

Targeted Youth Support

Seminar held at Carlisle Road Business Centre
November 5th, 2008

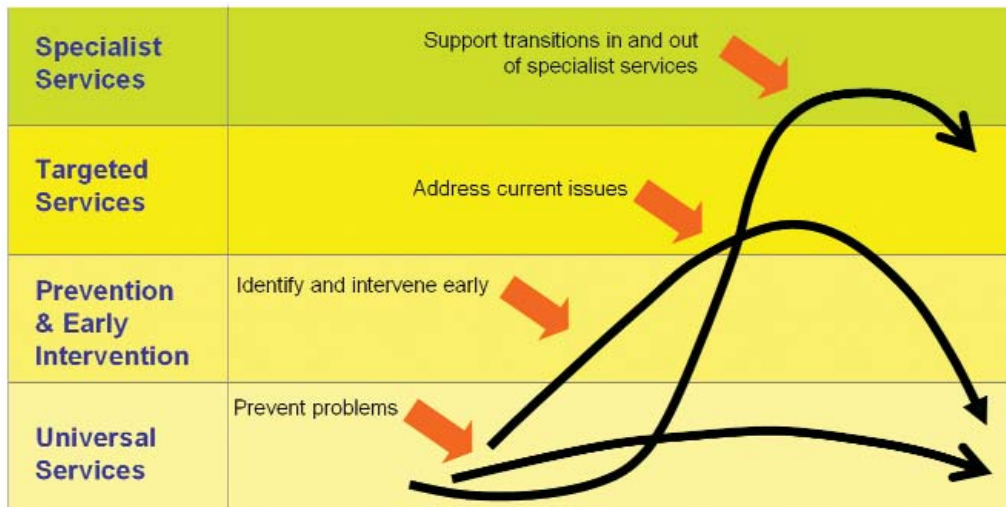
What is Targeted Youth Support?

The government as part of the Youth Matters green paper (2005) set out its vision of Integrated Youth Support (IYS) services helping all young people achieve the five Every Child Matters outcomes through the coherent, young person centred delivery of information, advice and guidance, support development opportunities and positive activities. Targeted Youth Support (TYS) is central to this – it is integrated delivery in action for vulnerable teenagers.

Targeted Youth Support provides a framework for local areas to develop their own arrangements reflecting the local context, providing early identification of vulnerable young people, prevention of problems before they escalate, and joined up support co-ordinated by a lead professional when problems do emerge. Its rationale is that, since they may have complex and multiple needs which cannot be met by mainstream or specialist services in isolation, a collaborative, 'joined up' approach is needed. Targeted Youth Support must reflect the views, experiences and needs of local vulnerable young people, their families and communities.

For more information see:

www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/deliveringservices/targetedyouthsupport/whatis/



Bradford's Commitment

"The development of Targeted Youth Support in Bradford is a very positive development and offers us all the opportunity to improve the quality of service and support we provide for the young people of this city.

We face many challenges but the process of 'joining up' the service delivery across many agencies, and the development of a network of lead professionals to co-ordinate activities is a major step forward in dealing with the issues many young people face. The targeting of help where it is most needed, in ways it will be most effective is the way forward.

I am particularly pleased to see an increase in participation from the young people themselves to help identify the support they really need and will benefit from."

Kath Tunstall

Strategic Director of Services to Children and Young People, Bradford MDC

**Chris Cordery, Training Development Agency (TDA),
Chris Whiley, Assistant Director, Localities and
Paul O'Hara, Bradford YOT Manager**



Bradford's Targeted Youth Support Seminar - 'Making a Difference in Young People's Lives'

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Almost 100 professionals from a wide range of voluntary and statutory agencies attended the event which focused on the ongoing work in Bradford to deliver the Targeted Youth Support Agenda and offered an opportunity for colleagues to share experiences, hear examples of Targeted Youth Support in action, and influence work in this area.

Delegates attended a range of workshops in relation to TYS in the areas of; Education; Health; Drugs and Alcohol Misuse; NEET; Youth Offending/Anti-Social Behaviour; Mental Health; Looked after Children; and the role of the Voluntary Sector.

Young People from Bradford Senior YIP presented a short film of their experiences of Targeted Youth Support in Action and the difference it has made in their lives followed by a Q&A Session.

98% of delegates rated the seminar presentations and workshops as 'useful' or 'very useful'.

Comments from Delegates at TYS Seminar

Chris Whiley Asst Director Localities said, "The move towards partnership and integrated working is an absolute transformation in the way we deliver services for Young People."

Chris Cordery of Training Development Agency (TDA) described Bradford's TYS Seminar as "inspiring" and his time spent in workshops as "two gold plated hours". Closing the seminar, Chris stated, "We're standing on the edge of something very exciting here; we share that passion."

Comments from other delegates

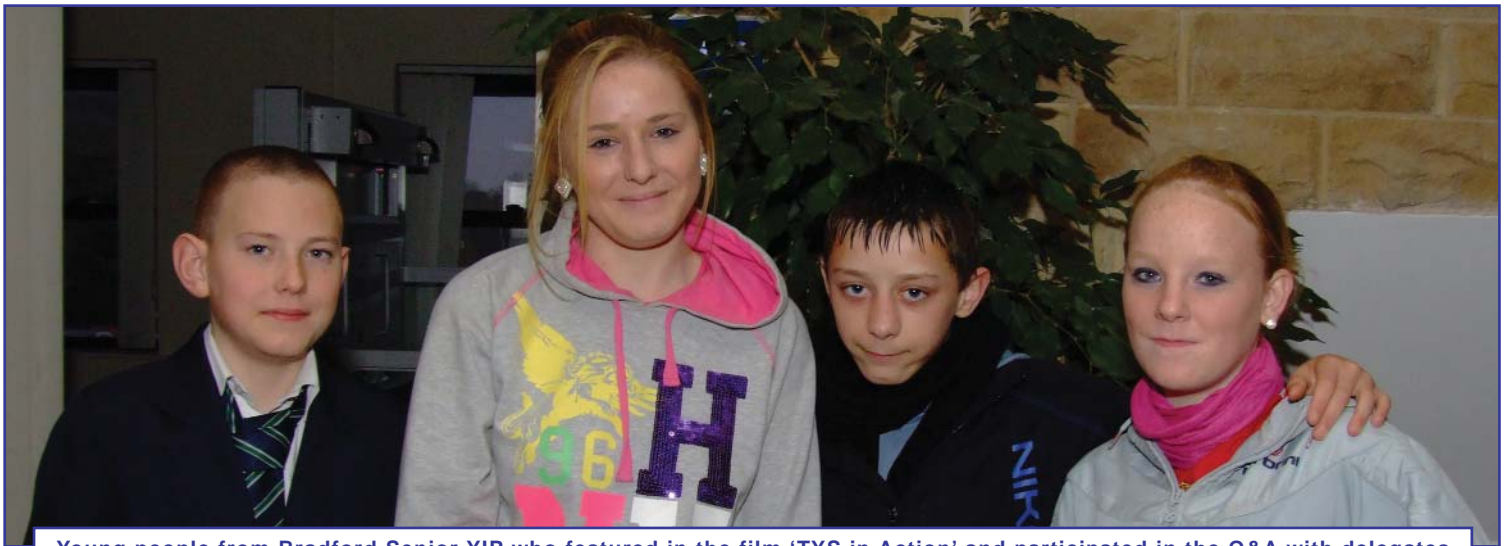
- 'A lot going on with some good results. Structures are in place for positive and strong delivery.'
- 'Good networking event -enabled us to 'put a face to a name' and gain knowledge of other agencies involved in TYS.'
- 'It's helpful to become aware that agencies are working together for the good of young people.'
- 'Great to see young people sharing their experiences and how they can thrive when a service meets their individual needs.'

Influencing the TYS Agenda

- Must keep agencies involved in TYS; both voluntary and statutory organisations should be kept in the loop by ensuring they are all on mailing list.
- More emphasis on joint working and information sharing. More commitment to networking.
- Issues around integrated working - funding streams; targets
- 100 word summary of all organisations present today - who's doing what?
- Participation of young people
- Clarification around CAF, processes and assessments
- More discussion needed around problems and issues faced by services to facilitate solutions and ways to improve working with the most 'hard to reach' and vulnerable young people.
- Development of lead professional role

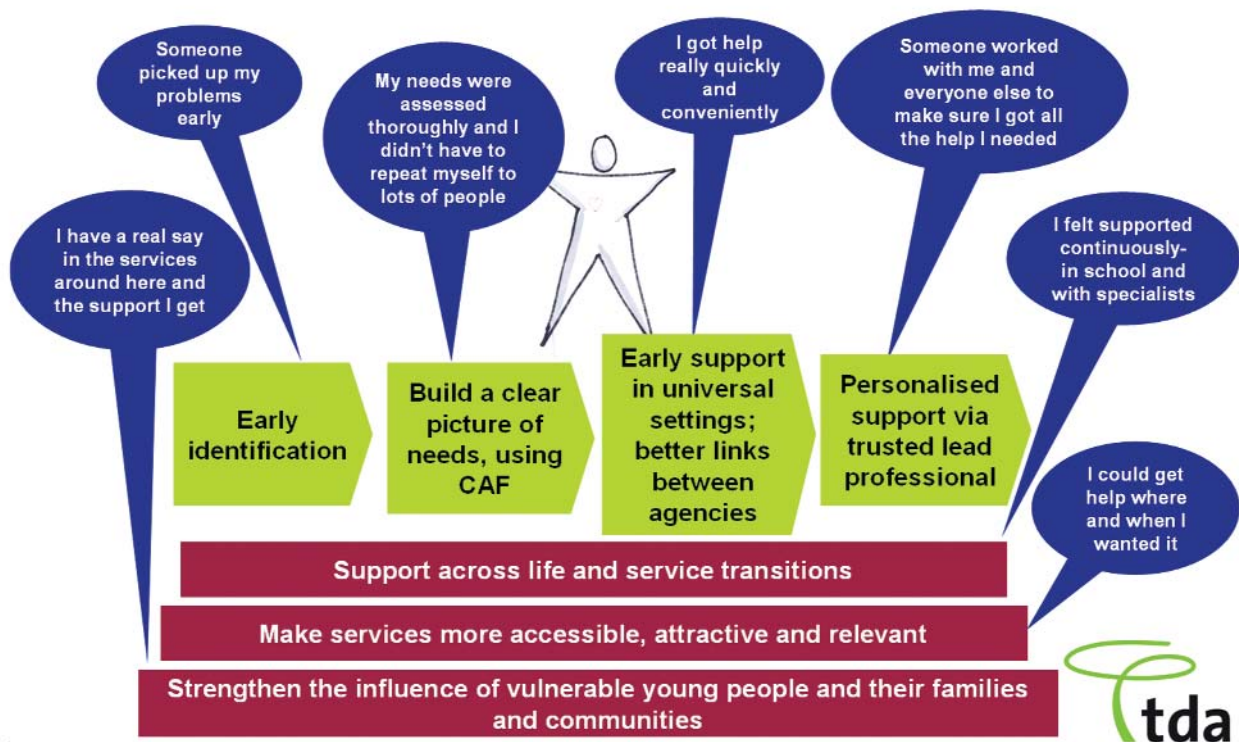
Representatives from the range of agencies that attended and ran workshops (from left) Mark Anslow, Area Manager Localities, Peter Tate, Voluntary Sector, Sue Duffy, Area Manager Localities, Mike Vigurs, Education Bradford, Inspector Jonathan Pickles, West Yorkshire Police





Young people from Bradford Senior YIP who featured in the film 'TYS in Action' and participated in the Q&A with delegates talking about the impact of TYS on their lives (from left) Ben Sharp, Emma Mountain, Kyle Moore and Tammy Sayles

Young Person's experience of key delivery elements



"Bradford's Targeted Youth Seminar was a great success and this can be attributed to the wide range of agencies from the Voluntary and Statutory Sector that were involved, attended, and are continuing their positive contributions to improving outcomes for Young People across the district. Young People are playing a vital role in shaping this work, and sincere thanks must be given to the young people from Bradford Senior YIP; their contribution was inspiring and moving; a very real account of the positive difference in young people's lives that can occur when agencies work together in the delivery of Targeted Youth Support."

Paul O'Hara
YOT Manager and Bradford Children's Service Lead on Targeted Youth Support

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