



YOUTH AND PLAY RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

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Youth Provision National Context

- Statutory duty on councils "to secure the provision of sufficient leisure-time activities for young people's wellbeing, including youth work."
- Reduction in spend from local government since 2010
- Delivered by mix of voluntary, community & faith sector and some councils



Local Picture

- Council run Youth and Play Service
- Strong voluntary sector provision with CVS support
- Good partnership working – focus on expertise and experience
- Council grant programme
- 100s of sports clubs and groups



Council Offer

- **Issue based activities** – drugs and alcohol, sex and sexuality, anti-racism, anti-bullying, environmental, global citizenship
- **Arts and crafts** – themed arts, cards/gifts, graffiti art, glass painting, printing etc.
- **The arts** – drama, music, video, dance
- **Games** – team games, non-competitive games, group games, team-building etc.
- **Sports** – traditional and new sports, competitions, promotion of physical activity
- **Cooking/Life skills etc.** Good health and wellbeing, reducing social isolation etc.



Delivered from...

- 9 dedicated centres
- Mix of community buildings, schools, parks
- Mobile Boxes
- Play Vans
- Mobile Skate Park

MUGAs



Rec Areas and Jam Pods



Crafts and Cookery



Mobile Skate Park, Boxes





2017/18 Provision

- Play
 - 3,130 different 5 to 12 year olds
 - 32,959 cumulative attendances
 - 1,350 attended regularly
 - Of these regular attendees: 20% have SEND and 12% are Children who are Looked After (CLA)
- Youth
 - 2,030 different 13 to 19 year olds
 - 40% attend regularly
 - 17,859 cumulative attendances
 - Of these regular attendees: 12% have SEND, 13% are CLA



Challenges

- Ensuring the most vulnerable children have access to provision
- Maintaining provision with reducing budgets