

Appendix 2

Communities Against Guns, Gangs and Knives

Background

In June 2011 Haringey were invited by the GLA to apply for Communities Against Guns Gangs and Knives (CAGGK) funding. The purpose of the funding was to reduce the number of young people (aged 10-19 years) killed or seriously injured by gun or knife enabled assault.

CAGGK funded boroughs were required to produce a serious youth violence problem profile and develop sustainable responses to the issues identified.

The Programme:

A total of £51,000 CAGGK funding was secured from the GLA and fully spent to support the five projects. An overview of each project, the allocation of funding and some key outcomes are provided in the table below:

PROJECT (lead agency)	OUTLINE	AMOUNT	OUTCOMES
The Gang Action Group (GAG) (Multi-agency group managed by Community Safety & Engagement Team)	Purchase and delivery of bespoke training and interventions. Khulisa UK were commissioned to deliver their 'Face-it' programme for GAG and Op Connect nominals known to the YOS. This 5-day group work programme uses cognitive behavioural therapy to deliver significant behaviour change, self-awareness and motivation on the part of participants. Two group work	£10,000	The programme was designed to benefit up to 24 young people. Despite the efforts of YOS case workers and the Khulisa facilitators, only 8 young people completed the programme. Feedback from these individuals demonstrated a positive impact on their attitude and thinking. Final assessment of the programme concluded that the required changes were too significant to make this a cost effective response. The YOS is now working with other providers to develop a more appropriate and sustainable violence

	sessions were held in Haringey during February and March 2012.		reduction programme for 2012/13. This will be funded through the Ending Gang and Youth Violence programme.
Year 10 Knife Crime Awareness Programme (Through Unity)	An interactive presentation from key professionals and the family of a victim; demonstrating the consequences of a knife crime incident. This also includes an e-learning follow-up package available to schools.	£8,000	The programme was delivered in 10 Secondary Schools across the borough, reaching 2000 young people. The providers have provisional bookings from each of these schools for 2012/13 80% of students considered the presentation an excellent way of highlighting the impact of knife & serious violence. All school staff who viewed the presentation rated it as either excellent or very good in terms of education content and as a process for raising awareness amongst young people. Through Unity had planned to deliver the project in 12 schools, however only 10 schools took up the offer. This resulted in an under-spend of £1850. CAGGK funding has been secured to deliver this programme in 10 schools during 2012/13.
YOS / Red Cross Weapons Awareness course (YOS)	Resulting in an accredited first aid certificate. Targeted at those convicted of weapons related offences and those at risk of knife possession.	£5,000	A total of 249 young people completed the course: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22 YOS clients aged 10-18 years convicted of weapons related offences and YOS clients at risk of becoming involved in violent crime or associating with those who may carry weapons • 8 pre-court YOS clients • 7 Romanian YOS clients • 212 primary school children in year 6 Of 39 YOS clients who attended the project during

			<p>2011/12, 5 have re-offended since finishing the group; offences committed were 2 minor drug offences, 1 breach, 1 fail to surrender to police and 1 theft. There were no weapon related offences.</p> <p>Feedback from primary school staff and students was overwhelming positive.</p> <p>CAGGK funding for this project has been secured for 2012/13.</p>
<p>Safe Choices (The Nia Project)</p>	<p>Group work programme for young women affected by gang related violence</p>	<p>£10,00</p>	<p>The intention was for group work to be carried out with individuals referred through the Gang Action Group, Youth Offending Service and First Response. Unfortunately this model had limited success; only eight referrals were made and the young women were not suitable for group work. Six of the young women received some one-to-one work from the Safe Choices staff but this was not as intensive or long term as is recommended.</p> <p>Despite the issues with the chosen delivery format, it was clear that the provision of support for young women affected by violence and the early identification of those at risk, was required. The CAGGK funding was re-profiled and matched with mainstream funds so that 10 local practitioners could be trained in the principles of the Safe Choices Programme. This provided local staff with a toolkit to deliver the programme and to be able to offer advice and assistance to other practitioners working with young women affected by gangs and violence.</p> <p>From 2012/13- 2014/15 Haringey will benefit from a Young</p>

			Person's Advocate on violence and sexual exploitation. This individual will work closely with those local practitioners trained in safe choices.
Detached engagement in Noel Park ward (Youth Community & Participation Service)	Including consultation, engagement in constructive activities and joint patrols with Safer Neighbourhood Teams, Safer Transport and Safer Schools This funding was used to commission local voluntary sector organisations to deliver these activities.	£18,000	The activities included Boxing, DJ and MC workshops, Graffiti and Fashion Design using the beneficial effects of sport and arts to empower young people to help them to manage their anger, give them confidence and direct them towards further education, training or employment. 55 young people engaged in these activities between October 2011 and March 2012. Examination of serious youth violence data during the project period demonstrated a 23% (7 offences) reduction in youth violence in Noel Park compared to the same period in 2010/11. Some key outcomes have been achieved and local providers are continuing to deliver elements of the project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sandbunkers have extended their offer of provision to two evenings a week and they are accessing funds from Street Games to continue the boxing sessions. • The number of people accessing the Sandbunkers has increased as a result of this project. • The Sandbunkers has become affiliated to the Youth Community and Participation Service.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Good working relationships have also been developed with Sky City Metropolitan Housing Trust, Circle 33 and the London Boxing Academy. <p>CAGGK funding has been secured for the Youth Community & Participation service to deliver the model in Northumberland Park in 2012/13.</p>
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