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
  - 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
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:

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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

Statutory Catered OEC Provision
1 = Woodhall
2 = Kilbleagh
3 = Shanaghmore
4 = Gortatele

Statutory Self Catering Provision
5 = Ballyholme
6 = Derganagh
7 = Corick

EA funded Voluntary Catered Provision
8 = Lorne
9 = Crawfordsburn
10 = Ganaway
11 = Greenhill
12 = Share Centre

EA funded Voluntary Self Catered Provision
13 = Shepherds Lodge
14 = Rocky Mountain Centre
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
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**Existing Provision**
- **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