda this team of young people are undertaking level 3 learning in the college and are deployed into placements across the district.
- 3.16 The Youth Service, as part of its district wide offer provides workforce development to the youth work practitioners working across all parts of the district. Over recent months the service has inducted new starter staff, and provided training that has developed understanding of world affairs and the impact these have on our district. The “solutions not sides” sessions were organised to provide an informative understanding of the Palestine situation. This packed training session enabled youth workers to have a safe space in which to discuss the situation and to understand its impact on the districts citizens. This training is to empower youth work staff to start and feel increased confidence to have difficult conversations with young people in youth work settings.
- 3.17 The district team has also utilised their skills and knowledge and are the provider of training around county lines and criminal exploitation for the multiagency safeguarding partnership. This has seen large numbers of people who work with young people from a variety of settings trained to spot and be more exploitation aware. Every Neighbourhood Policing Team have also had a bespoke awareness and training package about the work of the Breaking the Cycle team. We have also delivered training to 2 youth club settings outside of district, a health centre / GP Practice team and students and staff at the college in Shipley and Bradford.
- 3.18 The Youth Service has run a very successful kickstart programme, recruiting 11 young people to be trained to become sports leaders. Each participant has had part of their working week in their own learning where they have worked towards gaining a range of sports qualifications, and part of their week where they have worked in placements in a range of locations that has enabled them to put into practice their sports learning. As they have come to the end of their kickstart placements a number of the young people have gone on to secure employment with the Council and with some of our partner organisations.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

- 4.1 The Youth Service base budget remains unchanged for 2022/23. The service has filled vacancies and recruited additional staff to fulfil commissioned service delivery inc: Youth in Mind, Breaking the Cycles and Positive Futures. Some of this commissioned work is geographically specific which may mean that we see demand being met with additional Youth Work resources.
- 4.2 The District Youth Service Team is funded through a combination of Council budget (Children’s Services & Public Health) external grants (Violence Reduction Unit) and ‘fee earning’ externally commissioned services (Health).

The overall budget for the District Youth Service Team is £1,088,000

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

The implementation of the planned budget for the Youth Service is subject to the internal risk management plan of the Council and progress is reported to the Place Departmental Management Team.

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

No issues.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

The Youth Service as part of the Council's commitment to the District has a responsibility to ensure that the service is accessible to all young people and that participation in the service reflects this approach.

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The Youth Service delivery enables local initiatives to be supported, encouraging groups and individuals to undertake activities that improve the social, economic and environmental well-being of their communities.

7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

Greenhouse gas emissions and wider environmental impacts was a consideration of the Buildings Review.

7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

Young people from across Bradford South engaging in weekly sessions and specialist provisions are directly and indirectly involved with supporting and developing community safety within their local area. Voice and influence is central to youth work delivery ensuring young people's ideas, suggestions and thoughts are heard.

The strengthened approach to the devolution of the Youth Service as will allow for:

- an increased sense of local democracy for both young people and communities
- young people to be more active in democratic, decision-making processes alongside their political representatives
- the voice and influence of young people to remain central, meaningful and paramount in identifying and addressing needs and issues in their communities
- the requirements of the localism/devolution agenda to be met effectively and efficiently

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

There are no direct Human Rights implications arising from the recommendations below.

7.6 TRADE UNION

All budget proposals are subject to consultation with the Trade Unions.

7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

The information in this report is related to all wards in the constituency and appendix B outlines the Youth Service projects and activities delivered across South.

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None.

9. OPTIONS

9.1 That Bradford South Area Committee adopts the recommendations outlined in this report.

9.2 That Bradford South Area Committee adopts the recommendations outlined in this report, with amendments.

9.3 That Bradford South Area Committee decides not to accept the recommendations outlined in this report.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 That the work undertaken by the Youth Service in the Bradford South Area as detailed in this report be welcomed.

11. APPENDICES

11.1 Appendix A: Bradford South Youth Service Baseline Youth Provision

11.2 Appendix B: Bradford South – Youth Service Ward Updates

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

12.1 Youth Service – Area Committee Report 2021

Appendix A

Bradford South Youth Service Baseline Youth Provision - 2022

TONG WARD			
For more information contact Chris McMahon, 07582101456, chris.mcmahon@bradford.gov.uk			
Day/Time	Activity	Location	Frequency
Monday 4:30-8.00pm	Targeted Group	TFD Centre	Weekly
Tuesday 5.30-8.00pm	Youth Club	TFD Centre	Weekly
Wednesday 5.00-7:30pm	Targeted Group	TFD Centre	Weekly

WYKE WARD			
For more information contact Patrick Nyaroko, 07582103696, patrick.nyaroko@bradford.gov.uk			
Day/Time	Activity	Location	Frequency
Wednesday 6.00-9.00pm	Detached	Wyke	Weekly
Thursday 5.30-8.00pm	Youth Club	Delph Hill Centre	Weekly
Friday 5:30-8:00pm	Youth Club	Delph Hill Centre	Weekly

QUEENSBURY WARD			
For more information contact Helena Rhodes, 07582108191, Helena.rhodes@bradford.gov.uk			
Day/Time	Activity	Location	Frequency
Tuesdays 3.30 - 6.00pm	Outreach	Queensbury	Weekly
Wednesday 5.30-8.00pm	Youth Club	Victoria Hall	Weekly
Thursday 5.30-8.00pm	Youth Club	Victoria Hall	Weekly

ROYDS WARDFor more information contact Stephen Harrison, 07582101715, stephen.harrison@bradford.gov.uk

Day/Time	Activity	Location	Frequency
Tuesday 6.00-8.30pm	Youth Club	Buttershaw Youth Centre	Weekly
Wednesday 6.00-8.30pm	Targeted Group	Buttershaw Youth Centre	Weekly
Thursday 6.00- 8.30pm	Youth Club	Buttershaw Youth Centre	Weekly

WIBSEY WARDFor more information contact Tracey Gill, 07582100683, tracey.gill@bradford.gov.uk

Day/Time	Activity	Location	Frequency
Monday 6.00-8.30pm	Youth Club	Wibsey Rugby Club	Weekly
Tuesday 6.00-8.30pm	Youth Club	Buttershaw Youth Centre	Weekly
Wednesday 6.00-9.00pm	Detached	Wibsey/Odsal/Bankfoot	Weekly

GREAT HORTON WARDFor more information contact Zwelani Mayo 07582107053, zwelani.mayo@bradford.gov.uk

Day/Time	Activity	Location	Frequency
Monday 6.00-8.00pm	Youth Club	Great Horton	Weekly
Wednesday 6.00-8.00pm	Target Group	Scholemoor	Weekly
Thursday 6.00-8.00pm	Youth Club	Great Horton	Weekly

Bradford South Constituency WideFor more information contact Anthony Casson, 07582100684, anthony.casson@bradford.gov.uk

Day/Time	Activity	Location	Frequency
Tuesday 4.00-6.00pm	Peer Support Session	Buttershaw Youth Centre	Weekly
Thursday 4.00-6.00pm	Peer Support Session	Park Ave FC	Weekly
Friday 5.00 -8.00pm	Peer Support Session	TFD Youth Centre	Weekly

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SCHOOLS WORK				
For more information contact Anthony Casson, 07582100684, anthony.casson@bradford.gov.uk				
Day	Activity	Academy	Frequency	Target group
Monday & Tuesday	1:1 Support	Tong	Weekly	Health and Well Being
Wednesday & Thursday	1:1 Support	BBEC	Weekly	Health and Well Being
Friday	1:1 Support	Appleton	Weekly	Health and Well Being
Tuesday & Thursday	1:1 Support	Forsters	Weekly	Health and Well Being
Monday	1:1 Support	Trinity	Weekly	Health and Well Being
Thursdays & Friday	1:1 Support	Coop Grange	Weekly	Health and Well Being

The above table provides an overview of the work that is delivered in secondary schools in Bradford South. Each youth worker will hold an average case load of 12 young people who they provide one to one support to over a half-term. This enables youth workers to work with a large number of young people over the course of a school year. The impact of these early interventions helps reduce exclusions and maintain attendance whilst also reducing the demand on specialist services. The support received is unique to each individual but often focuses on emotional well-being, anxiety and low self-esteem.

The impact of this '*school based support*' has been the growth of '*community based*' peer support groups across the constituency. These groups offer young people the opportunity to share the 'self-care skills' that they have learnt with others. We commonly refer to these groups as – Connect Peer Support groups.

Bradford South – Youth Service Ward Updates:

Great Horton

Youth Workers have continued to build successful community partnerships that provide young people with an opportunity to engage in new activities that promote health and well-being. As a result of our partnership with the *Capital of Cycling* more young people have participated in learning how to build and maintain their own bike. This project aims to increase recycling and reduce pollution.

Our partnership with *Scholemoor Beacon* continues to deliver a range of projects and activities. As a result of engaging young people in these sessions young people have been provided with opportunities that have helped divert them away from Anti-Social behaviour. In addition, we have also worked together to meet the needs of vulnerable young people identified as needing personal, social and emotional support. Our partnership with the *Youth Association* has resulted in more visibility of Youth Workers in and around Great Horton Village Hall, increasing the interaction levels with young people.

Our partnership with the NPT has helped address Anti-Social behaviour (ASB). Through a targeted approach we have built trust with the community and identified cohorts of young people who need to be supported. Through sustained contact and interaction with the targeted groups we have aimed to reduce levels of anti-social behaviour in local hotspots. Youth Workers remain concerned for the root causes of ASB including Serious Organised Crime (SOC) and are supported by the Youth Service's *Breaking the Cycle* team to map issues and identify responses.

Queensbury

Youth Workers continue to work in partnership with local groups to support young people to access a wider range of provision in the local area. A good example of this is illustrated in the work delivered over the summer. Working with AKA enabled the partnership to draw down funding from Holiday Activity Fund to increase the reach to children age 7-19yrs and support families who receive free school meals. This allowed young people to access dance and a play scheme at Victoria Hall. Over 45 children and young people attended the provision and every child participated for free, took part in taster sessions for the youth club clubs and activities available year round.

After this the youth sessions have seen an increase in new members and young people from the area have engaged with youth workers. Whilst, youth workers have also highlighted some students from the summer programme who may need additional support to succeed in school and offered to follow this up in Tic Tac session.

Royds

Youth Workers have continued to support the development of the Shoulder to Shoulder partnership which helps bring together a wide range of community partners. The partnership provides has increased opportunities for young people to use Buttershaw Youth Centre and other local projects. Examples of these new sessions include a parent led group for young people with

additional needs and a 18-25 year old group focusing on employment skills.

Youth Workers continue to work with Sandale Community Organisation to provide young people from Woodside with access to a weekly youth club. The partnership has also supported a project that provides young people with a safe space to explore personal identity. This project further extends the number of specialist groups run by the youth service and local partners.

Youth Workers support Big Joe's Boxing Academy to deliver a number of sessions that encourage young people to participate in non-contact boxing club. The club promotes the value of health, fitness and nutrition as well as looking at how to improve mental health. This is a very popular club that is currently oversubscribed.

Tong

Partnership work is a continued process for the work we do at the TFD and we realise that if we are to be a successful project having the partners that share our long term visions are integral. Over the last year Youth Workers have supported the redevelopment of the TFD into what will become a Family Hub and hope that this will provide the community with an opportunity to access a broader range of partnerships.

Outloud is a project that Youth Workers have help build capacity to support the ongoing need for interventions around health and well-being. The project is now supporting the development of the Holme Wood community safety partnership via the strengths of the relationships that it has built with the local community.

Youth Workers continue to work in partnership with Dance United who support young people and families to come together to take part in a range of sessions that build confidence through self-expression and group work. Youth Workers have also supported a partnership between Clarion Housing and e:merge that provides young people with access to sports and health sessions at the TFD. These two partnerships make use of the sports facilities at the TFD and ensure that new members have the opportunity to integrate into the other youth sessions on offer.

In addition, Youth Workers continue to supporting young people and the community through our outreach programme with several local schools. These partnerships allow youth workers to build relationships with young people that they have supported over the summer as they make the transition to secondary school. As a result, youth workers are able to offer access to the partnerships at the TFD.

Youth Workers continue to work closely with Ward Officers to map Anti-social behaviour. Knowledge and relationships built with families have been key to challenging anti-social behaviour. We have often been able to support groups of young people to move to areas where they are perceived to cause less issues including parks and the field at the TFD.

Wibsey

In response to the increased levels of vulnerability, the youth work team has run a Transition programme that worked with local schools to target vulnerable young people in year 6. Over the summer these young people were supported through positive activities that provided them with an opportunity to feel more confident about starting secondary school. These young people will continue to be supported over the next year and it is hoped that this will reduce the risk of exclusion and the need for specialist support.

Youth Workers have continued to grow our partnership with Bradford Park Ave FC. This

partnership has enabled us to increase support for young people that benefit from smaller targeted groups that support issues such as anger, low self-esteem and self-harm. The sessions that have been developed at Park Ave have enabled Youth Workers to respond to an increased number of vulnerable young people that access our open access sessions.

Youth Workers have supported a number of young people on a one to one basis and have worked in partnership with services such as Children's Social Care, Early Help and the Police to ensure that young people are safe and families are supported. We have also been able to extend the offer of support and access to youth provision through the use of Bittershaw Youth Centre.

Wyke

The team have worked with local partners including ward officers and NPT to map areas of concern and building relationships with young people in the local area. The team have sought to build trust with individuals and use this trust to influence and change attitudes and behaviour towards the park and other users. We have used outreach sessions over the summer to promote access to local facilities including Sedbergh Sports Centre and the Delph Hill Centre.

Young people continue to access youth provision on a Thursday and Friday evening. During the sessions young people from across Wyke are supported to take part in a range of activities and projects that they have helped design. We continue to support a group of vulnerable young people to access our Wednesday peer support session. The aim of this group is to help build confidence and self-esteem in a group of young people who would otherwise not engage in local provision. Youth workers have created a safe space where young people can support one another to feel less isolated, more connected with their community and safer. Young people learn how to manage their health and well-being and participate in workshops that focus on coping with anxiety. Young people learn self-care techniques that help them become more resilient. As a result, young people are supported to access new groups and activities in the local community.

The team have developed a fantastic working relationship with Appleton Academy and offer support on a weekly basis to a wide range of young people. The main focus of this work is on issues such as anxiety, low self-esteem and anger. As a result of delivering these sessions young people are supported to start attending our targeted groups that offer peer support and then into our Wyke Youth Club.