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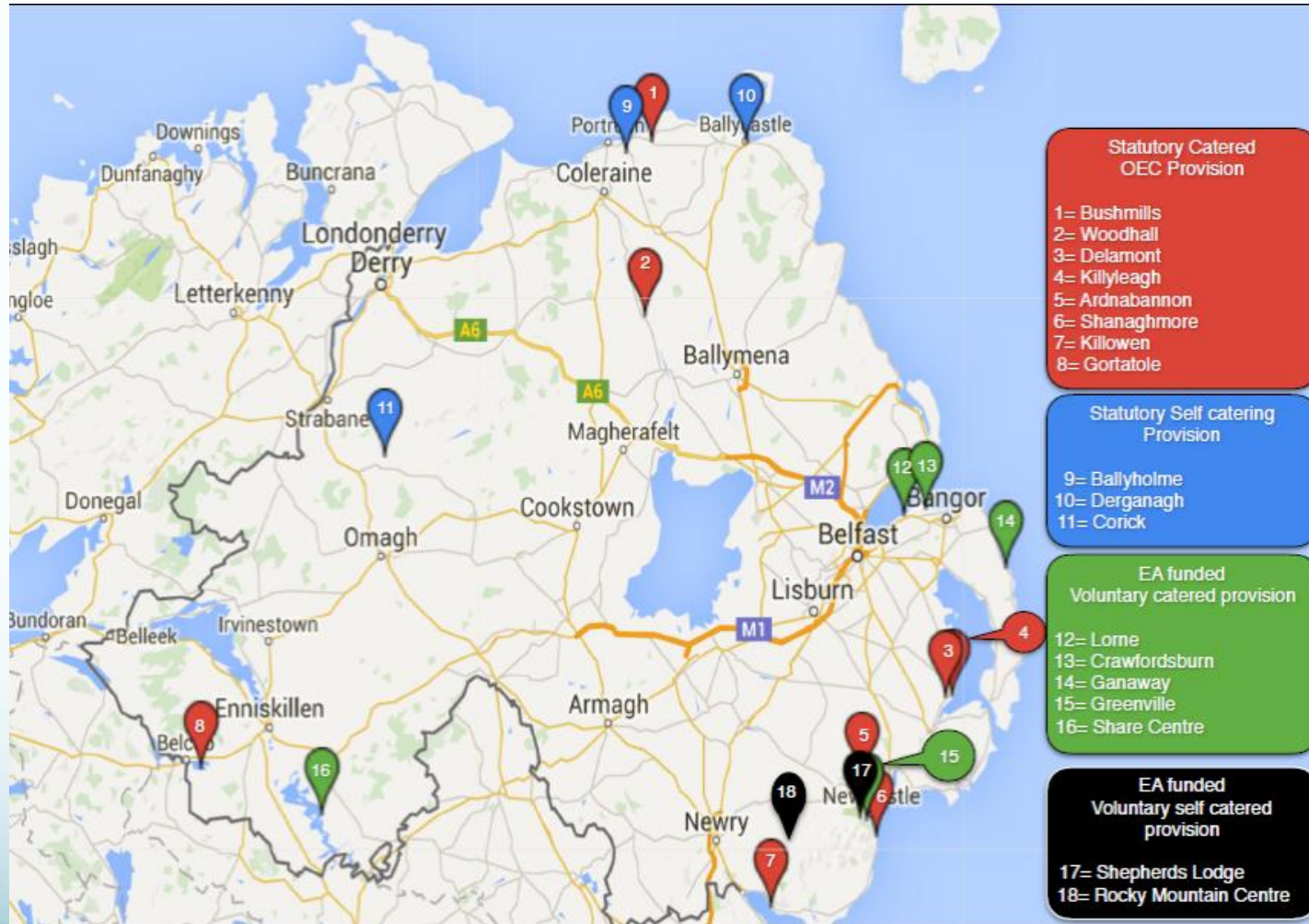
Review of Residential and Outdoor Education

Regional Advisory Group Tuesday 15 November 2016

Summary of Policy Directives

- × Services based on **Assessed need** (Ref: 4.6.2)
- × Services provided should clearly contribute to **educational outcomes** Ref: (4.6.1)
- × **Voluntary Sector** preferred delivery agent (Ref: 4.3)
- × **Measurable outcomes** to be reported annually (Ref: 4.6.4 and 6)
- × **Priority Age Bands** to be facilitated (Ref: 4.6.7)
- × **Communities of Interest** prioritised (Ref: 4.8.4)
- × **Quality Assurance Systems** to be established (Ref: 4.6.3)

Overview of Existing Provision



Existing Provision

- × Services provided based on demand; over provision
- × Young people do get a good experience with dedicated staff (1/3 days)
- × Significant voluntary sector provision; with capacity
- × No agreed model of delivery or outcomes
- × Majority of service users in statutory sector are from **schools (70%)**
- × Majority of service users from voluntary sector is from **Youth Service (70%)**
- × Limited reporting and evaluation; (ETI Reports as evidence)

Pilot Peripatetic Service

- ✗ Located within 3 offices Omagh, Armagh and Dundonald
- ✗ Based in local communities
- ✗ Uses all local amenities
- ✗ Delivery on site to schools contributing to core curriculum areas and with accreditation
- ✗ On going relationships developed with young people (average length of programme 16 weeks - 9 months)
- ✗ Measurable outputs and outcomes evident
- ✗ Cost effective and flexible
- ✗ Links with youth service core delivery (ETI/UU evaluated)

Summary of Extensive Review

- ✗ Terms of reference agreed ELB's/YCNI/TUS Feb 2015
- ✗ Stakeholder group established Feb 2015
- ✗ Significant consultation – July 2015 - January 2016
 - Young people (596)
 - Parents (269)
 - Schools (304)
 - Teachers (252)
 - Youth workers
 - Managers and Staff
 - General public (871)
 - DE, ETI, TUs and Youth Organisations
 - EA Services
- ✗ Methodology – surveys, interviews, cluster groups, individual interviews

Summary of Extensive Review Cont.

- ✘ Conditioning report complete on Education Authority Capital Estate (June 2016)
- ✘ Consideration of other provision reviewed by Sports Council NI (2014)
- ✘ Consultation with Education Authority Committees (June 2016/Sept 2016)
- ✘ Consultation with the Department of Education (Sept 2016)
- ✘ Consultation with the Regional Advisory Group (Nov 2016)

What did the report highlight

- × Well appreciated by user groups - good experiences provided
- × Overcapacity – Statutory 40% of capacity and voluntary 32%
- × Usage is seasonal
- × Significant issues regarding maintenance
- × Has a loyal customer base – not used by all schools; limited Youth Service usage
- × Recruitment issues
- × Significant differences in charges:
 - Statutory £59 to £87
 - Voluntary £64 to £120
- × Significant Costs :
 - Expenditure £4.4m
 - Income £1.6m
 - Net cost £2.8m
 - Maintenance backlog £2.9m

Review of Adventure Activity Industry (Sports Council NI) 2014

Location of Providers in Northern Ireland

The 207 providers identified through the research as delivering adventure activities in Northern Ireland are primarily based in the counties as follows:

County	2012	2014
Co. Down	37	60
Co. Antrim	35	64
Co. Londonderry	19	35
Co. Tyrone	5	18
Co. Fermanagh	10	15
Co. Armagh	4	15
Total	110	207

Table 1: Providers by County

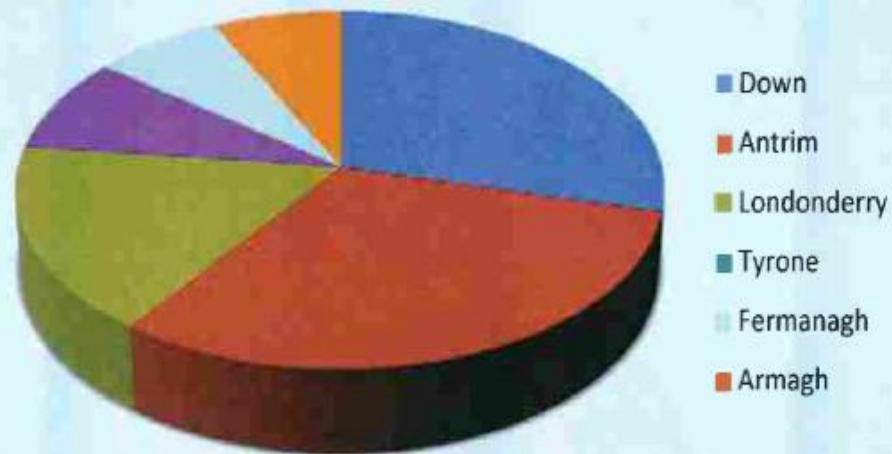
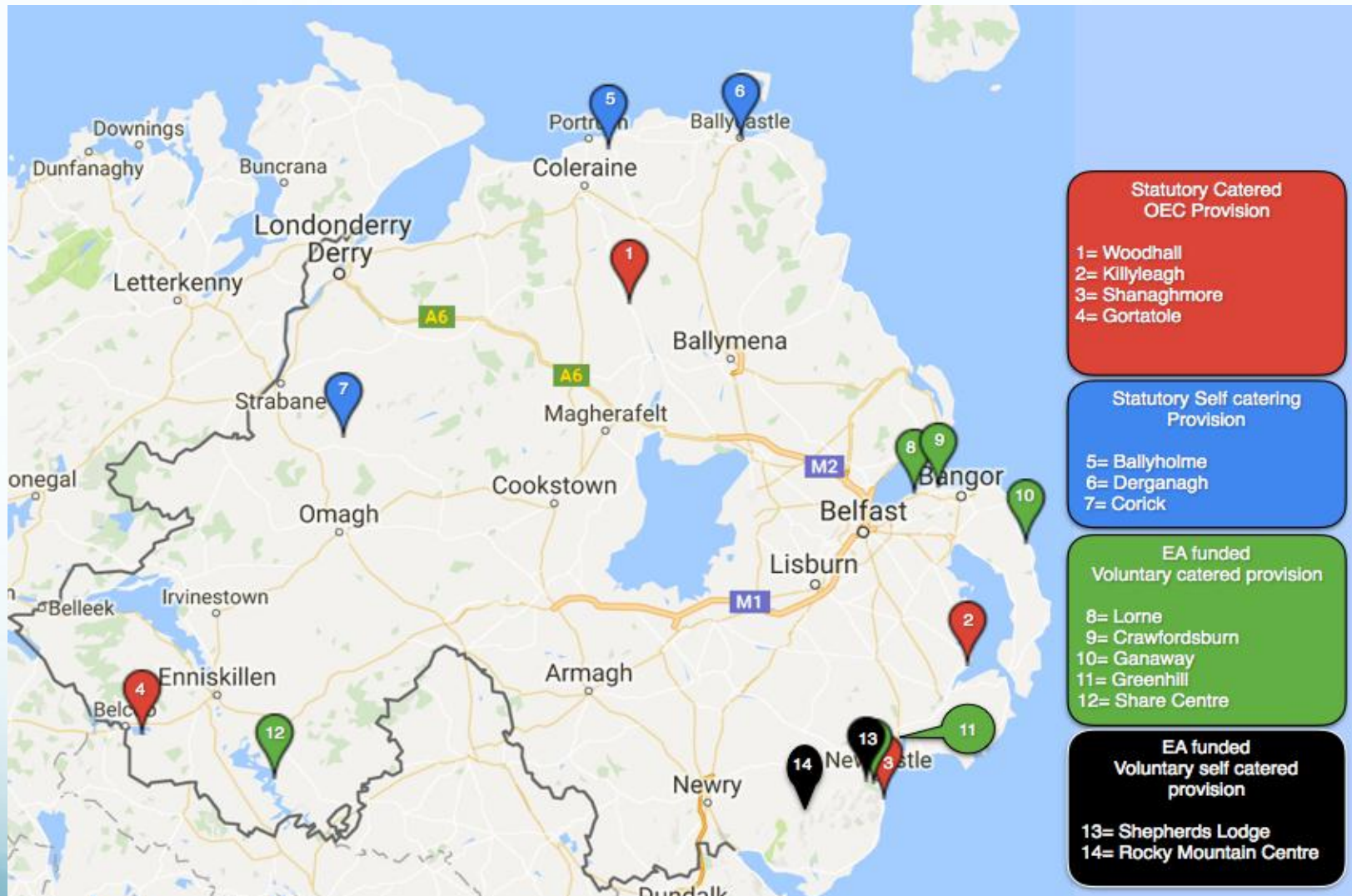


Figure 1: Providers by County 2014

Key Recommendations based on policy and findings

- × Services primarily provided by **Voluntary Sector**
- × **New model of delivery** with clear links to the School Curriculum
- × **Retain and invest** in 4 EA Centres which can facilitate demand
- × Rename Statutory Centres '**Outdoor Learning Centres**'
- × Increase **peripatetic services**
- × Embed Youth Service **outcomes framework**
- × Reduce Administration – **central booking system**
- × **Retain efficient self-catering provision**

Overview of Proposed Provision



Comparison of existing and proposed

✘ Existing Provision

✘ Ballymena Office

Bushmills - 77 Beds

Woodhall - 40 Beds

Derganagh - 34 Beds

Ballyholme - 34 Beds

✘ Omagh Office

Gortatole - 50 Beds

Corick - 24 Beds

Share - 214 Beds

✘ Proposed Provision

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Comparison of existing and proposed

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✘ Dundonald Office

Delamont - 35 Beds
Ardnabannon - 100 Beds
Killyleagh - 40 Beds
Lorne - 90 Beds
Crawfordsburn - 70 Beds
Ganaway - 120 Beds
Greenhill - 188 Beds
Shepherds Lodge - 26 Beds
Rocky Mountain - 18 Beds

✘ Armagh Office

Shannaghmore - 59 Beds
Killowen - 56 Beds

Total amount of Beds = 1265

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Proposed Timeline - Subject to feedback

- × 14 November 2016 - Launch of Public Consultation
- × 6 February 2017 - Close of Public Consultation
- × 28 February 2017 - Analysis of responses
- × 31 March 2017 - Potential closure of Delamont OEC
- × 30 June 2017 - Determination of future of Killyleagh OEC
- × 31 August 2017 - Potential closure of Killowen, Ardnabannon and Bushmills Residential Centres
- × 1 September 2017 - Reinvestment of funds to frontline services

Summary

- × Recommendations designed to respond to Policy and outcomes from the review
 - × PfG – Outcomes framework embedded
 - × P4Y – All directives embedded
 - × CRED – access to marginalised young people peripatetic services ensured
 - × Concordat – working in partnership with the voluntary sector
 - × Reducing Bureaucracy - revised procedures; reduced administration
- × Savings reinvested into the remaining centres; front line youth services; actions in P4Y
- × 12 week public consultation planned; focus on the voice of the child/young person
- × Equality Screening Published
- × Review of consultation outcomes published