

Gwasanaeth Trais yn y Cartref De Gwynedd

Additional information requested to determine the impact of proposed savings

1. **What does the funding provided by the Council contribute to?**
The Council's financial contribution employs 1.5 specialist support worker for children and young people.
2. **What is the organisation's turnover? (so as to identify the proportion of funding under consideration)**

2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
£446,476.32	£436,233.07	£497,479.34	£357,153

3. **What has the organisation done to attract additional funding?**
The organisation as submitted several requests for grants. They have been successful in securing funding from Lloyds on the basis that core funding is already in place (i.e. the Council's contribution).

Unfortunately a number of other requests have been unsuccessful, but the organisation will continue to submit applications so as to protect the Service.

4. **Where to the referrals come from? i.e.**
 - **How many cases are received via the Children and Family Support Department?**
 - **How many cases does the organisation refer to the Children and Family Support**
 - **Other sources?**

Referrals have been received by Education, Health, from the families themselves, other workers within the organisation, Floating Support Workers, IDVA, Gyda'n Gilydd, Hafan Cymru, CAMHS and Social Services.

Children receiving support from GTyyCDG	2012	2013	2014
Children on the Child Protection Register	73	42	65
Children in Need	18	13	23
Referrals to Social Services requiring no further action	15	6	11

5. **What specialist work do the workers funded by the Council carry out?**

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The workers work with children and young people and their families on a one to one basis and in group situations using a variety of interventions to identify requirements and achieve positive outcomes.

Workers are qualified to present the STAR programme (Safety, Trust and Respect), a programme that has been developed for children and young people who have/are suffering as a result of domestic abuse. Some programmes will also include the parents. The programme provides an opportunity for individuals to discuss their experiences, to receive information on how to remain safe at the home and how to express their concerns. The programme is delivered in a safe environment in the company of other children in similar situations.

For children who don't want provision via a group setting or for those where a group setting is not appropriate, support is offered on an individual basis. This can be delivered at home, at school or in our dedicated One Stop Shop in Dolgellau. These sessions focus on the individual's needs (feelings, anger) with a view to developing a coping strategy. Other activities will also be arranged for the child or young person, e.g. arts and crafts, social activities as many will not have had the chance to experience these.

6. **What is the effect and/or value and result of the service on those receiving the support?**

One to One input

- Children and young people develop healthy relationships with the worker. They are safe in her company, can trust the worker and be respected
- Children and young people are helped with the next steps of their lives, moving from one school or college to another, going to university
- Sharing feelings with workers can help children and young people improve their emotional wellbeing. A number of concerns can arise, and children are given the opportunity to discuss these matters as they arise.
- This has a positive effect on children, i.e. a decrease in bed-wetting, challenging behaviour, health problems (e.g. headaches, tummy aches). School attendance improves as a result.
- There is less strain on children from families supported to go through the court process
- The healthy relationship input can help children who have had difficulties in developing friendships in the past, thus reducing difficulties at school
- Participation in community based activities develops the child's self confidence
- The developing of new personal skills to deal with emotions, e.g. anger, sadness gives the child a sense of self control.

Group Work Outcomes

- Children discuss and share own experiences with others in the same situation.
- Children are helped to acknowledge that abuse is not their fault
- Children are helped to understand, identify and discuss their feelings
- Children are helped to develop their emotional vocabulary

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- Children are helped to develop various techniques of dealing with their feelings.
- Children are helped to develop safeguarding strategies to use when required
- A network of people is in place to help and support children and young people
- Provides an opportunity to deliver Anger Management guidelines
- Children are helped to develop positive relationships by discussing positive and negative aspects,

Preventative Work Results

- Children and young people learn to acknowledge that they have the right to be healthy, to be free from abuse, victimisation and exploitation
- Children develop self-respect and personal responsibility. They learn the importance of respecting others and the diversity of others.
- Development of skills to help live safe and healthy lives
- Young people are helped to prepare towards challenges, choices and decisions that will be faced as adults.
- The understanding of the difference between safe and unsafe relationships
- Children's understanding of abuse in the home is developed and improved
- Learn about wider social issues that affect them, e.g. pornography, social media
- Information is shared about agencies/people available to help and support
- Group work can provide opportunities to challenge points of view regarding sexual stereotyping
- Children and young people are helped to understand that thoughts, feelings and behaviours influence their own perceptions and of others
- This all contributes to the prevention of abuse in the home in future relationships

7. What percentage of children that receive support are on the Child Protection Register?

Please see question 4. A significant number of children that receive support are on the register.

8. What age groups are supported by the organisation?

4-18. Children younger than 4 receive support via that offered to the mother.

9. What is the Service's eligibility criteria?

Any child requiring support having suffered or witnessed abuse in the home; whose parental consent has been sought and who resides in Gwynedd.