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## The Central Line

As another month passes we continue to work hard as an organisation to use our resources to the best affect and make valuable changes to enable opportunities for the young people with whom we work. The Autumn NCS programme was oversubscribed and with their Social Action projects looming they will soon be at their conclusion. The Essential Skills for Life team have launched Aim Higher in schools across Fenland this week and participated in a successful staff training residential to Grendon Hall during half term.

The Youth and Community team are hosting the first Youth Work Foundation training day and are now supporting community groups to achieve regional funding for the delivery of a variety of exciting projects which include the EET engagement work with our Russian, Latvian and Lithuanian young people in Fenland delivered by Rima's Ladies. So much of our community engagement success comes down to effective partnerships. In YSS we are excited about future partnerships with Wysing Arts (to support the NEET reduction strategy across East Cambs and Fenland) and are hoping a successful bid to the Big Lottery will enable some valuable Third Sector infrastructure for youth voice work and youth participation.

Looking forward to the month ahead and the [#iwill campaign](#) are calling on organisations to empower and celebrate the stories of young people (this 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> November). You can show your support during the week by enabling young people to articulate the impact their social action is having on the communities and causes they care so much about. I have seen some fantastic group work reports lately that have used

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social action as a tool for developing communication and social skills and addressing behaviour issues, this is a chance to link those young people and their voices and actions to the national picture.

*Liz*

Liz Morris

County Youth and Community Manager

## NEET Performance and RPA

### NEET Data for September 2018

Measure	Result Sept 2018	Result Sept 2017
16-18 yr olds NEET	2.4%	2.0%
16-18 yr olds Not Known	3.0%	6.5%
16/18 yr olds NEET and Not Known	5.4%	8.5%
Year 12 In Learning	93.5%	89.7%
Year 13 In Learning	91.2%	89.0%

The above data shows that we are doing incredibly well this year compared to this time last year, our NEET figure is slightly higher however this is because our Not Known figure is much better and the overall NEET and Not Known % and In Learning % figures are much improved from this time last year.

Well done everyone for the excellent work – it does look very positive for this time of the year.

### Vulnerable Groups NEET Data – September 2018

#### SEND

	Sept 2018	June 2018	Sept 2017
SEND 16-19 NEET %	5.9%	8.5%	5.7%
SEND 16-19 Not Known %	27.2%	3.5%	15.4%
SEND 16-19 NEET and Not Known %	33.1%	11.9%	21.2%

The quarterly SEND data above shows that the results are slightly worse than this time last year, however the large Not known figure is understandable at this time of year, because we are in the middle of Annual Activity Survey. Therefore, it will be more interesting to see the result for December 2018 to see how well we are doing with this group of vulnerable young people. I am also aware that there have been a number of new workers join the SEND 14-25 team and the support that they will provide will be invaluable in improving this data further.

#### Teenage Mothers

	Sept 2018	June 2018	Sept 2017
Teenage Mothers 16-19 NEET %	64.3%	65.7%	62.9%
Teenage Mothers 16-19 Not Known %	8.9%	4.8%	6.5%
Teenage Mothers 16-19 NEET & Not Known %	73.2%	70.5%	69.4%

The quarterly result for Teenage Mothers has also deteriorated, however this relates to a very small number of young people which can have a negative impact on the figures. It will be interesting to see whether things improve when the results come out for December 2018.

## **Annual Activity Survey**

I am aware that many of you have been involved in the Annual Activity Survey that is currently happening. The results so far are very good and we look like we will have an idea where most of our young people are with regards to their Education or Training situation, which means that we are better able to allocate resource appropriately with regards to follow up and support work. I want to express a large thanks to everyone that has been involved so far and continue to support this very important statutory work that we do. I am aware that there has been some areas for improvement and I plan to meet with Cathy Taylorson in the New Year to review the AAS processes to make sure we continue to improve our work. More information will come out following that review.

## **ASPIRE Training**

We are putting on some more ASPIRE training for Practitioners on 9th November at Hereward Hall IT Room – 2-4pm.

You will need to book onto this workshop via iLearn. This is the last ASPIRE Training workshop that will be run prior to the new Capita IYSS system coming into force in February 2019. Please watch this space regarding any Training workshops around the new system, although we are hoping these may be possible to do in team meetings or professional development days.

Mark Cowdell, County NEET Manager

## **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to Emma Choolun on her wedding to her partner Dave. We welcome her back as Emma Peppercorn and wish them every best wish.

## **Policy and Information**

### **Evaluating Group Work**

The Group Work Evaluation Form (under Evaluating Group Work) on the YSS Portal has been updated. It now includes a non-completion / young people withdrawing section on page 5. It can be found on the [Evaluating Group Work page](#) of the Portal.

### **‘Moving On’ booklet**

The [‘Moving On’ booklet](#) has been updated and is now available on the YSS Portal. The booklet provides basic information about the choices young people with additional needs will have when they leave school.

### **Christmas closure & JNC**

According to the guidance HR have, only roles paying £26,470 or more are included so on this basis JNC point 16 and below are not affected in terms of the deductions, but they are still required to take time off during the Christmas closure and will need to use their annual leave entitlement to

cover these days. If they have already used their annual leave entitlement for the year they will need to purchase additional leave.

## CHUMS Drop-in Sessions

### Sawtry Drop In

Every Wednesday, 3:00pm – 5:00pm, Marcia Poyner

Sawtry Youth & Community Centre, Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX

### Cambridge Drop In

Every Friday, 3:00pm – 4:30pm, Sam Frearson

Cambridge Central Library, Floor 5, 7 Lions Yard, Grand Arcade, Cambridge, CB2 3QD

### Wisbech Drop In

Every Wednesday, 3:30pm – 5:00pm, Sam Carrier

Awdry House, 110 Ramnoth Road, Wisbech, PE13 2JD

### Huntingdon Drop In

Every Thursday, 4:00pm – 6:00pm, Hannah Baron

Huntingdon Youth Centre, Sallowbush Road, Huntingdon, PE29 7AF

March and Peterborough Drop Ins are to be confirmed

## Violence Against Women and Girls – Newsletter

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

## Funding

### One Stop Carriers for Causes

Not for profit organisations, including schools, that are located within 2 miles of a One Stop shop can apply for grants of up to £1,000 for projects that benefit their local community.

The grants are available for a wide range of activities and the funding will cover the direct costs needed to deliver the project. Projects eligible for funding include:

- One off community events such as community fun day expenses, summer youth camp, litter picking, sports events.
- Purchasing items to run a project such as specialised medical equipment, football/cricket /netball kit for local junior club, arts and craft materials for a workshop, kitchen equipment for a healthy eating project, marketing materials for an event, fishing kit for youth project.

Applications can be submitted at any time and are shortlisted on a quarterly basis for panel decision which will take place every three months. Applicants will generally know the outcome of your application within 16 weeks of applying.

Useful Links: [Store Locator](#) / [Application Guide](#) / [Apply Online](#)

## Grow Wild - Youth Project Funding

Young people aged 14 – 25 can apply for grants of up to £500 to fund creative projects that will raise awareness about the importance of UK native wildflowers and fungi. The aim is to reach and inspire other people in schools, youth groups or within their community. Applicants can use visual art, music, poetry, dance, or theatre, etc as part of their creative project.

Each applicant must identify a Supporting Organisation to work with them on their project. These can be a:

- Voluntary, youth or community group.
- Education body (excluding primary schools)
- Local Authority or other council body

To apply applicants will need to make a short video application on their phone and upload it.

The next deadline for applications is the 30th November 2018.

Useful Links: [Application Form](#) / [Funding Guidance - for Applicants](#) / [Information for Supporting Organisations](#) / [visit website](#)

## WHSmith Community Grant

Voluntary organisations, charities, schools and pre-schools can apply for grants of up to £500 from the [WHSmith Trust](#). The WHSmith Trust is an independent registered charity that uses the proceeds of the compulsory carrier bag charges across the UK to offer the grants to support good causes in the local communities where WHSmith operates.

There are two application rounds each year.

The deadline for the current funding round is the 31st March 2019. Applications can be submitted via an online applications form.

## Funding for Projects that Support the Education and Development of Children and Young People

Schools, colleges and community groups in England can apply for grants to [BlueSpark Foundation](#) to support the education and development of children and young people through educational, cultural, sporting and other projects. BlueSpark is particularly keen to support projects which will help enhance the self-confidence, team working skills and future employability of children and young people. Some grants will be under £2,000, most will be under £5,000 and only in a few cases will grants exceed £10,000.

Funding provided by BlueSpark for a project must be crucial to the project rather than marginally incremental to its funding. The funding available can be for physical assets (such as iPads, sports equipment, or lighting for stage productions) or for services or facilities (such as sports coaching or music or drama tuition) or simply for the provision of experiences (such as theatre visits). These examples are intended to be illustrative and not restrictive as to the funding which BlueSpark may provide to support projects.

Applications can be submitted at any time and must be made online on BlueSpark Foundation's standard Application Form.

Useful Links: [Online 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](#).

### LSCB Courses

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

## Safeguarding Cambs & Peterborough Children Board

### Multi-agency Training

- Thursday 8th November 2018 09:30 – 11:30  
Professional Boundaries to Safeguard Children, Young People and their Families
- Friday 9th November 2018 10:00 – 16:30  
Safeguarding in Child Sexual Abuse
- Monday 12th November 2018 09:30 – 16:30  
Working with Child Criminal Exploitation

- Thursday 22nd November 2018 09:30 – 16:30  
Your Role in the Child Protection Process
- Wednesday 28th November 2018 09:30 – 12:00  
Working with Cases of Neglect
- Thursday 29th November 2018 09:30 – 13:00  
Outcome Star
- Friday 30th November 2018 09:30 – 16:30  
Safeguarding Children & Young People who have SEN/D
- Friday 30th November 2018 09:30 – 12:00  
Early Help - Back to Basics
- Tuesday 11th December 2018 13:30 – 17:00  
Safeguarding Children Level 3 - GP Training

To book a place or for more information please visit the [website](#) and select the course title.

### Effective Support for Children and Families in Peterborough and Cambridgeshire (Threshold) Document Launch Events

The Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Safeguarding Child Board are hosting a number of events to prepare practitioners for the launch of the revised Effective Support for Children and Families. These workshops are FREE to all practitioners working with or for children and young people across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

- 16<sup>th</sup> November 13:00 – 15:00, Huntingdon

- 19<sup>th</sup> November 13:00 – 15:00, Peterborough
- 20<sup>th</sup> November 13:00 – 15:00, Wisbech
- 26<sup>th</sup> November 10:30 – 12:30, Cambridge City
- 26<sup>th</sup> November 14:00 – 16:00, Ely
- 28<sup>th</sup> November 11:00 – 13:00, Peterborough
- 29<sup>th</sup> November 10:00 – 12:00, Huntingdon

To book a place, please visit the [safeguarding board website](#).

## Other News and Information

### Victim Services

#### **New Website for Victims and Witnesses in Cambridgeshire**

Victims and witnesses in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough can now access the contact information of over 250 organisations who specialise in practical and emotional support. Find out more on the [Victim Services website](#).

### Youth Employment UK

The [Youth Voice Census Report for 2018](#) is ready and available for download. This annual nationwide survey benchmarks the experiences of 14-24 year olds transitioning between education and employment. Learn more about what the young people of the UK really think about employability, skills and careers education - download the report [here](#).

### Consultation on ending the sale of energy drinks to children

On the 30th August 2018 the Department of Health and Social Care launched a consultation on ending the sale of energy drinks to children. The DoH are seeking views and are particularly interested in hearing the views of children and young people before the [consultation](#) closes on 21st November 2018.

### Youth unemployment down 50% since 2010

Official figures, released by the Office for National Statistics, show that youth unemployment has halved since 2010.

The proportion of young people who are unemployed is at a new record low, as more than 120,000 more young people have a job than in 2010. At the same time, fewer children are now growing up in a home without any adults in work than ever before. There are 637,000 fewer children in this position than in 2010, helping inspire more young people into work themselves.

The latest figures can be read on the [Office for National Statistics website](#).

### New loneliness strategy

This week the Government launched its [new strategy to tackle loneliness](#). A key aspect of the strategy is that all GPs in England will be able to refer patients experiencing loneliness to community activities and voluntary services by 2023 – a tactic known as social prescribing. DCMS acknowledges that being aged 16 to 24 is a [major contributory factor in feeling lonely](#), but that the majority of loneliness research to date has focused on the elderly.

The strategy includes a commitment to collect more data on loneliness and measure it more consistently.

The UK Youth recent report on youth loneliness can be read on their [website](#).

## Bright Sky

Bright Sky (<https://www.hestia.org/brightsky>) is a free to download mobile app providing support and information to anyone who may be in an abusive relationship or those concerned about someone they know.

The app is also designed to be used by specialist and non-specialist practitioners and other employers, and for anyone looking for information about issues around domestic abuse such as online safety, stalking and harassment and sexual consent.

### Features

- Available in 4 languages: English, Urdu, Punjabi and Polish.
- A unique UK-wide directory of specialist domestic abuse support services with contact details.
- A secure My Journal tool to record incidents of abuse via text, audio, video or photo form, without any of the content being saved on the device itself.
- Questionnaires to assess the safety of a relationship, plus a section on dispelling myths around domestic and sexual abuse.
- Links to further resources and information on topics around domestic abuse.

One of the App's more features is that it is disguised as a Weather App (see photo) and most controlling DA suspects should dismiss the App at a glance if they routinely or coercively check their partner's phone. Even if they do open the App, none of the crucial disclosure evidence sent (text, audios, video or photos) will be found as it never saves to the App or device once it is sent.



## Study to test how military-style adventure programme improves attainment

More than 2,000 Year 9 pupils are to take part in a study to test how a military-based character education programme improves behaviour and attainment at school.

The Adventure Learning Trial, funded by the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF), will see 2,300 13- and 14-year-olds engage in one of two adventure learning programmes run by character education organisation Commando Joe's and charity Outward Bound.

Pupils in the Commando Joe's group will take part in challenging activities delivered by military veterans over five consecutive days.

Pupils will respond to an imagined nationwide blackout by supporting one another to implement an emergency response: belaying equipment, setting up shelters and rescuing injured people.

Delivered in schools, the course will combine physical activity with the use of metacognitive skills and instructor-facilitated reflection sessions to try to improve attainment, behaviour and team-work skills.

Pupils in the Outward Bound group will go on an intensive five-day residential in North Wales, the Lake District or Scotland. They'll take part in challenging, adventurous activities such as rock climbing and gorge scrambling.

Trained outdoor learning instructors will deliver the course in collaboration with teachers from the pupils' schools.

Learning strategies such as growth mindset theory, goal setting and feedback will be used by instructors during the course with the aim of

boosting attainment in the classroom and skills like resilience and motivation.

The trial will be evaluated by Sheffield Hallam University. Researchers will assess what impact both of the programmes have on the pupils' outcomes in self-regulation and maths, relationships in school and behaviour in the classroom.

Evidence gathered for the [EEF's teaching and learning toolkit](#) shows participating in adventure learning programmes produces academic gains of up to an additional four months, but less is known about why they have a beneficial impact.

## Knife crime epidemic 'top concern' for young people

A ballot of more than one million young people has identified rising levels of knife crime as their "top concern" to be debated as part of the annual sitting of the UK Youth Parliament.

The British Youth Council, which organises the UK Youth Parliament, said a total of 1,111,580 young people took part in this year's Make Your Mark ballot to decide issues to be debated during the annual sitting in the House of Commons, making it one of the largest youth consultations of its kind in UK history.

Figures published by the Office for National Statistics show that police recorded almost 40,000 knife or "sharp instrument" offences in the 12 months leading up to June, the highest number on record.

Alongside knife crime, the other issues that young people voted to be discussed are:

- Mental Health - that services be improved with young people's help, and be available in schools.
- Equal Pay - giving young people the same amount of pay, if they are doing the same work as adults in the same job.
- Tackling Homelessness - making sure every person should have a place to live.
- Votes at 16 - giving 16- and 17-year-olds the right to vote in all elections and referendums.

The sitting will take place on 9 November. Once each issue has been debated, a vote will take place to decide which issues should become the UK Youth Parliament's priority campaign in 2018.

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