

An Integrated Youth Support Service for Bracknell Forest



This document sets out the future direction for services for young people in Bracknell Forest. It specifically addresses the range of opportunities and support that should be available to those in the 13-19 age range (25 in some cases).

1 What are we trying to do?

- 1.1 The five outcomes of being healthy; staying safe; enjoying and achieving; making a positive contribution; and achieving economic well being, expressed through Every Child Matters¹, are equally applicable to young people aged 13-19.
- 1.2 Youth Matters² takes this a stage further. In translating the aspirations set out in Youth Matters to the local context ***our ambition for young people in Bracknell Forest is that they should all achieve their potential, and develop into active, healthy and responsible citizens – being self confident, a source of pride for their families and earning the respect of the local community.***
- 1.3 In order to achieve this, we need to plan and commission the full range of services for teenagers – from universal services through to more targeted and specialist support. This will enable us to deliver an integrated youth support service that is focussed on young people's needs, is structured around those environments in which they spend most of their time – school and college, youth provision, community facilities etc – and involves a range of providers.
- 1.4 Our purpose for IYSS is that we provide young people with things they want to do and places where they are keen to go; opportunities to make a positive contribution to their local and the wider community; good quality information, advice and guidance; support when they slip into and out of vulnerability; and a learning framework that can support their aspirations.
- 1.5 This strategy is primarily about the four dimensions for IYSS set out in Youth Matters:
 - Empowering young people: things to do and places to go
 - Young people as citizens: making a 'contribution'
 - Supporting choice: with information, advice and guidance
 - All young people achieving: improving targeted support

As far as young people are concerned, there is a fifth dimension that needs to be considered and that relates to 14-19 educational reform. IYSS is inextricably linked to this, particularly through supporting choice and targeted support. Two other local strategies, *14-19 Strategy*³ and *Reducing NEET*

¹ Every Child Matters DfES

² Youth Matters DfES

³ 14-19 Strategy BFBC

