

Notes of meeting of CLASP sub group held on 30th August 2006

Present: Lynette Kirk, Liz Reveley, Julie Robinson-Joyce

SOCIAL POLICY

Migrant communities

Health are going to begin a session at Farcliffe/Lillycroft Surestart for people from A8 countries offering services such as midwifery & speech therapy. They will have interpreters available. Surestart funding for the Manningham Project has ended but they will try to keep session going.

Julie has been in contact with Sarah Blow from Central & Eastern European Working Group. Javed from West Bowling attends group. Lynette will invite him to an ACSG meeting.

Julie to follow up with Fiona Natarajan re: additional copies of rights & responsibilities booklet.

JRF funding application - +ve feedback but unsuccessful due to large number of submissions.

Lotteries advice pot has a deadline of 31st October. Discussion around submitting bid to Lotteries. Lynette to e-mail Rebecca at Opportunities Links. To be discussed at ACSG today.

Department of Works & Pensions

Still receiving case studies. Julie to pass this onto Dominic, Liaison Officer & ask him to pass onto appropriate staff. Also to include problems with staff being unwilling to disclosure to staff from advice centres who are on disclosure list, & being told not to use backroom tel. nos.

Liz to send on papers to Julie that Royds have sent to her to include.

Homelessness

Repeat issue – Julie to forward case to Pam Bennett.

Discussion of issues.

Idea of subcontracting preventative work, including locating private sector housing for people in housing need who do not wish to use hostel accommodation.

Housing

Julie to query Housing Trusts charge for gas/electricity check.

School Places

Issue centres around rising population in some areas & reducing population in others - means there are insufficient school places in some areas.

Julie to query issue around child being unable to progress from reception to year 1 with centre who sent in case study.

Educational Maintenance Allowances

Julie to send an email to EMA for clarification.

Julie has asked for social policy cases on examples of poor lending or recovery practices.

UPDATES

Research

Unable to progress until next Summer unless we can locate additional funding to pay for research. Discussion of NRF funding for research for Safer & Stronger Communities – issue of financial abuse may be a possibility.

Children's Centres

Discussions are still ongoing. CFU may be helping to support the Commissioning process for Health, Family Support, & possibly core costs. Meetings hopefully in September.

Given delay in meetings taking place Julie to send on to Family support Group copies of scenarios for funding that had been previously drafted.

Financial Inclusion

Bradford & District CU has obtained some funding from DWP. Project between Bradford CU & Accent Regeneration has begun. Julie to follow up on details to pass onto advice centres to promote scheme.

Bradford CAB – 2 trainees are now in post. Further trainees should be in post in October 2006. 1 will be a disability worker, further 2 based at Shipley, 1 at Bdirect. CAB hopefully that additional funding will be ongoing.

Partnership Structure

CLASP has been accepted as part of proposed new Building Communities Executive structure, which in turn will be the Safer part of Safer & Stronger Communities Partnership.

ACSG hopes to increase involvement in CNET whenever possible.

Neighbourhood Renewal

Money has been allocated for Safer & Stronger Communities. Need to keep this funding in site for future rounds.

CLASP ACTION PLAN

Checked through for September 2006 deadlines. To be raised at CLASP September meeting.

Problems with Community Care research mean that we could progress issue by looking at stages that we can achieve.

Need to send a reminder about need to complete unmet need section of monitoring report.

AOB

BCAB has an employment discrimination worker in place for 1 year. They will be sending out a questionnaire to update the questionnaire that Rubina circulated in 2004. They will also be hosted an event. Referral process will soon be in place.

Julie to circulate funding information & consultation on an amendment to SS (Claims & Payments) Regs.