

REPORT TO: Employment, Learning and Skills PPB
DATE: 14 January 2009
REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director – Health & Community
SUBJECT: Mid Year Monitoring Report for Voluntary Sector Core Funding 2008/09
WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 To receive the Mid Year Monitoring Report for Voluntary Sector Core Funding.

2.0 **RECOMMENDATION: That:**

i) **the report be noted.**

3.0 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 The Council awarded Core Grants in for 2008/2009 to:

Cheshire Asbestos Victims Support	£13,300
Cheshire Racial Equality Council	£6,000
Cheshire Victim Support	£7,400
Halton Citizens Advice Bureaux	£139,000
Halton Talking Newspapers	£600
Halton Voluntary Action	£57,000
Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre	£3,200
Relate	£9,200
Runcorn & Frodsham Mencap	£2,400
Samaritans	£4,000
Vision Support	£8,200
Widnes & Runcorn Cancer Support Group	£11,848
Total	262,148

Organisations awarded over £5,000 are subject to a Service Level Agreement and provide quarterly monitoring. Those organisations who received under £5,000 provide 6 monthly figures.

3.2 Appendix 1 provides the monitoring data for the first six months of 2008/09 for the 12 organisations listed in 3.1.

3.3 At mid-year, all organisations are in line to meet expected targets and fulfil their Service Level Agreements.

3.4 The monitoring report will be available in the Members Rooms.

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 None at this stage.

5.0 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There are no financial implications at this stage.

6.0 **IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

The service delivery from organisations receiving core grant in many cases is cross cutting in the context of the Council's strategic priorities. There is significant levels of welfare rights and debt handling support provided which impacts on anti-poverty issues for the Borough.

6.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**

The work delivered by Relate in preventing family breakdown and offering counselling to teenagers has a direct impact on those children and young people in the Borough.

The Youth Volunteer programme delivered by HVA (the V Project) is targeted at young people participating in their community.

The Samaritans is open to all age ranges and does receive calls from young people in the Borough looking for support.

Widnes & Runcorn Cancer Support group offer support to all members of families effected by the disease, encompassing young members of families.

6.2 **Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton**

The voluntary sector organisations have a significant reliance on volunteer time to deliver services. The organisations provide training opportunities for volunteers to enable the delivery of service and improve their skills and employability. The CAB in particular have experienced local volunteers gaining local employment as a result of the training and experience.

6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

Widnes & Runcorn Cancer Support have a major impact on the health and well being of our residents diagnosed and in remission from cancer through the support, advocacy and therapies they are able to offer.

Cheshire Asbestos works with sufferers and their families to support them through the illness, offering welfare support and recreational breaks for the sufferers and their families.

Vision support provide a resource centre for visually impaired and offer home visits and welfare rights support. The talking newspaper enables their clients to receive news on current affairs weekly/

6.4 **A Safer Halton**

Cheshire Victim Support provide support to victims of crime through to pre trial preparation and court attendances which can be daunting for residents left vulnerable from crimes against them.

Cheshire, Halton & Warrington Racial Equality Council work with minority groups in the Borough to contribute to a cohesive and integrated community in Halton. They offer support to individuals experiencing discrimination and will support in challenging discriminatory practice and will help people through tribunal processes.

The Rape & Sexual Abuse Centre provides support to the victims of crime. The Centre provides an assessment necessary for criminal proceedings and follow on support to the individuals.

Mencap provides a community meeting point for disabled members in Halton offering a safe environment for their clients to engage in community activity and participate in skill development and recreational activity.

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

None identified.

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 None directly. The PPB, however, will monitor that the grant is being spent appropriately and the Council and Halton's residents receive value for money.

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 To receive a grant, organisations have to demonstrate that acceptable equality and diversity policies and practices exist.

9.0 **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

None under the meaning of the Act.



Voluntary Sector Funding

Monitoring information for

April to September 2008

Mid Year Monitoring 2008/2009

Cheshire Asbestos Victims Support Group
3/5 Fryer Street, Runcorn Cheshire WA7 1ND
01928 576641

£13,300

Activity	6 monthly total	Yearly target
Counselling hours	675	No target
Welfare Rights obtained	£104,815.00	No target
Civil Claims DTER etc	£1,475,434.00	No target
Volunteer hours per year	856	No target
No of volunteers over the year	13	No target
Telephone enquiries	596	12,000
Personal visits to centre	85	300

HBC Priorities met by organisation

A Healthy Halton

A Safer Halton

Cheshire Halton & Warrington Racial Equality Council
2, Hunters Walk, Canal Street, Chester, CH1 4EB
01244 400730

£6,000

Activity	6 monthly total	Yearly target
Attend HIAP Exec & Provider meetings	2	No target
Hate Crime Panel	0	No target
Local Criminal Board Consultation & Sub Group	1	No target
Race issues multi agency group	0	No target
Cheshire Chief Executive Advisory Group on Gypsies & Travellers	1	No target
Casework	6	No target
Hours spent on casework	59	No target

HBC Priorities met by organisation

A Healthy Halton

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Halton's Children & Young People

Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton

Cheshire Vision Support
Halton Independent Living Centre, Collier Street, Runcorn, WA7 1HB
01928 582944 (evening answer phone) £8,200

Activity	6 monthly total	Yearly target
Clients visits to Resource Centre inc family visit	491	600
Telephone enquiries from service users & their families	496	500
Other agencies visits to centre	341	No target
Other agencies telephone calls	373	No target
Home visits to new and existing service users	579	1,100
Welfare Rights inc. DLA and back pay	£8,315	£14,000

HBC Priorities met by organisation

A Healthy Halton

A Safer Halton

Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton

Halton District Citizens Advice Bureau
Unit 3, Victoria Building, Lugsdale Road, Widnes, WA8 6DJ
0151 257 2443 £139,000

Activity	6 monthly total	Yearly target
Number of unique users	2269	4032
Number of cases worked on	2926	4032+
Welfare Rights	£333,447.00	No target
Debt written off	£271,135.00	£1 million
Debt handled	£4,141,945.00	
Gains (employment)	£47,976	
Volunteer hours	4110	No target
Number of volunteers	27	
Telephone enquiries	828	3800
Letter/email/fax	2,500	No target
Home Visits	174	No target
Tribunals attended	23	No target
Court attendances	48	No target

HBC Priorities met by organisation

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Halton Talking Newspaper
The Old Police Station, Mersey Road, Runcorn, WA7 1DF
(Mail contact- Mrs P Johnson, 2 Royden Ave, Runcorn WA7 4AL)
01928 588500 **£600**

Activity	6 monthly total
Numbers of individuals receiving recordings each week	171
Volunteers involved with the organisation	23
Weeks per year service is provided	26
Volunteer hours per year	604

HBC Priorities met by organisation
A Healthy Halton
A Safer Halton

Halton Voluntary Action
Sefton House, Public Hall Street, Runcorn WA7 1NG
01928 592405 **£57,000**

Activity	6 monthly total	Yearly target
Individuals - sessions attended - Training / Activities	12	No target
No of volunteer involved in HVA activities	2	No target
No of volunteer hours	162.5	No target
Telephone enquiries for info & advice	2543	No target
Newsletter distributed	1355	2800
Volunteers recruited (for placements)	253	100
Organisations receiving direct funding or group support	10	30

HBC Priorities met by organisation
A Healthy Halton
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Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton

Rape & Sexual Abuse Centre
26 Cairo Street Warrington WA1 1EH
01925 245 445/4 – 01706 347 330

£3,200

Activity	6 monthly total
Total calls to centre	430
Initial Assessments Runcorn & Widnes	42
Volunteers in service delivery	6
Counselling & Support hours	250

HBC Priorities met by organisation

A Healthy Halton

Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton

Runcorn Frodsham & District Mencap
The Acorn Club, Laburnam Grove, Runcorn, WA7 5EX
01928 722910

£2,400

Activity	6 monthly total
No of volunteers over 6 month	40
Volunteer hours per 6 month	1898

HBC Priorities met by organisation

A Healthy Halton

A Safer Halton

Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton

Samaritans
46 Arpley Street, Warrington, WA4 1LX
01925 235000

£4,000

Activity	6 monthly total
Counselling calls	6489
Counselling by email	224
Volunteer hours per year	4000
No of volunteers over the year	56
Personal visits to centre	5

HBC Priorities met by organisation

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Halton's Children & Young People

Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton

Widnes & Runcorn Cancer Support Group
21-23 Alforde Street, Widnes, Cheshire, WA8 7TR
0151 423 5730 **£11,848**

Activity	6 monthly total	Yearly target
Counselling hours	87	No target
Listening hours	705	No target
Information centre - patients	58	No target
Volunteer hours per year	1835	No target
No of volunteers over the year	55	No target
Information phone calls	57	No target
Listening phone calls	200	No target
HUGS club	498	719
Outreach group	72	
Busom buddies	193	
Therapies and workshops	272	

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