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Edge of Care

‘Keeping Children Safe in their Communities and Living with their Families’

Adolescent Update

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Targeted Youth Support

- **Review offer for young people:**
 - Modern - Fit for purpose
 - Synergy with edge of care service – seamless range of services
 - Resources targeted where most needed

Current offer:

- 4 Youth Outreach Teams
- Duke of Edinburgh's Award support and validation
- Creative Youth Development (also lead on engagement and participation/GIRLS Project)
- Civic Award Scheme
- Public Health funded projects – Health Services in Schools, GIRLS Project

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Response, Family Group Conferencing and Adolescent Support Team

- **2 separate services to support adolescents:**
 - **Response**
 - Housing / homeless gateway young people aged 16/17
 - Counselling
 - Substance misuse
 - **Adolescent Support Team**
 - Support for young people open to social care
 - Crisis work
- **Family Group Conferencing**
 - Court directed; limited capacity for earlier interventions

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Proposal

An Adolescent Support Hub (ASH) is established at Pilgrim Street

- The ASH will encompass a range of Targeted Youth Support projects and activities for young people and the proposed Edge of Care Service.
- The ASH will seamlessly meets the needs of young people at levels 2/3 and 3/4 on the continuum of need.

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To enable the ASH to be established it is proposed that:

Targeted Youth Support is restructured:

- Vibrant, flexible, modern youth offer for young people aged 11-19 years
- Levels 2/3 on the continuum of need

Response, the Adolescent Support Team and Family Group Conferencing are re-structured to form an Edge of Care Service:

- Intensive support for young people aged 11-19 years
- De-escalate risk and work alongside families to enable young people to remain safety at home within their family and community
- Levels 3/4 on the continuum of need

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Adolescent Support Hub (ASH)

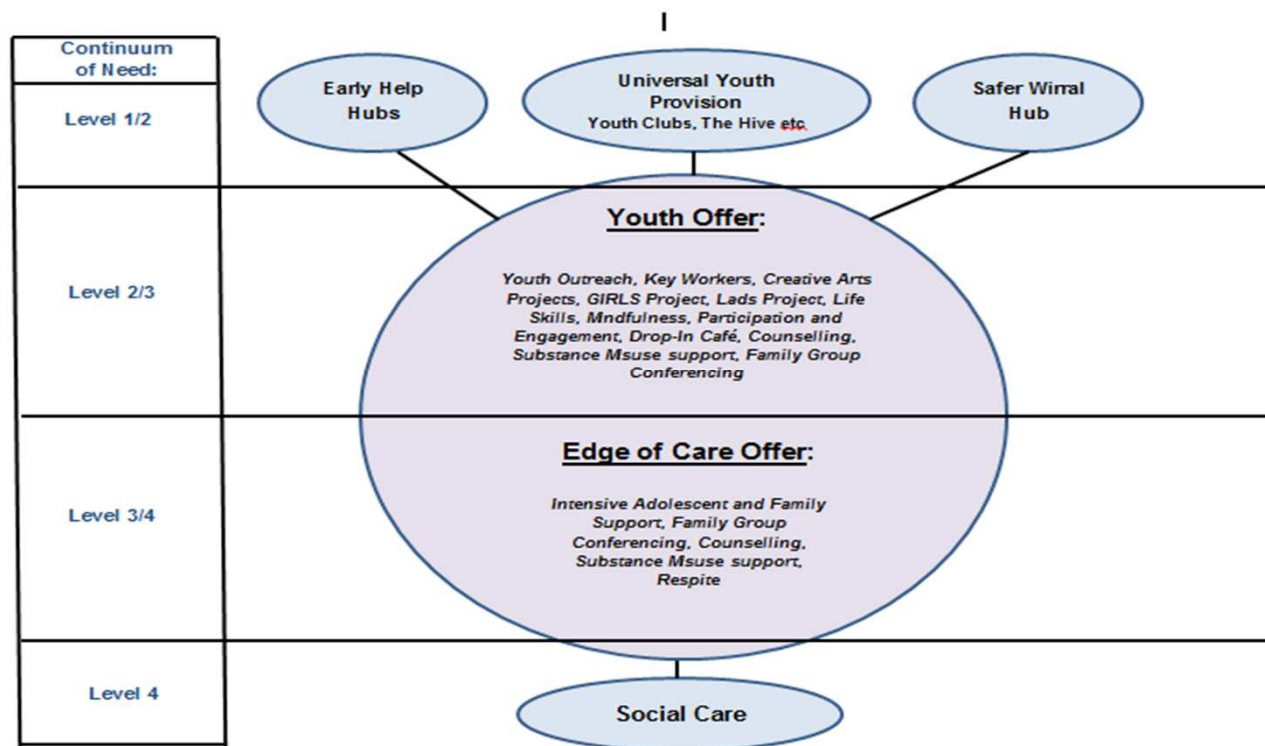
- **Range of support services for young people 11-19 years:**
 - Edge of Care Service
 - Targeted Youth Support projects/activities
- **Group work / programmes**
- **Office base - all staff co-located**
- **Regular drop in sessions – youth workers and partners**

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Adolescent Support Hub - ASH



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Targeted Youth Support

Proposed offer:

- **Outreach – 3 geographical teams**
- **Key Worker**
- **Participation and Engagement**
- **Youth Arts**
- **GIRLS Project**
- **Life Skills**
- **Health Services in Schools**
- **Civic Award Scheme**

Duke of Edinburgh's Award – support withdrawn

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Targeted Youth Support

Benefits include:

- Improved outcomes for young people
- Early identification of need
- No young person falling through gaps
- Working together to ensure consistency and inclusive delivery
- Areas of support clear to young people, partners and other professionals
- Staff clear on roles, expectations and the offer
- Recording and evidencing outcomes that demonstrate an impact for young people

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Edge of Care Service



Proposed offer:

- **Intensive adolescent and family support**
 - 3 geographical teams
 - Case load intensive support (16/17 homeless young people)
 - Duty rota – evening and weekend cover
- **Counselling**
 - Work with young people in edge of care service
 - Young people who meet criteria for therapeutic intervention at level 2/3
- **Substance misuse**
 - Continue to deliver Public Health outcomes
 - Provide support interventions for young people in edge of care service
- **Family Group Conferencing**
 - Work across all age ranges, strong focus edge of care
 - Training/support other ASH and CYPD staff to deliver family meetings

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Edge of Care Service

Benefits include:

- Intervention provided quickly – ‘right service right time’
- Reduce need for statutory intervention through earlier management of risk
- Young people engage with fewer professionals
- Geographical teams enable links to communities, social care districts and proposed youth outreach teams
- FGCs utilised as early as possible in a child's journey
- Respite provision – integral part of the offer
- Reduce young people open to statutory services
- Reduce numbers of young people looked after

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Wider Edge of Care Developments

Preventing Family Breakdown Strategy

The approach will consist of distinct but interlinked components:

- Intensive Adolescent Support Team
- Respite
- Family Mediation
- Parenting Programmes
- Family Intervention
- Intensive Pre-birth to 5 Years Support Team

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Questions?

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