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The Central Line

I hope you have all managed to have a good break over the summer and to benefit from the lovely weather that we experienced. The new academic year is an exciting time and will see the launch of many new groups and projects. This includes the Aim Higher Programme as part of the Essential Skills for Life Social Mobility Work across East Cambs and Fenland, more on this from Emma Choolun, Programme Manager, in next month's newsletter.

Centrally, across services and with partners, we continue to explore additional funding opportunities, to grow our services and extend our reach through meaningful group work interactions and positive activities for young people and their families. Whilst we were unsuccessful in the Trusted Relationships Fund, the Home Office outcome letter noted the high level of interest and applications received and congratulated us on reaching the final shortlist. We continue to work with partners including the police and fire service and will shortly submit a bid through the PCC office to the Home Office Early Intervention Youth Fund. Engaging in consortia bids and working across agencies has highlighted the need to think about our ability to build trusted relationships with young people who are at risk of exploitation and will continue to feature in our exploitation strategy.

I hope colleagues are motivated by the new academic year and I hope we will continue our collaborative and energetic approach to improving our services with the resources we have available. September will see the launch of our "Exploring Behaviours" modular programme. A big thank you to the YPW and YOS colleagues who have collaborated on

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this which further illustrates that our staff are our greatest asset and resource.

I would like to welcome Kim Sewell and Belinda Wright who have been appointed as LYW East Cambs and LYW Fenland respectively to the Essentials Skills for Life Social Mobility team led by Emma. We are in the process of appointing two youth workers to support them.

Also a good luck to Faye Ackroyd EHAM YO City as she leaves us for a 12 month secondment to the Early Help Hub. Faye has made a significant contribution to youth work and young people in Cambridge City over many years and she will be very much missed.

Liz Morris, Youth & Community Manager

NEET Performance and RPA

NEET Data for July 2018

The NEET data for July 2018:

Measure	Result July 2018	Result July 2017
16-18 yr olds NEET	3.1%	2.9%
16-18 yr olds Not Known	0.5%	0.7%
16/18 yr olds NEET and Not Known	3.6%	3.6%
Year 12 In Learning	93.4%	93.8%
Year 13 In Learning	90.0%	90.8%

Below is a table to show how we compare with our Eastern Region Neighbours.

	Academic age 16-17						Quintile
	NEET	NEET % NEET / (cohort - 710 - 720)	Not known	% not known NK / (cohort - 710 - 720)	NEET and NK	% NEET and NK (NEET + NK) / (cohort - 710 - 720)	
EAST OF ENGLAND	4314	3.4%	432 4	3.4%	8638	6.8%	
Thurrock	66	1.7%	1	0.0%	67	1.8%	1
Cambs	380	3.1%	66	0.5%	446	3.6%	1
Herts	679	2.7%	382	1.5%	1061	4.2%	2
Essex	1048	3.3%	548	1.7%	1596	5.1%	3
P'borough	192	4.2%	65	1.4%	257	5.6%	3
Luton	159	3.1%	178	3.5%	337	6.6%	4
Central Beds	148	2.6%	239	4.2%	387	6.8%	4
Southend-on-Sea	116	3.0%	158	4.1%	274	7.1%	4
Norfolk	734	4.3%	541	3.2%	1275	7.5%	4
Suffolk	614	4.2%	592	4.0%	1206	8.2%	5
Bedford	178	4.8%	155 4	41.8%	1732	46.6%	5

This shows that we continue to achieve very well compared to other local authorities in the eastern region.

September Guarantee

The latest report for September Guarantee shows that we continue to do well – we are on course to achieve some good results for September Guarantee. We do however need to continue to keep on top of this and follow up on all young people that have no offer of learning recorded. This should continue throughout September. Any issues with recording Baselines, please speak to Mark Cowdell or a Client Researcher.

	30/08/17	08/08/18	22/08/18	Difference to last year	Difference to 2 weeks ago
Year 11	96.3%	92.8%	95.2%	-1.1%	+2.4%
Year 12	87.6%	87.7%	90.0%	+2.4%	+2.3%

ASPIRE Training

A reminder that we are putting on some more ASPIRE training for Practitioners and Managers on 11th September at Huntingdon Youth Centre.

9:30am – 12:30pm – ASPIRE Workshop for Practitioners (mainly aimed at YPW's)

1:30pm – 4:30pm – ASPIRE workshop for Managers (aimed at Early Help Assistant Managers and District Managers)

Please book onto the workshops via iLearn.

Mark Cowdell, County NEET Manager

Children & Young People Now Awards

The 2018 shortlist is announced!

Children & Young People Now have announced the finalists for this year's Awards. The Awards recognise and showcase the best organisations, teams, individuals, initiatives and resources in the UK, shining a light on the hard work, innovation and dedication of those working with children, young people and families.

Cambridgeshire County Council's NCS SEND Summer Programme, led by Kim Jeffries and Natalie Taylor with the support of Liz Morris and the Central YSS office, has been shortlisted in the National Citizen Service Award category.

The winners will be revealed at a gala ceremony on the evening of 21st November at the Hurlingham Club in London.

Policy and Information

Violence Against Women and Girls – Newsletter

The latest VAWG newsletter is available on the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Partnership [website](#).

Contraception & Sexual Health

Young people can now request a postal STI test kit through [the iCaSH website](#).

Opportunities for Young People

UK Youth Parliament launch UK's largest survey of young people

Young people can now take part in the UK Youth Parliament's 'Make Your Mark' campaign, the UK's largest survey of young people's views. Young people aged 11-18 are invited to take part in the ballot to shortlist what is debated in the House of Commons by Members of Youth Parliament later this year.

The annual ballot, which has taken place since 2011, contains 10 policies voted for by Members of Youth Parliament including tackling homelessness and knife crime, support for youth services, ending period poverty, mental health in schools, and making public transport cheaper and more accessible.

Following the campaign, priority issues will be brought to the attention of Government Ministers including Tracey Crouch MP, Parliamentary under Secretary of State for Sport and Civil Society, who is due to attend the UK Youth Parliament's House of Commons Sitting and will reply on behalf of the Government.

Young people can take part in the consultation by visiting: www.ukyouthparliament.org.uk/makeyourmark - the closing date is 10th October and the Commons debate will take place on 9th November 2018.

Funding

Grants for Social Action Projects with Young People (Cambridgeshire)

[#iwill](#) is a UK-wide campaign that aims to make social action part of life for as many 10 to 20-year-olds as possible by the year 2020. Run by national charity Step Up To Serve, [Cambridgeshire Community Foundation](#) is managing the fund with the aim of make a positive difference to young people in communities across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

Grants, from £1,000 to £5,000, are available for groups working with young people between the ages of 10 and 20 years old (or 25 for young people with learning disabilities.) Funded activities can include campaigning, fundraising and volunteering, all of which enable participants to make a positive difference to their communities.

Applications are welcomed from Charities, Charitable Incorporated Organisations, Community Interest Companies and Social Enterprises. The programme will fund:

- Staff costs i.e. full-time staff, part time staff and other related expenses
- Development and capacity building costs to help build capacity and sustainability of organisation e.g. staff/volunteer training, external consultancy fees
- Volunteer costs for reimbursements of expenses, e.g. telephone calls, travel and meals

- Activity costs to cover resources to facilitate a project or activity that fall outside capital, volunteer or staffing costs, e.g. catering, insurance

The deadline to apply is the 1st November 2018.

Support for Environmental Outreach Education for Disadvantaged Young People

Schools, colleges and youth groups can receive up to 80% towards the costs of providing environmental outreach education for groups of disadvantaged young people through the [Field Studies Council's Kids Fund](#).

There are two types of Kids Fund course:

- Wildlife and Environment focusing on wildlife habitats and the environment with team building activities and;
- Eco Adventure which combines environmental and personally challenging activities.

One free staff/adult place is provided for every 12 young people; additional adults pay 20% +VAT. This includes all equipment, tuition and waterproof hire costs. Food and accommodation are included for residential courses.

The next closing date for applications is the 1st November 2018.

Useful Links: [Application Form](#)

Funding for LGBT Projects Run by Young People

[vInspired](#), the Volunteering Charity, has announced that its Cashpoint grants scheme is has announced that its Loud and Proud grants programme is open for applications. These grants are accepting applications for LGBT+ projects.

The Cashpoint grants scheme offers grants of up to £500 to give young people (aged 14-25) the opportunity to bring their ideas to life. The funding is available to individual young people (or small groups) who have developed a project idea and will run the project themselves. Projects must be run on a volunteer only basis and funded projects must create at least 2 new volunteering opportunities for 14-30 year olds (in addition to the applicant). vInspired cashpoint must be the only funder for the project.

There are no closing dates for applications and grants will be awarded on a continuous basis until all available monies are exhausted.

Useful Links: [Apply Online](#) / [FAQs](#)

Funding for Projects in Arts, Crafts and Architecture, Literacy and STEM Subjects

Schools and not for profit organisations can apply for grants of up to £12,000 for projects that encourage young people's interest in the [Arts, Crafts and Architecture, Literacy and STEM subjects](#). All applications are expected to link in with either the National Curriculum or with recognised qualifications.

Funding is available via two funding streams.

- The small grants programme (grants under £4,000) supports state schools and small registered charities which require a small amount of pump-priming in order for projects to take place. The programme

is a rolling one, with meetings at roughly two-monthly intervals throughout the year.

- The large grants programme (grants up to £12,000) is aimed at larger scale education programmes.

The next closing date for applications to the large grants programme is the 31st January 2019.

Useful Documents:

[Standard Application Form](#) / [Schools Application Form](#)

Training

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

Learning and Development Team

LGSS Learning and Development courses, Children's Early Help, are now listed on [iLearn](#).

Please find below a list of courses which are due to take place in September and October 2018 and still have several spaces available.

- Thu 06 Sep 2018 - Safer Recruitment - Cambridgeshire - Young People March, March
- Thu 06 Sep 2018 - Introduction to Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder – Babbage House, Cambridge
- Wed 19 Sep 2018 - Child and Adolescent Development - CPDC, Trumpington, Cambridge

- Wed 19 Sep 2018 - Engagement, Assertiveness & Challenge - Hunts FA, Huntingdon
- Thu 20 Sep 2018 - An Introduction to Autism - Young People March, March
- Fri 21 Sep 2018 - Graded Care Profile: Assessing and Responding to Neglect - CPDC, Trumpington, Cambridge
- Mon 24 Sep 2018 - Safer Recruitment – Cambridgeshire - CPDC, Trumpington, Cambridge
- Thu 27 Sep 2018 - The Role of the Lead Professional - Young People March, March
- Tue 02 Oct 2018 - An Introduction to Autism - Young People March, March
- Thu 04 Oct 2018 – Life Story Work - Stanton House, Huntingdon
- Thu 04 Oct 2018 - Introduction to Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder - Butts Grove Centre, Huntingdon
- Wed 10 Oct 2018 - Complex Conversations – Cambridgeshire - Young People March, March

LSCB Courses

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

Other News and Information

Transforming children and young people's mental health provision

The Department of Health and Social Care has [published the government's response](#) to the Children & Young People's Mental Health Green Paper consultation earlier this year. With 2,700 responses from young people into the consultation, the key concerns of young people are that:

- Those out of education should still be able to access mental health support
- Design of services should be based around the specific and distinct needs of young people
- Mental health education should be incorporated into the curriculum
- The effectiveness and outcomes of interventions and counselling services should be measured.

Report: UK Youth – “A Place to Belong”

New research published on 9th August by national charity, UK Youth, suggests that youth loneliness is a 'common experience' and could affect all young people with 82% of youth workers agreeing that loneliness is an issue for the young people they work with.

UK Youth's report, 'A Place to Belong', which was funded by the Co-op Foundation – the UK's leading funder of projects tackling youth loneliness – collated quantitative and qualitative data from youth workers across UK to

explore the role of local youth organisations in addressing youth loneliness, focusing on the perspective of youth workers.

The research found that despite youth loneliness being widespread, young people seem to face barriers when talking about feeling lonely with 73% of youth workers disagreeing that the young people they work with actively seek help to tackle the problem.

Read more, including the report, on the [UK Youth website](#).

Government to review Council youth work statutory guidance as part of Civil Society Strategy

The government is to undertake a review of statutory guidance that requires local authorities to provide youth services under plans outlined in its recently published Civil Society Strategy.

The strategy, [Building a future that works for everyone](#), states that a review of the guidance for councils to provide "appropriate local youth services" is needed as a result of significant changes to the way services for young people are delivered since it was last scrutinised in 2012.

The document states that the review will provide "greater clarity of the government's expectations, including the value added by good youth work".

The National Youth Agency has produced a summary of the strategy most relevant to the youth sector:

- The government is committed to making sure all young people have opportunities to develop the skills, networks, and resilience that can improve their life chances, fulfil their potential, and to support them

to avoid negative pathways in future, including those at risk of serious violence or exploitation.

- The public funding of open access youth services has always been the responsibility of local authorities. The government recognises that despite the pressures on public sector finances new thinking has emerged, supporting innovation, new partnerships, and collaboration spanning public, private, and civil society partners.
- The government recognises the transformational impact that youth services and trained youth workers can have, especially for young people facing multiple barriers or disadvantage. The government will review the guidance (last reviewed in 2012) which sets out the statutory duty placed on local authorities to provide appropriate local youth services.
- With respect to future policy, the government will build systems to ensure that young people both have their views heard and are able to play a role in delivery.

Rough Sleeping Strategy to include care leaver support

Measures to support vulnerable groups of young people at risk of becoming homeless have been announced by the government as part of its strategy to tackle rough sleeping.

The cross-government [Rough Sleeping Strategy](#), launched on 13th August, includes plans to create specialist personal advisers to provide intensive support to care leavers at greatest risk of homelessness.

Specialist personal advisers will be established in the 47 councils in England with the highest rates of rough sleeping among care leavers thanks to a grant of £3.2m.

The strategy highlights that around 10% of rough sleepers in London were once in local authority care.

The strategy also includes plans to create the Young Futures Fund SIB, which will be aimed at young people aged 18 to 24 not in education, employment or training at risk of homelessness.

The SIB will be administered jointly by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport and Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government and funded through the £135m collected from dormant bank accounts earmarked for social investment.

The increased homelessness risk that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) young people experience is also recognised in the strategy. The document cites research that has shown 7% of young people sleeping rough identified as LGBT.

New unit to tackle exploitation of vulnerable young people

A new national response unit will be established to help local authorities support vulnerable children at risk of exploitation by criminal gangs.

Children and Families Minister Nadhim Zahawi announced on 28th August the unit, backed by up to £2million investment, will offer bespoke support to local councils to help stop child sexual exploitation, trafficking, modern slavery and other attempts by criminals to take advantage of vulnerable children and coerce them into crimes like drug trafficking.

Children who go missing from home or care are vulnerable to exploitation from a range of criminal threats and the new national response unit to launch in 2019 will provide tailored support to local areas so they can respond effectively to these safeguarding challenges and learn from what works.

Last year's figures from the National Crime Agency show that over a third (35 per cent) of police forces reported evidence of child sexual exploitation in relation to county lines. County lines is where children and young people are exploited by criminals and used to traffic drugs in rural areas.

The new unit, which will operate from 2019 up until 2022, will address child sexual exploitation together with other crimes, such as gang and drug activity, which also exploit vulnerable children and can lead to children going missing.

Read more on the [Gov.uk website](#).

Youth worker register 'close to launch'

A voluntary register of youth work professionals across England is set to be tested this year, the chair of the Institute for Youth Work (IYW) has said.

The register, plans for which were announced in the Institute's five-year strategy launched in January, will include details of the qualifications held by individual youth workers.

Institute chair Adam Muirhead said he hopes the register will be piloted by the end of the year, although details are still being finalised with the support of other youth work bodies.

In addition to being open to practitioners with a professional qualification in youth and community work, the register will be available to those working with young people in voluntary roles.

Muirhead said the register is primarily about recognising and raising professional standards of youth work while at the same time "being supportive of the rich diversity of ways that youth work is practiced".

New relationships and health education in schools

[Draft guidance has been published](#) by the Department for Education (DfE) to make sure education prepares young people for life in the modern world, including relationships and health education in schools. . Following this, the [DfE have also opened a consultation](#) on the draft regulations, statutory guidance and a regulatory impact assessment for relationships and sex education and health education. The deadline to respond is 7th November 2018.

Children's social care evidence centre appoints 21 'pioneer councils'

A national initiative designed to improve the quality of children's services in England will team up with 21 councils to test new approaches and share evidence of good work across the sector, it has been announced.

The [What Works Centre for Social Care](#) said the "pioneer councils" will help it to identify promising areas for further research as well as design and test new services and products that could support quality social work.

The 21 councils will work with the centre until December this year on five pieces of work. Children's services in Bradford, Bracknell Forest, Newcastle, and Surrey will help design digital tools with the aim of improving the use of social care data in decision making.

Bristol, Buckinghamshire, Calderdale and Cambridgeshire will be examining the potential of online peer-to-peer networking as way of giving social workers greater access to quality-assured advice.

Meanwhile eight services will be working with the centre to design a diagnostic tool that assesses how well children's social care departments use evidence in their practice. Those services are in Doncaster, Greenwich, Hammersmith & Fulham, Kensington & Chelsea, Leeds, Oxfordshire, Walsall and Westminster.

Separately, Coventry, West Sussex, and Wigan will be developing and testing a self-evaluation toolkit that the centre hopes will allow services to monitor the impact of their own social care projects.

Finally, a number of children's services will be working with the What Works Centre's research partner Cardiff University to build evidence on promising social care interventions and identify areas for further research.

This last project will focus on gathering evidence related to the social care front door, workforce wellbeing, effective supervision and safe ways to reduce the need for children to enter care. The children's services involved in this strand of work are Bath and North East Somerset, Birmingham, Bristol, Cambridgeshire, Central Bedfordshire, and Hartlepool.

Vacancy

Centre 33

New Horizons Coach

Centre 33 is looking to recruit a New Horizons Coach as part of their current, countywide successful Someone to Talk to service. The New Horizons project supports young people to identify their goals around money, work and online capabilities; developing their skills and confidence around those issues; and enabling young people to make progress towards their training and employment goals.

This role will involve travel between one of their five bases in Cambridgeshire (Cambridge, Ely, Huntingdon, Wisbech, Peterborough). A driving license and use of a car is essential for this post.

£23,866 to £26,470 (NJC scale point 26 to 29), per annum, pro rata, part-time 15 – 24 hours per week, fixed term period to end August 2019 with possibility of extension depending on funding.

The post is subject to a DBS check.

For an application pack contact Recruitment at Centre 33: 0333 414 1809 or email recruitment@centre33.org.uk

Closing date; Monday 3rd September at 10am

Mental Health Project Worker

(22 hours per week fixed term period to end July 2019)

You will be part of the Someone to Talk to service at Centre 33. Your role will involve client assessments, providing some mental health and therapeutic support directly to young people, overseeing and supporting volunteer and sessional counsellors in their work, and liaising with external agencies. You will have a counselling Level 4 Diploma or equivalent therapeutic or mental health qualification.

You will be working from our Ely office and within schools across East/South Cambridgeshire. A driving license and use of a car is essential for this post.

For an application pack contact Recruitment at Centre 33: 0333 414 1809 or email recruitment@centre33.org.uk.

Deadline for applications is Wednesday the 5th September.

Young Carers Project Worker

(up to 37 hours per week)

You will be part of the Young Carers Project at Centre 33, providing a variety of support to young carers aged 8-18. Your role will involve the engagement and identification of young carers, one to one support, group work and schools-based support in line with the strategic development of the service. This post is a critical part of the young carers' service and involves working and engaging with young people in a variety of settings.

Driving license and use of car essential for this post.

For an application pack contact Recruitment at Centre 33: 0333 414 1809 or email recruitment@centre33.org.uk

Deadline for applications is Wednesday the 5th September.

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