

Scoping Form for Tailored Sector Specialist Support

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Scoping discussion	Who with	Debbie Barnes
	Date	14/09/2011/revised 09/01/12
Is the DCS aware of this request?	Yes	

1. C4EO theme and priority which is the focus

Early Years - Narrowing the gap in outcomes for young children through effective practices in the early years

2. Brief summary of support proposed

- In 2009/2010 C4EO supported Lincolnshire County Council Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee to undertake a scrutiny review into narrowing the gap. This review was carried out between December 2009 and June 2010 and focussed on interviews with relevant staff in Children's Services; visits to Moorland Children's Centre in Lincoln and Mablethorpe Children's Centre, combined with interviews with parents and a range of contributors and practitioners; and questionnaires to the catchment schools and Heads of Services for the three wards. The review was supported by a sector specialist from C4EO who provided expert guidance, advice and research throughout the review. The report to Scrutiny contained an offer from C4EO to provide further support to progress a number of the recommendations including those relating to transient coastal populations. This support was agreed with C4EO in June 2011.
- From June to August 2011 C4EO supported Lincolnshire County Council with further research into the needs of transient populations in coastal regions. This was reported

in August 2011. The report of the research undertaken, which included gathering examples of best practice where possible, concluded that it would be necessary to work with relevant children's centres to develop local solutions within the specific a local context. It was agreed that this would be the focus of a second phase assignment.

- Further findings and recommendations arising from this support work will be fed into the report to Scrutiny at the end of this calendar year
- This scope was revised at a meeting on 09/01/12. Since the initial scope the children centre in Mablethorpe has received a very positive inspection including outstanding judgements for its work on Narrowing the Gap. In light of this and other local developments this scope has been refocused to examine the barriers and opportunities for engaging the populations of a number of small rural populations in the Mablethorpe reach area, between the Mablethorpe and Skegness settlements i.e. Sutton on sea, Ingoldmells, Hoggsthorpe, Chapel St Leonards. The activity undertaken will explore why those in these areas do not access existing provision and potential new delivery models. An additional benefit from this activity will be improved relationships with Health to ease the sharing of information.

3. Specialist skills, knowledge or experience required

- Knowledge of and experience in developing strategies for engaging transient and hard to reach communities through effective approaches to outreach.
- Stakeholder engagement
- Parental engagement strategies

4. Clarification of work undertaken in this area to date, including external support received already or planned (e.g. Together for Children, GO, RIEP, CSP, Nat Strat. etc)

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- June-august 2011 phase one assignment (strategic overview).

5. Breakdown of recommended support to be delivered

When	Activity (including product, if applicable)	By whom	Planned days
Mid Feb	<p>Information to be provided on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data -populations identified above to include demographics, health inequalities; reach data (population penetration), 	LCC to KMCK	

End Jan	<p>relevant information from the JSNA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed SEFs Key contact details in health, Kath North, appropriate schools <p>Analysis of information</p>		0.5
Feb-April	<p>Meeting with health</p> <p>Design of parental survey</p> <p>Fieldwork as agreed with health, school etc</p>	KMcK	3
April	Reporting	KMcK	1.5
6. Total Number of days - 5		KMcK	5
7. Estimated end date		End April 2012	
8. Agreed end of assignment outcomes			
Strategies identified for the engagement of transient and hard to reach communities in the Mablethorpe children centre reach area			
9. Longer term outcomes for the Children's Trust following this work with C4EO			
Outcome		When will it be realised	
Transient populations more effectively identified and supported through children centre services		The LA wish to align this work with the Government's new expectations, enabling the local approach to be amended ready for delivery in line with the 3 yearly commissioning plan – April 2013.	
Children from transient communities access Children's Centres Services			
Outcomes for children from transient communities improved			
Foundation Stage profile data will demonstrate that the gap for transient communities has been narrowed and that children from those communities will be ready for schools achieving as well as their peers.			
10. Any other information (e.g. contact details of other relevant LA officers)			
DCS fully aware of the request.			
Date Scoping Form completed:		12/01/12	

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FOR USE BY C4EO:	
Tailored request reference number	
Date QA'd by Regional Associate	
Can the Scoping SS take this work forward? If not, why not?	
Date approved by requesting agency	
Date approved by Sue Rowley	
Does this replace a previous scoping? If so, previous date & why?	