

APPENDIX 2

Notes of meeting of CLASP sub group held on 10th October 2006

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

Strategic Issues

Membership of group

At last CLASP meeting Liz asked for volunteers to participate in this group, but there were no takers.

Suggestions:

- Increase members of CLASP – currently no Labour member attending, could ask Jane Thompson from Health Promotion to attend.
- Invite current CLASP members to visit an advice centre if they wish to do so. We could personally invite members.
- Invite members of other partnerships & groups, e.g. Building Communities Executive, Financial Inclusion Group, Neighbourhood Renewal Team.

Neighbourhood Element

Agreed as a follow up to Janice Thornton's presentation at CLASP to approach Helen Johnson with the offer of providing information on social policy issues local to neighbourhood element areas. As many of social policy cases will not be localised may need to do this by arranging a meeting with advice workers.

Partnership structures

Discussion around current partnership structures & whether they are aware of CLASP. Some awareness within Economic Partnership, Building Communities Partnership (as part of Safer & Stronger Communities partnership), Older Peoples Partnership. Haven't had contact with Children & Young People's Partnership as work has been mainly with Children's Centres & Children's Trust.

Julie to follow up with Graham Hutton/Caroline Hargreaves on their progress on child poverty target.

Idea discussed of sending social policy issues relevant to each partnership as a way of joint working with other partnerships. Julie to review social policy summaries in order to do this. May need to consider putting data on access/excel for future analysis.

Economic Partnership are considering area of work of Financial Literacy. Focus likely to be on basic skills tuition rather than advice work.

Social Policy

Homelessness: need to follow up with agencies involved. In general need to look at how to develop a positive partnership in order to influence policy in organisations.

Idea discussed of looking at highlighting social policy issues with Government office, in particular where two different aims appear to be working against each other.

Also need to prioritise social policy issues, and be clear about what we are trying to influence.

CPAG are running a DWP campaign.

Idea discussed of offering to help DWP with quality control, e.g. by listening to tapes of call centre & giving positive feedback on how it could be improved.

Financial Inclusion

One way of increasing links between advice sector & Credit Unions may be to offer CU services to advice workers. Julie to raise with Jane Durrant at Community Payroll to see whether this is administratively possible.

To increase CU membership CU could have a campaign to publicise high profile people joining CU, e.g. TV & sporting personalities.

Ideas for discussing building links with CU to be discussed further at next meeting.

CLASP strategy

Looked through targets up to November 2006. Work ongoing on most of these. With regard to Domestic Violence target. Need to send a reminder of current provision & training to advice centres. Julie to develop links with DVP. Discussion of need for anger management work in general.

Julie to follow up with Rubina at Gillington progress with Immigration project.

Discussion around need to develop ACSG further as Weds open meetings are not currently taking place. This will be part of co-ordinator's role once appointed.

AOB

CAB has funding for a SORB (Sexual Orientation, Religious Belief) employment discrimination post. Target is 80 cases before the end of March '07. 50% SORB/50% discrimination. Have dealt with 14 cases so far. Discussed ideas for developing demand. Lynette agreed to collate some information on Imams in Manningham who may be able to pass on information to people.