

Children and Young People Policy Development and Scrutiny
Panel

Tuesday 12th January 2016

Children's sense of safety/SHEU

There will be a presentation on the findings of the Schools Health Education Unit (SHEU) survey of 2015 highlighting responses to do with children and young people's sense of safety. The presentation will be available after the meeting.

Background.

The Schools Health Education Unit (SHEU) was commissioned by Public Health to deliver a health related behaviour questionnaire across B&NES schools in 2015.

The survey has also been carried out in 2011 and 2013.

Schools are encouraged to take part, but it is not compulsory. There is no cost to schools to take part.

12 out of 13 Secondary schools (3,048 pupils) and 29 out of 54 eligible primary schools (1,642 pupils) completed the survey in 2015.

A range of health related questions are asked covering the following topics:

- Healthy Eating
- Physical Activity
- Relationships
- Mental Health
- Smoking, Alcohol, Drugs
- Staying safe
- Enjoying and achieving
- Views and opinions

Individual schools receive their data in the form of a report. They can compare their responses with the rest of the schools that took part in B&NES and also with the wider sample of schools across England that have also done the survey.

Individual school reports remain confidential to the school. Two members of the LA staff receive copies as do the school nurses. The schools themselves decide who they share their own data with, although they are encouraged to share positive responses and areas for development with their own school community and other professionals as necessary.

A meeting is offered to all schools to help them interpret their results. Attending the meeting are usually the school PSHE/DPH Award lead, senior manager and school nurse. In addition, all secondary schools are offered a

feedback meeting with the LA Drugs and PSHE lead and the DPH Award coordinator.

B&NES level 'headline' reports are widely available for officers and partners to view and the data is also used in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA).

As the survey has now taken place 3 times, the LA has started to gather trend data. We also have data that compares the responses of children and young people who state they are receiving free school meals with their peers. These 'Ever 6 FSM children and young people' will be those in receipt of pupil premium funding for the school.

The pupil premium is additional funding for publicly funded schools in England to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and close the gap between them and their peers.

The presentation will summarise the results of the surveys conducted in 2015 as well as highlight trends and findings linked to safety. A broad range of data will be presented from both Primary school and Secondary school results.

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