

Side By Side Peer Mentoring Pilot

Nottingham's Teenage Pregnancy Housing Child Poverty Pilot

What we have learned about an early intervention approach

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Setting the Scene

Nottingham's Approach

- Nottingham is an early intervention city
- Raising aspirations is a cross cutting priority
- Restructuring of Quality and Commissioning Directorate
- Market development and learning from practice

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Project Development

- High levels of Teenage Pregnancy
- Lack of choice in accommodation options available to TP
- Review identified peer led approach
- Co produced service model
- A DfE Teenage Pregnancy Housing Child Poverty Pilot

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What was delivered

- Peer mentoring service
- Access to private rented accommodation function
- Home starter budget
- Training and accreditation programme for peer mentors

Impact of the Pilot on Mentees

- 92 Young parents referred to the project (11 young fathers).
- 58 engaged in support with a Mentor (8 young fathers)
- 563 support sessions were delivered
- 16 of the Mentees have re-engaged with education, employment and training
- 30 of the Mentees accessed IAG and are planning around education, employment, and training
- 59 Independent Living Fund applications were approved and paid

Impact of Pilot

- Raised aspiration - Inspiration, information, self esteem and self belief
- Very positive outcomes for peer mentors including:
 - Increased employability
 - Increased confidence
- Changes in how young people are viewed by professionals
- Services more accessible to young fathers and mothers
- Learning has contributed to how funding is allocated

The challenges

- Timescales
- Changes in leadership and staffing
- Underestimation of support needs of mentors
- Client group needs varied from those initially identified
- Boundaries of role blurred
- Value for money

Learning that has been emphasised

- Test the market
- Identify best delivery partner
- Timescales need to be realistic
- Embed social return on investment tool
- Consistent use of outcomes tool
- Equal emphasis on outcomes for peer mentors and mentees
- Impact on wider workforce
- Strong project management
- Clear and high expectations of delivery partners
- Fidelity of delivery model to initial bid

What does this mean to you?



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