

PEOPLE (CHILDREN) SCRUTINY PANEL

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TOPIC FOR TASK AND FINISH GROUP

Report of the Strategic Director for People

STRATEGIC AIM:	Creating a Brighter Future for All
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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 This report includes two possible topics for a Task and Finish Group.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 **To discuss the proposals and recommend a topic for the next Task and Finish group for the Children's Scrutiny Panel**

3. DETAILS

3.1 The panel has agreed that it would like to start a new task and finish group in the new year when the current Transport work is complete. Attached are 2 proposals:

i. **Safeguarding Adolescents (Appendix A)**

This has been proposed following the ongoing work to monitor safeguarding of children and young people. This work would focus on the adolescent age group and links well with the panels recent focus on post 16. As reported in the Quarter 1 Safeguarding report we have seen a rise in the adolescent workload. Whilst the number of referrals has not increased, there has been a large increase in the number of adolescents subject to child protection plans (from 1 this time last year to 6 at present).

Nationally, statistics show that the impact on these adolescents as they move into adult life, if they are not enabled to lead healthy and productive lives, is dramatic and costly. For example, youth unemployment costs the country £155m per week and youth imprisonment costs £23m per week. This is in addition to the social impact, including upon the next generation when these young people become parents.

ii. **Active Lifestyles (Appendix B)**

This has been proposed following the recent developments of football in Oakham. The last surveys took place in 2009. Rutland is generally viewed as an active community, especially when compared with national statistics. The Sport England local sport profile for Rutland shows the high level of participation for Adult (16+) participation in sport and active recreation. Rutland's aggregate result for 2009-11 is 30.7%, against a national average of 21.9% and an East Midlands average of 21.8%.

The latest figures of the national Active People survey run by Sport England show a participation level in Rutland of 42.1% for "Adult participation in 30 minutes, moderate intensity sport: Local Authority, 1 session a week (at least 4 sessions of at least moderate intensity for at least 30 minutes in the previous 28 days)"

5. RISK MANAGEMENT

RISK	IMPACT	COMMENTS
Time	Low	There are no time pressures associated with either proposal
Viability	Low	One senior officer will be allocated from the Directorate to support the group.
Finance	Low	There are sufficient resources to ensure the work is completed.
Profile	Medium	Both proposals are topics of interest in the community.
Equality and Diversity	Low	All sections and groups in the community will benefit from these proposals.

Background Papers

Sport England Local Sport Profile
Sport England National Active People Survey

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