



## **Mapping the Community Consultation Meeting**

**12<sup>th</sup> December 2011 CES**

### **Purpose**

**To inform and check against the Logic Models agreed by the CEIC consultation group.**

Through a consultation process Outcomes were developed for children and young people in the Colin area. It was agreed that specific consultation should be undertaken with service users to ascertain their views regarding the proposed Outcomes. Using a common consultation template a number of organisations engaged with service users and the following describes the information obtained through this consultation process.



## Responses

Footprints

Saints Youth Centre

Youth Initiatives

Lifestart

Mellow Babies Group

Colin Counselling Service

Department of Justice (Youth Justice Review)

Youth Justice Agency (staff)

Jennifer McCann

## General Comments

Very positive about Colin Early Intervention Community.

Broad agreement on the Early Intervention approach

Also focus on teenagers-early stage not just early age; agree parent support vital from pre pregnancy through all stages of development.

Broad agreement also with the vision statement-

Few comments-

'Quality of life will change for the better'

'Best possible family life'

Emphasises community cohesion

'Young people need a focus in life and a sense of belonging'

## Structure

- Consider the positives about living in Colin
- Examine the challenges to inform the situational analysis
- Sense check the outcomes, identify gaps and plan next steps



## Mapping the Community Consultation

### What are the most positive things for you living in the Colin community?

- Existing community services
- Footprints, education, women's group, child care, after schools
- Sure Start,
- Brooke
- Services for all ages
- Family and friends close by
- Youth clubs/groups
- Crèche
- Strong sense of community and family
- High numbers of young people living in the community
- Willingness to change
- New initiatives/services coming into the community
- Local shop
- People, money and growth coming into the area
- Traveller support
- Colin Valley Football Club
- Close to church and schools
- Good public transport



## The Challenges

(Bold indicates that the issue was raised on more than one occasion)

- **Keeping kids safe**
- **Safe secure play spaces**
- High **suicide rates**-explaining this to children
- High crime rate
- Vandalism
- **Anti social behaviour**
- Teenagers drinking on the streets
- Drugs
- No CCTV in 'hotspots'
- **Physical environment-boarded up houses; general appearance; run down area around the river; broken glass on ground; Cloona lane dark at night; Reputation-i.e. negative opinion of the area for past 20 years**
- Feeling **safe** walking through community at night
- **Lack of services**-chemist, post office, bank, health centre
- **Young people with nothing to do, lack of youth facilities**
- No leisure centre
- Children have no childhood-exposed to suicide and parents mental health issues
- Perception of **young people as 'hoods'**-stereotyping of young people
- Promises not being kept before
- Lack of **job opportunities**
- Provision for young women
- Services for young men
- Education costs for families
- Only one secondary school in the area
- Feeling of hopelessness
- Lack of **social/entertainment venues**
- Schools need to be more approachable
- **Parenting support**-school age mothers; early support
- Keeping people **informed and involved**



### Health and Well Being

- Young people better informed about **drugs, alcohol** and general and **mental health** issues
- **Parks/safe play areas for children**
- **Lower suicide rates**
- Better **mental health** for all
- Greater life experience
- Happier and more successful children and families
- Less poverty
- Less **anti social behaviour**

### Education and Training

- Increased **employment** opportunities
- Increased access to **education** programmes (more of the same)
- More young people in education/training (**NEET**)

### Parent Support and Engagement

- Families will feel more **confident** and enabled in parenting their children and setting boundaries
- Young people better **educated and supported** about parenthood, child development.
- Healthy and strong relationships between young people and their families

### Provision and Delivery of Services

- Growth of what is **already there**
- **Accessible** services-health centre, shopping, banks, entertainment
- Increase in **services/facilities for young people** leading to a decrease in **anti social behaviour and suicides**
- **Small businesses** developing in the area
- Embedded youth services within the community
- Young people involved in service planning



### Community Change and Empowerment

- Reputation of the area improved
- **Improved morale** within the community
- Sense of ownership among people living in the community
- Young people will contribute to positive community change
- Increase in **confidence in the community**
- Increased **community involvement** in the initiative
- A reduction in children and young people coming into contact with the **Criminal justice System**
- The community is a **safer place**
- Less graffiti
- The **physical environment improved**