

Annex D – Connexions smaller contracts

Connexions York and North Yorkshire has worked closely with voluntary and community sector and other specialist providers in the City in order to ensure that the advice, guidance and support services have the best possible reach to vulnerable young people.

Since 2002 Connexions has funded specialist provision within the VCS to provide intensive support for teenage parents and young people affected by alcohol and substance misuse. These contracts between Connexions and our specialist providers are due to expire on 31 March 2008; our recommendation is that they be rolled over for a year so as to provide service stability and to enable us to conduct a full impact assessment. *This requires Members to agree to waive the LA's normal financial regulations for this interim period.*

Centre for Separated Families

1 FTE Intensive Personal Adviser £35k

The Centre for Separated Families in York has a strong record of partnership working and bringing an integrated approach through joint working with local authority and other statutory partners. Because of their expertise of working with separated families they are able to link young teenage parents into network sources of advice and support that sustain them into adulthood.

A recent impact assessment in October '07 showed that from a caseload of 12, 8 young people had achieved places in education and training.

Crime Reduction Initiative – CRi / First Base

0.6 FTE Intensive Personal Adviser £21k

CRi are a national charity working with young people in the Criminal Justice System. Through collaboration with Foundation Housing they have established First Base, a multi-disciplinary service working with vulnerable young people affected by substance and alcohol misuse. Connexions has commissioned services since April 2007 and they have demonstrated impact in helping young people in education, employment and positive activities.

York College / Askham Bryan College

1 FTE Intensive Personal Adviser £35k

Connexions have worked in partnership with York College and Askham Bryan College in order to provide high quality information, advice and guidance to young people to help them progress onto employment, training or higher education. Connexions funds an additional full-time post to work at the two colleges to work intensively with young people in the F.E. system who are at risk of leaving education. The post has been extremely effective in working with young people, college lecturers and partners in order to provide impartial support to sustain those in education through difficult times, such as family breakdown or homelessness.