



Tonbridge and Malling Local Children's Services Partnerships

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LCSP	Primary	Secondary	Academies	PRU's	Special
Tonbridge	14	6	-	-	1
Malling	27	4	-	-	1

Tonbridge

77% of schools have achieved National Healthy Schools status
95% of schools providing access to the full core offer of Extended Services

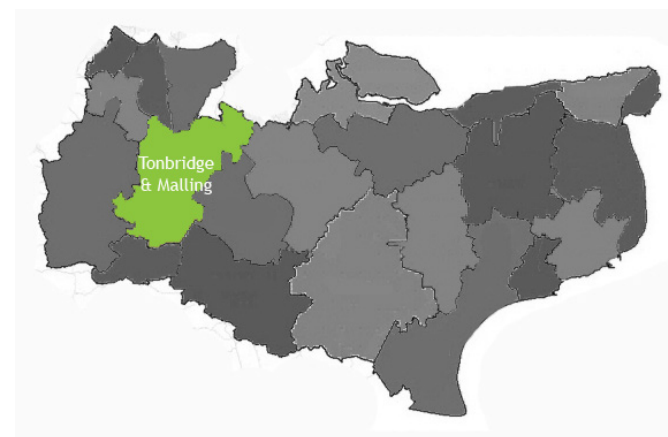
Malling

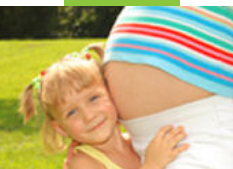
84% of schools have achieved National Healthy Schools status
97% of schools providing access to the full core offer of Extended Services

Figures as at 30 September 2009

2008-09 Extended Services priorities for the partnerships:

- Supporting parents and carers.
- Broadening the range of opportunities and activities for children, young people and families.
- Improving wellbeing outcomes for children, young people and families.
- Transition to primary school and transition from primary to secondary.
- Support to Early Years and Childcare.





Key Extended Services Programmes for 2008-09

Mapping of Parent Services

The Extended Services team provided funding to support an audit of parent services across Tonbridge and Malling in summer 2009. The aim of the exercise was to assess the range of 'time limited parenting interventions' available to support parents in the Tonbridge and Malling areas with a view to identifying gaps and commissioning services for the future. Extended Services commissioned the research with support offered at the planning stage from Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council, schools in the partnerships and Fegan's. (Fegan's is a Kent based Christian charity which supports families by providing specialist services in the areas of parenting support, schools work, counselling, training and community activities). **CYPP Priority 3**

Subsidised breakfast clubs for disadvantaged pupils

Extended Services funding was used to provide subsidised places for targeted pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds. Subsidised breakfast clubs for disadvantaged pupils was provided at Long Mead, St Stephen's and St James the Great Primary Schools. The aim was to provide an orderly start to the school day for these pupils in a supportive environment, ensuring that they are ready for learning. **CYPP Priority 1**

Peer Relationships & Sexual Health Mentoring Service at Hillview School for Girls

This project was delivered by the Tonbridge YWCA and part funded by Extended Services. 10 young women were trained in peer education skills and in sex and relationships issues. Ongoing support is provided by the school and by YWCA. The peer mentors now provide an accessible, informal and jargon free service for all pupils at Hillview which complements the school's Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE)/Sex and Relationships Education (SRE) curriculum. **CYPP Priority 2**

Slide Away Bereavement Service

Slide Away is a Kent based charity that has been commissioned by both Tonbridge and Malling LCSPs to provide bereavement support for children and young people from 5-18 year olds (the Specialist Teacher for Bereavement also supports pre-school settings). Slide Away offers young people the opportunity to manage their grief through a range of creative activities including art, drama, music, creative writing and outdoor pursuits. An additional key element of the services is to ensure that every school has a School Bereavement Contact who provides day to day support for students who have been bereaved of a significant person. Extended



Services funding provides additional one to one counselling for children and young people that are identified by the charity as needing more intensive support. This service offers young people the opportunity to manage their grief through a range of creative activities including art, drama, music, creative writing and outdoor pursuits. **CYPP Priority 2**

Community Youth Tutor at Ridge View Special School

This post has been funded by Extended Services and the Youth Service. This post helps pupils to access activities locally and in the neighbourhoods where they live. The tutor has established an after school club called STEPS in which Ridge View pupils receive peer support from pupils at Hugh Christie Technology College. The aim of the club is to build pupils' confidence in accessing mainstream youth provision. The postholder also supports the local youth offer out of school hours contributing to projects such as the Tonbridge detached projects and the Girlz & Boyz group. **CYPP Priority 6**

Y2 Crew

The Y2 Crew Summer Scheme was originally established to provide a range of positive activities for vulnerable young people aged 11-18 years of age in targeted areas of Tonbridge and Malling. The target areas were those identified by Kent Police and KCC Youth Workers as areas with higher than average levels of crime, disorder and social deprivation. The scheme has been historically open to all young people from these areas with colleagues in the youth service and police targeting identified vulnerable young people through the use of referrals. In the summer of 2009, with the help of additional funding from Extended Services, the project was rolled out across the whole of Tonbridge and Malling to provide blanket access for young people across the Borough. The scheme aims to provide diversionary activities which are both educational and fun. Each week there were 2 trips, 2 courses and 1 activity day. The funding provided by Extended Services also enabled the scheme to run activities in the evenings and a similar project is planned to be rolled out in the autumn and spring breaks during 2009-10. **CYPP Priority 6**

Safe schools worker in the Tonbridge Partnership

This service has been commissioned by Extended Services to provide a range of services for targeted pupils such as anger management, support through transitional phases and increasing self esteem. The role also provides whole school projects such as peer mentoring training, youth action groups and e-safety sessions. **CYPP Priority 7**

Positive Futures

Extended Services funding was used to enable Charlton Athletic Football Club to deliver the 'Positive Futures' project. It provides diversionary activities for children and young people in targeted areas after school. Accessible community sites are identified and a



team of Charlton coaches set up football equipment and organise games for local children and young people. The Extended Schools Development Manager (ESDM) for Tonbridge and Malling sat on the steering group with Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council, the Police and Youth Service that identified suitable locations and sites. St Stephen's Primary School in Tonbridge and Aylesford School - Sports College hosted the project in term 2 of 2008-09. **CYPP Priority 5**

Larkfield After School Club

Extended Services contributed funding for this project commissioned by CSS from VSU Youth in Action, which also provided one to one support from young volunteers for primary age children receiving social services support. The aim was to provide positive activities for vulnerable children with one to one support and respite for families. The expected outcomes were improved social skills and behaviour for participating children and improved social and leadership skills as well as increased self confidence for the young volunteers. **CYPP Priority 5**

Tonbridge Parents' Forum

Parents' Voice for Tonbridge and surrounding areas enjoyed its first anniversary in March 2009. Meetings take place every term and these events are planned by a steering group of 4 parents plus the ESDM and the Parent Support Adviser for Tonbridge. Administration and event management support is provided by Partnership with Parents. The steering group is represented on the Local Children's Services Partnership Board. The groups have identified a set of priorities and an action plan, focussing on road safety around schools e.g. road safety; information, support and advice for parents; support for parents and pupils at key transition points. There are parent representatives on each of the partnership working groups looking into these issues. **CYPP Priority 8**

Time 2 Talk

Extended Services commissioned Time 2 Talk (school based counselling service) to deliver a counselling service at Long Mead, St Stephen's and St James the Great primary schools as well as The Malling School. This is an intervention service which aims to address emotional and mental health needs and to prevent the need for a referral to Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS). **CYPP Priority 2**

Tonbridge Parents Plus

Extended Services provided start up funding for this Tonbridge based service operating under the umbrella of Fegan's. Parents Plus provides one to one parent coaching and evidence based parenting programmes in parents' homes and other appropriate settings. It is principally for parents who are struggling to parent positively and it provides a holistic service for parents, enabling them to
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address the principal issues that may be having a negative impact on their parenting. Parents are referred by a range of agencies including schools and children's social services. The Parents Plus worker uses an assessment tool to aid the parent to identify the key issues and challenges that is having an impact on their parenting. The worker then helps the parent to address those issues over the course of 6 meetings. This is done through one to one solution focussed parent coaching in the home or other appropriate venues, referral on to other agencies, assistance with accessing parenting programmes etc.

The service started in Tonbridge during March of 2009 with the recruitment and training of 10 volunteers to back up the work of the 2 regular members of staff. The service has plugged a gap in Tonbridge by providing a more joined up and cohesive service for parents in need of support with a range of issues in order to better support their children's development and learning. The intended outcomes are more confident parents nurturing more positive relationships with their children. Follow on impacts which might be improved are; attendance and attainment for the children of referred parents, reduce the need for social services interventions. Between April and September 2009, the service worked with 36 families. Parents who engage with the service assess their levels of need before and after the intervention, using the Parents Plus assessment tool. **CYPP Priority 3**

The Alcohol Show DVD Project

Extended Services funding was used to develop a DVD resource to be used by teachers in Tonbridge and Malling secondary schools to raise awareness of the dangers associated with alcohol. Key partners involved in the project were the Tonbridge and Malling Healthy Schools Practitioner, West Kent Healthy Schools team, staff and pupils at The Hayesbrook School, ESDMs, KCC Drug Education Adviser, the company Atmospheres - which produced the DVD and The Beat Project. The Beat Project is a charity which supports vulnerable young people. Beat Project activities include work experience, projects, workshops and long term community development partnership programmes incorporating arts activities such as film making, rock & pop, urban arts, drama and multi-cultural music projects.

Implementation of the project will result in enhancing the quality of alcohol and drug education lessons in all secondary schools in Tonbridge and Malling by providing a well researched, value for money, locally commissioned and produced alcohol education resource increasing ownership of young people in their learning. The resource will contribute to sharing good practice of effective alcohol education across secondary schools in Tonbridge and Malling which have not been involved with the School's Peer Drugs **Education Drama competition**. Secondary schools in Tonbridge and Malling will each receive a copy of the DVD in the Autumn term 2009. An evaluation form is included with the DVD for schools to complete and return. Follow-up work will be carried out with the schools to establish the effect of the DVD. The project and the DVD will be showcased at the partnership conference in December 2009. **CYPP Priority 2**



Out of school childcare settings

Extended Services Start Up funding has been used to fund the development of new settings in response to identified need which provided accessible and affordable, quality childcare options for working parents. Start Up funding was also allocated to settings to contribute to the start up of two new out of school childcare settings and the purchase of new equipment at seven other settings. **CYPP Priority 3**

2009-10 Extended Services priorities for the partnerships:

- Supporting parents and carers.
- Strengthening the Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE) curriculum and engaging young people.
- Prevention and early intervention services.
- Transition to primary school and transition from primary to secondary school.
- Community cohesion.