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The Central Line

With Spring almost upon us it's good to know the growth and development of youth work provision and services for our young people continues to grow across Cambridgeshire. The National Youth Agency continues the campaign for a National Youth Work Policy and Labour's John McDonnell has committed to a manifesto that would create local authority statutory youth services as part of the national education service, creating lifelong learning from cradle to grave.

Following a successful professional development day with much positive feedback we have seen our first grant award in excess of £3000 from the Satellite Clubs Living Sport fund. Well done to Cydney Dobbs, Lizzi Wales and the team who will be supporting NEET young people in Fenland with this external funding. We have also had the first meeting of the "Exploring Behaviours" working group which was extremely positive.

This month we expect the outcome of the 2nd round of the Big Lottery Youth Investment Fund, to commence recruitment for the YPW and programme coordinator post linked to Essential Skills for Life DfE funding and to finalise NCS staff recruitment for another year. Later in the newsletter you will see an update from Vickie Crompton's team about the resources available to YPWs supporting Young People with DASV issues. We have also coordinated several training opportunities across the District teams and now have a subscription to Vanessa Roger's online library so that you can access and download her resources and session plans to inform your group work <http://www.vanessarogers.co.uk/catalog>. EHAMs who have online access will be downloading these resources to your shared spaces as appropriate. If you can think of something that will support you

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The [YSS Portal](#) contains information, policies and procedures to help you in your work.

in your group work please do get in touch.

Finally NCS referrals for this summer’s programmes continue to come in with a couple of our programmes full already. We must ensure we are prioritising our Yr 11’s engaging in Early Help services so please ensure you are passing on referrals to Kim and the team.

Liz Morris, Youth & Community Manager

NEET Performance and RPA

NEET Data for January 2018

The NEET data for January with comparison to this time last year:

Measure	Result Jan 2018	Result Jan 2017
16-18 yr olds NEET	2.5%	2.8%
16-18 yr olds Not Known	0.7%	1.0%
16/18 yr olds NEET and Not Known	3.2%	3.8%
Year 12 In Learning	95.6%	95.0%
Year 13 In Learning	91.3%	91.4%

These results show that we are comparable or in most cases, better achieving than this time last year. These are fantastic results and should be celebrated.

Vulnerable Groups NEET Data – January 2018

YOS – Post 16 NEET %	29.0%
YOS – Post 16 Not Known %	14.5%
YOS – Post 16 NEET & Not Known %	43.5%
LAC/Care Leaver 16+ NEET %	33.3%

The YOS NEET performance has deteriorated slightly, however when working with such small numbers, the performance can fluctuate quite easily. The LAC/Care Leaver figure is a slight improvement from last month.

Vulnerable groups Comparison Data – December 2017

Teenage Mothers

Academic Age 16-17	Teenage Mothers	Not known %	NEET	NEET %	NEET & Not Known	NEET % & NK %
ENGLAND	2,555	10.4%	1,190	62.1%	1,390	73.5%
EAST OF ENGLAND	311	2.0%	237	79.8%	243	86.5%
Cambridgeshire	32	0.0%	19	59.4%	19	59.4%
Central Bedfordshire	8	12.5%	4	50.0%	5	62.5%
Peterborough	27	11.1%	14	51.9%	17	63.0%
Southend	22	0.0%	14	63.6%	14	63.6%
Thurrock	7	0.0%	5	71.4%	5	71.4%
Suffolk	41	0.0%	30	73.2%	30	73.2%
Luton	9	0.0%	7	77.8%	7	77.8%
Norfolk	63	0.0%	52	82.5%	52	82.5%
Hertfordshire	39	5.1%	31	79.5%	33	84.6%
Essex	54	0.0%	52	96.3%	52	96.3%
Bedford Borough	9	0.0%	9	100.0%	9	100.0%

SEND 16-17 Year olds

	December 2017						
	16-17 yr olds with SEND	% In Learning	NEET	NEET %	% not known	NEET & Not Known	% NEET & Not Known
ENGLAND	43013	86.7%	2659	6.2%	4.5%	4597	10.4%
EAST OF ENGLAND	4863	89.4%	338	7.0%	1.3%	399	8.4%
Thurrock	171	91.8%	5	2.9%	0.0%	5	2.9%
Essex	630	95.7%	16	2.5%	0.6%	20	3.2%
Southend	151	94.0%	1	0.7%	5.3%	9	6.0%
Cambridgeshire	592	90.5%	36	6.1%	0.7%	40	6.8%
Luton	185	89.7%	11	6.0%	2.7%	16	8.7%
Norfolk	1025	87.8%	87	8.5%	0.9%	96	9.4%
Peterborough	208	86.5%	19	9.1%	0.5%	20	9.6%
Hertfordshire	867	85.7%	73	8.4%	1.3%	84	9.7%
Central Bedfordshire	198	87.9%	12	6.1%	4.0%	20	10.1%
Suffolk	707	87.4%	63	8.9%	1.6%	74	10.5%
Bedfordshire Borough	129	86.8%	15	11.6%	0.0%	15	11.6%

These results show that Cambridgeshire is performing well in comparison to Eastern Region Colleagues with regards to the vulnerable groups. This is excellent work.

Mark Cowdell, Targeted NEET Manager

Congratulations!

Youth & Policy Article

Congratulations to Laura Burgess who has had her article on 'Reframing professional views of complex work with young people in care' published. Laura is a YPW in the Fenland District Early Help Team and is studying for her Social Pedagogy (Youth Work and Community Learning and Development) BA (Hons).

Read Laura's article on the [Youth & Policy website](#).

Policy and Information

Update on the Availability of Minibus/MPV Driver Assessments from Cambs County Council

This notification contains important information for current and past users of Cambridgeshire County Council's 'MIDAS' minibus driver assessment scheme.

Please contact us if you are interested in becoming a new user of our new driver training services below.

Many of you will be aware that, the County Council has launched its own CCC in-house away Minibus/MPV driver assessment scheme, called 'CAMDAS'.

We are pleased to announce that we have finally appointed our new 'CAMDAS' trainers/assessors, who will be conducting Minibus/MPV assessments from FEBRUARY 2018.

Full details of the new 'CAMDAS' Minibus scheme are in the attached '[Guidance Notes](#)', along with new '[Application Forms](#)'.

Clients will see many similarities with the former 'MiDAS' scheme, i.e.

- types of assessments available
- application forms and approval process.

Key changes with 'CAMDAS' include:

- Pricing Structure – in order to offer affordable, cost effective assessments to clients, course prices will be continually reviewed and so may vary from time, but will be clearly communicated to clients on application, including details of any discounts for multiple assessments at one location, where possible. Clients will be billed for their assessments on approval of their application.
- Booking Assessments – the new 'CAMDAS' trainers will arrange this directly with clients, on mutually convenient dates/times and locations, Clients will no longer need to do this. Multiple assessments will still be possible at one location, as before.
- Minibus Driving Guide – as an alternative to the former 'MiDAS' classroom theory sessions, all 'CAMDAS' clients will receive a copy of this on approval of their application. Clients should read this prior to their on-road assessment and raise any questions with their trainer.

- 'CAMDAS' Certificates – electronic copies of these will be emailed to clients. However, physical copies will still be available on special request.
- Expiry Dates – 'CAMDAS' certificates will now be valid for 5 years instead of 4 years. Clients will receive renewal reminders 3 months beforehand.

Clients waiting for outstanding assessments are requested to return completed application forms to me at their earliest convenience and we will endeavour to process these for you, as quickly as we can.

As a reminder, all expired 'MiDAS' certificates were and remain extended, until drivers are able to take their new 'CAMDAS' assessment with us.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused by the delay in launching our new 'CAMDAS' scheme, but are very grateful to our establishments for their patience and cooperation and numerous correspondence in this.

Indeed, individual replies will be sent shortly to those of you, who have emailed with more specific enquiries.

I hope the above helps, but please contact me if you need anything more.

We look forward to supporting all your future driver training needs at 'CAMDAS'.

Kind regards,

Ann Marie Bailey, 'CAMDAS' Scheme Manager

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Support available for young people affected by Domestic Abuse or Sexual Violence

Young People's IDVA – works with 13-19 year olds (24 with special needs or ex-LAC) that are experiencing domestic abuse in their own intimate relationships. To make a referral

http://www.cambsdasv.org.uk/website/referral_forms/296136

Children and Young People's ChISVA - works with 13-19 year olds (24 with special needs or ex-LAC) that are experiencing current or historical sexual violence or sexual abuse. Rape Crisis also provide counselling for young people. To make a referral

<https://www.caprccp.org.uk/professional-referral-form/>

Embrace – offer free counselling to 13-19 year olds (24 with special needs or ex-LAC) that have experienced domestic abuse or sexual violence or been a witness to these, and young people showing low-level perpetrating behaviour due to experiencing or witnessing these. To make a referral

<https://embracecvoc.org.uk/refer-a-child/>

Break4Change is a group work programme designed for families where children are abusive or violent towards parents or carers. The programme consists of two groups running in parallel: one for parents/carers, and the other for young people. The programme runs for 10 weeks, one evening per week. Next Programme running in

April. For more info and to make a referral contact Matthew Pink by [email](#) or call 01223 507220

YMCA provide a holding programme for Break4Change (starts on 7th March in Huntingdon - referrals needed) and Respect Programme for schools. For more information and to make a referral please contact [Clare Taylor](#).

Domestic Abuse Champions Network aims to have champions across all agencies that can offer support and advice to colleagues. DA Champions will receive free specialist training and access to network with DA specialists and other Champions. Quarterly meetings taking place across the county, see [attached flyer](#) for details.

Contact details for the new Emotional Health and Wellbeing Practitioners

In last month's newsletter article 'Emotional Health and Wellbeing' we included information that had been sent out to schools in respect of new services and support around the areas of emotional health and wellbeing. At the time of sending the information, there was not a telephone number for the new Emotional Health and Wellbeing Practitioner Service - only an email address. The EHWP Team Summary document has now been updated with this and is available on the [YSS Portal](#).

MOMO is now live!

The MOMO app is now ready for use for those who have attended training. For those of you who have not had the chance to attend training, please find [attached information about MOMO](#) and some [practice guidance](#). This will help you understand what a great tool MOMO is for using with children and young people to help gain their wishes and feelings, and the guidance will let you know what to do if you receive a Statement from a young person.

Alongside this, if you wish to use MOMO and haven't had training yet, you will soon hear from a MOMO Champion in your area to organise training for you and your colleagues. The Early Help Champions are Collette Mansfield and Rachel Archer.

Free Resources

Safer Internet Day 2018

Safer Internet Day was celebrated globally on Tuesday 6th February 2018, promoting the safe and positive use of digital technology for all children and young people.

To celebrate, Vanessa Rogers put together a [FREE VR youth work resource pack here](#) to raise awareness about all things online from keeping safe to sexting. Complete with worksheets and activities to engage and educate, this pack can be used at any time to kick start discussions about values and attitudes in a digital world.

Funding

Youth Social Action Funds

A £50 million investment as part of the #iwill campaign, coordinated by Step Up To Serve, has been launched to help increase the number of young people taking part in social action. UK Community Foundations will distribute grants for local social action opportunities through their network of 43 Community Foundations in England. There are various deadlines for applications.

[More information here.](#)

Sutton Trust Summer School Programme

The [Sutton Trust Summer Schools](#) programme provides students from non-privileged backgrounds with an opportunity to taste student life. During previous application rounds, the programme has provided an opportunity to over 1700 students to experience student life at the universities of Bristol, Cambridge, Durham, Edinburgh, Imperial, King's College, Nottingham, St Andrews, and UCL.

All expenses are met by the Trust and participating universities.

To apply, applicants must be in Year 12 or equivalent and have always attended a state school or college. In addition, applicants need to come from neighbourhoods with low overall progression rates to higher education or high levels of socio economic deprivation.

Applications for the 2018 programme are now open; students who meet the selection criteria may register an interest by completing the

online survey via the link on the website. The application deadline is 17.00 on Thursday, 15th March 2018.

Family Breaks Support Programme

The Youth Hostel Association is offering a free two-night stay with meals in Youth Hostels in England and Wales to families struggling with financial hardship, disability, long-term illness, bereavement, homelessness or other challenging circumstances.

One break per year at a YHA Youth Hostel (a list of participating hostels is on the website) is available to families with up to two adults and children aged 2 – 18 years where the annual household income is below £25,000.

All the Youth Hostels available within the programme are located within city, rural and coastal areas that are easily accessible by public transport. Families will be provided with a private room and meals throughout their stay.

To apply for a [YHA Breaks family holiday](#) simply fill out an application. Or, get in touch with the YHA Breaks team by emailing breaks@yha.org.uk or calling freephone 0800 0191 700.

YHA Challenging Places Support Programme

Organisations working with children and young people who live in deprived areas can apply for a 2-night break package through the Youth Hostel Association's (YHA) [Challenging Places Support Programme](#).

Applications can be submitted by schools, registered charities, community and voluntary organisations on the behalf of any individual or group of young people who meet the YHA's criteria. Schools and groups can reapply annually as long as the application is for a different group of young people.

To be eligible the children or young persons must be between the ages of 8 and 18 and must live in an area recognised as deprived (please see the YHA website for further details about which areas qualify).

Applications can be submitted at any time.

The Japan Society Small Grants Programme

Educational establishments such as schools and colleges as well as community based organisations that wish to develop projects and events related to Japan and Japanese culture are able to apply for funding through the [Japan Society's Small Grants programme](#).

The awards support projects with an education or youth focus. Most awards are of £1,000 or less and should not, in principle, cover more than 50% of the total budget. Applications may be made at any time and applicants are informed of the decision within 4 weeks of receipt of the application.

The Japan Society Small Grants give priority to projects:

- Which enhance understanding and awareness of Japan and its culture
- With an education or youth focus

- Which include an element of participation
- Which focus on the local community or take place in the regions

Previous projects supported include Witchford Village College which ran a Japan Day for year 9 students. It involved a variety of activities, such as kendo and taiko drumming performances, Japanese cookery, origami folding and haiku writing. The Japan Society small grant was given to support the workshop leader, lecturer and performer of the event.

Funding to Celebrate Women Gaining the Right to Vote

The Government Equalities Office is currently seeking application through the £1.5 million [Women's Vote Centenary Grant Scheme](#). The aim of the fund is to support local and community groups across England in celebrating the centenary of women gaining the right to vote.

The grant scheme has two types of funds:

- Approximately 150 Small Grants of between £300 to £2,000 for grassroots projects to run small-scale events and activities to celebrate the centenary of women gaining the vote. There will be three bidding rounds during 2018.
- Up to 30 Large Grants of between £2,000 and £125,000. These will fund projects that increase the understanding of, and engagement with, democracy, and encourage women to participate in public life. There will be two bidding rounds during 2018.

There will be three funding rounds during 2018 and the next closing date for the large grants programme is the 27th February 2018. Round 2 will be open around April 2018, for projects between £2,000 and £65,000.

The small grants programme is currently closed and will re-open for applications on the 15th March 2018.

Training

Please note staff must check with their line manager before applying to go on a course, whether or not there is a charge.

Workforce Development Team

New booking system

LGSS Learning and Development have now integrated their booking system to a different Learning Management Systems (iLearn) for all the Social Care Workforce Development including Adults Safeguarding and Children's Early Help. You can now view and book the full offer available from LGSS Learning and Development on iLearn <http://lgss.learningpool.com/>.

If you do not already have an iLearn account, you will need to create one to book a course. In order to do this simply select the course you want to book, click 'Create new account' and follow the instructions. By doing this you will now have access to your personal learning record which will include all eLearning and face to face courses. Social Care courses will only be included for attendance from the 19 February 2018.

If you need any further information, help or support please contact the Learning and Development team at

LGSSLearning@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Assessment & Analytical Skills

- Wed 07 Mar 2018, 09:30 – 16:30, Young People March, March

Challenges to Parental Substance Misuse

- Mon 26 Mar 2017, 09:30 – 12:30, Cambs FA, Impington

Critically Reflective Supervision

- Fri 09 Mar 2018, 09:30 – 16:30, Stanton House, Huntingdon

Facilitating Groups

- Mon 05 Mar 2018, 09:30 – 12:30, CPDC, Cambridge

Impact of Parental Substance Misuse

- Wed 25 April 2018, 09:30 – 12:30, Hartford, Huntingdon

Introduction to Systemic Ideas & Practice

- Wed 7 March 2018, 09:30 – 16:30, CPDC, Cambridge
- Fri 23 Mar 2018, 09:30 – 16:30, CPDC, Cambridge

Responding to Child Sexual Exploitation

- Tue 13 Mar 2017, 09:30 – 16:30, All Saints Church, Hartford

Safeguarding Adults & Children

- Thu 22 Mar 2018, 09:30 – 16:30, Young People March, March

Safeguarding Children & Young People

- Thu 15 Mar 2018, 10:00 – 16:30, Cambs FA, Impington

The Role of the Lead Professional

- Wed 14 Mar 2018, 09:30 – 16:30, Young People March, March

What is Neglect?

- Mon 19 Mar 2017, 09:30 – 12:30, Cambs FA, Impington

LSCB Courses

Course descriptions and how to book onto LSCB courses can be found on the LSCB [website](#).

Other News and Information

Support Cambridgeshire

[Support Cambridgeshire](#) builds the capacity of voluntary organisations, community groups and Parish Councils and builds strong relationships between Councils and this sector.

Support Cambridgeshire is commissioned by Cambridgeshire County Council. It is a county-wide partnership between Hunts Forum, Cambridge CVS and Cambridgeshire ACRE, who collectively deliver:

- Training and advice on funding, governance, data protection, finance, recruiting volunteers and more – see [website](#) for more details
- Topic-based networking opportunities on key issues
- Parish Council conferences and peer learning events: cambsparishes.wordpress.com
- Regular eNewsletters, social media and email updates

- A website full of useful information:
www.supportcambridgeshire.org.uk
- A searchable funding portal:
www.idoxopen4community.co.uk/supportcambms
- Voluntary and community sector voice and representation at County Council meetings
- An annual State of the Sector survey
- Support for timebanking, time credits, community organising, business engagement and corporate social responsibility.

Transition period to replace LSCBs to start in May

A 15-month transition period to replace outgoing local safeguarding children boards (LSCBs) with new arrangements is set to get under way in May.

On the back of recommendations made in Sir Alan Wood's 2016 review of LSCBs, the current system is set to be replaced with a new way of investigating child deaths.

A newly-published [DfE document outlining approved timetables for key reforms within the department](#) reveals the new regulations will be put in place by May 2018, with local authorities being required to have their new arrangements in place by September 2019.

Legislation to reform multi-agency safeguarding arrangements formed part of the Children and Social Work Act 2017, which sets out the new safeguarding duties.

However, the legislation is yet to be formally enacted. Once the legislation is triggered, the requirement for councils to have LSCBs will be replaced with a requirement on three partners - local authorities, the police and the health service - to make arrangements for working together on child protection in a local area.

Under the DfE's plans, safeguarding partners will have up to 12 months to agree the arrangements for themselves, and any other relevant agencies they consider appropriate, to work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in their area.

Following publication of local arrangements, safeguarding partners will have up to three months to implement the changes. Once the arrangements have been published and implemented, the LSCB for the local area will cease to exist.

Youth violence prevention initiative set to expand to fifth London hospital

Redthread has announced plans to expand its award-winning hospital youth work service to a fifth emergency department in London.

The London-based youth work charity wants to place a team of youth workers in the emergency department at Homerton University Hospital in Hackney to support young people who are victims of violent crime.

Redthread youth workers try and speak to young victims of crime within the first few hours of them attending hospital, in an effort to engage the young person over lifestyle or behaviour problems that have contributed to them being injured.

The charity's [Youth Violence Intervention programme](#) currently runs in the capital's four major trauma centres based at King's College

Hospital, St Mary's Hospital, St George's Hospital, and The Royal London.

Crouch calls on sector to contribute to civil society strategy

Organisations working with children and young people have been invited to contribute to a new government strategy that will encompass elements of youth work and social action.

The civil society strategy, launched by civil society minister Tracey Crouch in November, is intended to provide an opportunity to explore ways to build new partnerships within and between sectors and communities.

The government said it wants the strategy to, among other things, support young people to play an active role in building a stronger society.

The [engagement exercise](#) is open for anyone to share their opinions, experiences and feedback over the next 12 weeks.

If you would like this information in an alternative format please contact 01223 715492

