



Quarter 2 report July-September 2019

Following the successful tender opportunity this second quarter monitoring report details the work/progress so far of Children North East on behalf of the Prudhoe Youth Project.

Detached Sessions

From July – September we have completed a total of 22 detached youth work sessions with young people as well as a community event at The East Centre, and BBQ in Eastwoods Park. We estimate to have made contact with around 100 different young people this quarter. On average we have spoken to 8 young people per session. As we are building better relationships with young people, we are finding ourselves supporting young people with more complex issues, rather than having brief conversations with many different young people. We have broken down the demographic of young people who have completed either our client profile forms or questionnaire. We aim to get all young people to complete a client profile and questionnaire, however it is not always possible to collect this information, as such not every young person is included below. This quarter 23 young people have completed client profiles, and 83 completed questionnaires. Due to launching the questionnaire online, some members of the community out of the age range of Prudhoe Youth Project also completed the questionnaire, this is reflected in the numbers below.

Gender	Percentage (rounded)
Male	54
Female	42
Gender fluid	2
Trans	1
Prefer not to say	1

Age	Percentage (rounded)
Out of age range 19 +	8
18	1
17	4
16	7
15	16
14	29
13	10
12	10
11	8
10	6
9	1

Postcode	Percentage (rounded)
NE42	78
NE40	5
NE46	4
NE41	2
NE47	2
NE43	5
NE15	2
NE19	2

Ethnicity	Percentage (rounded)
White British	95
Other	2
Any other mixed	3

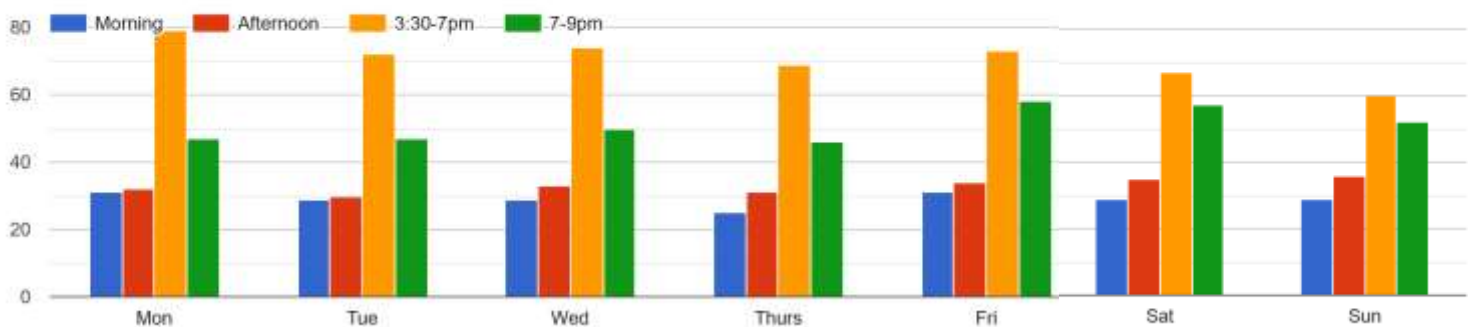
Main findings to date

Questionnaire

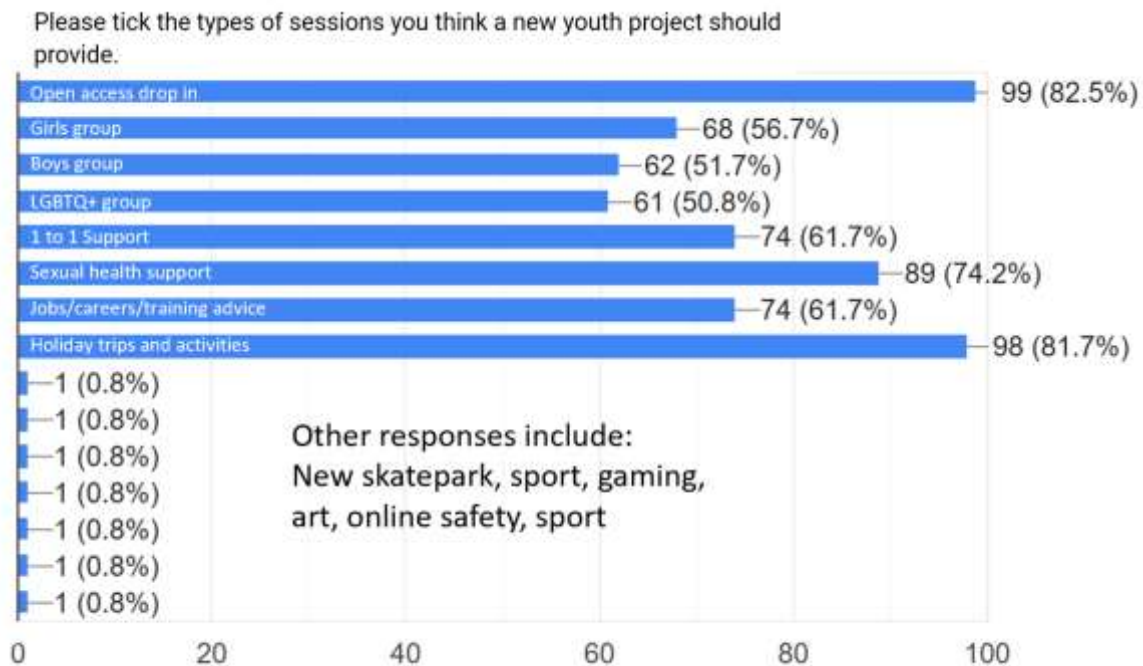
We have been using a paper-based questionnaire to take out on detached sessions. We have also launched our online questionnaire which has received a number of responses. We also had 9 questionnaire responses from members of the community outside of our age range. In addition, the questionnaire was handed out in Prudhoe High School to which we had a great response. To date, we have had 125 responses to the questionnaire.

79.3% of people believed there is not enough youth provision in Prudhoe and 90.2% of people believe a new youth project would be good for the area. There is still no consensus of a particular day for opening but 3:30-7 is the most popular time slot on each day.

What times should it be open and on what days? Please tick your preferred options.



The most requested session types are an open access drop in and holiday trips and activities, as well as sexual health support.



Similarly to the previous quarter, young people have spoken to us about a wide range of issues which are important to them, including:

- Young people feel there is nothing to do
- Nowhere to have social time with shelter and toilets
- Young people are being moved on for being in large groups in the town
- Young people believe they are poorly perceived by adults – particularly getting blamed for things such as smashing bottles when they believe this to be adults
- No cycle lanes in the town so not safe to ride their bikes
- Needing support with mental health

Sexual Health Support

This quarter we began offering C-Card inductions and repeats as well as support for chlamydia and gonorrhoea tests. We completed a total of 6 inductions, 8 repeats, and gave out 3 tests. This was in addition to general advice and queries. This aspect of the work is definitely a need with young people in the area, the more awareness we can spread of this service the better. This quarter we also supported a young person with carrying out a pregnancy test. The test was negative so this didn't require pregnancy decision making support, however should this arise in the future Becca has completed training around this. Sean has also spoken to someone from the Northumberland NHS Sexual Health services regarding specific pathways for referral in case of a positive result.

School updates

We have now completed assemblies in all local schools with the appropriate age ranges. During June and July we piloted a drop in at Prudhoe High School which had varying success. We had a small group regularly visiting for support from workers. This drop in has now ended as numbers were low, and support we could offer was limited. Despite the need, we couldn't offer sexual health support in the drop-in due to school declining the offer. A sexual health support drop-in within local schools could be a great addition to the work, as our feedback from the drop-in stated this would be helpful.

School holiday trips and activities

Prudhoe Youth Project were successful in obtaining 'Prudhoe Town Council 42 Days of Summer' funding for 5 sessions of outdoor activities in partnership with the Natural History Society of Northumbria. We offered the following trips: Farne Islands, Kielder, BBQ & Bug Hunt, Gosforth Nature Reserve and Rockpooling. The trips were very successful with young people taking up opportunities they may never have had before, and making new friends. It was especially great that all trips included a free meal.

Through the trips we made 44 contacts with 37 different young people. We engaged 23 new young people in these trips with whom who had not had contact with before, trips are a god tool to engage those we may not usually see on detached. The young people really enjoyed the trips, and are asking during detached when we will be doing more. We consulted young people via detached about ideas for future trips. We hope to complete an Awards for All funding application in order to support and action the young people's views. Ideas for activities included:

- Residential
- Theme Parks
- Outward bound style activities (jumping in lakes, high ropes, gill scrambling etc)
- Camping
- Seasonal excursions and trips (Christmas markets, ice skating, Halloween activities etc)
- Community events



'I enjoyed the boat ride and seeing all the birds and even dolphins'



'The best part was making new friends'

Upcoming quarter

In the next quarter (October-December) the Town Council have approved for one of the detached sessions to change to a centre-based open access drop in to be held within the Miners Lamp Café. This is greatly welcomed and directly answers the young people's calls for somewhere to go that is warm and has toilets. As the colder weather and darker nights are starting, we have noticed fewer young people out and about in Prudhoe, so an inside session will hopefully help with this too. We aim to do some cooking, crafts and seasonal activities. We will also continue to offer c-card from the base and hope to do some issue based work.