

South Yorkshire LNF Evaluation

FINAL REPORT

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I. BACKGROUND

The Local Network Fund

- I.1 The LNF is intended to enable communities to develop projects and activities for children and young people aged 0 -19 with limited opportunities or access to services that many young people take for granted. The fund should be used to achieve one or more of the following Every Child Matters [ECM] thematic outcomes: being healthy; staying safe; enjoying and achieving; making a contribution; and achieving economic wellbeing. Each outcome is supported by five specific aims and several priority national targets and other indicators.
- I.2 The LNF is delivered by the voluntary and community sector [VCS] and in South Yorkshire the accountable body is SYCF. Grants are between £250 - £7,000 and monies are allocated and administered in accordance with guidance relating to an agreed application and appraisal process. Since the LNF went live in April 2001, voluntary and community organisations [VCOs] and groups across the four local authority areas [LADs] across South Yorkshire have received grants towards a wide variety of projects and activities. The fund ended in March 2008.

Evaluation Objectives

- I.3 The brief for this assignment specifies the following three evaluation aims:
- Drawing on our previous experience, design a bespoke survey questionnaire which includes the key objectives of the Positive Activities for Young People [PAYP] programme.
 - By means of a postal/email survey collect data from groups who have received LNF funding in order to identify what they have used it for, who has benefited and what their experience was of the application, and appraisal and monitoring processes.
 - Undertake an analysis of the survey data collected and present this in the form of tables and charts with a narrative alongside. The analysis must be of a representative sample of projects which have been funded ie across the four LADs and in terms of the five ECM Themes.
 - Produce a report which sets out the key findings from the survey and an overall conclusion regarding its cost-effectiveness.

Activities

- I.4 The study aims were addressed by completing a series of activities between May and September 2007; these were:
- An inception and planning meeting between Pauline Grice [Chief Executive, SYCF] and Clive La Court [Partner, mtl].
 - Preparatory work eg questionnaire design and collation of contact details.
 - A postal/email survey of LNF grant recipients during May 2008: 250 community groups responded to the survey which was issued to 389 groups who had received grants between April 2006 and March 2008 [a 64% response rate].
 - Data analysis and report-writing.

2. FINDINGS FROM THE SURVEY

Introduction

- 2.1 This section of the report provides an analysis of the findings from the 389 responses to the postal survey of LNF grant recipients.
- 2.2 The focus of our analysis is the South Yorkshire area as a whole. Findings relating to each LAD are shown in the Appendix.

Key Findings

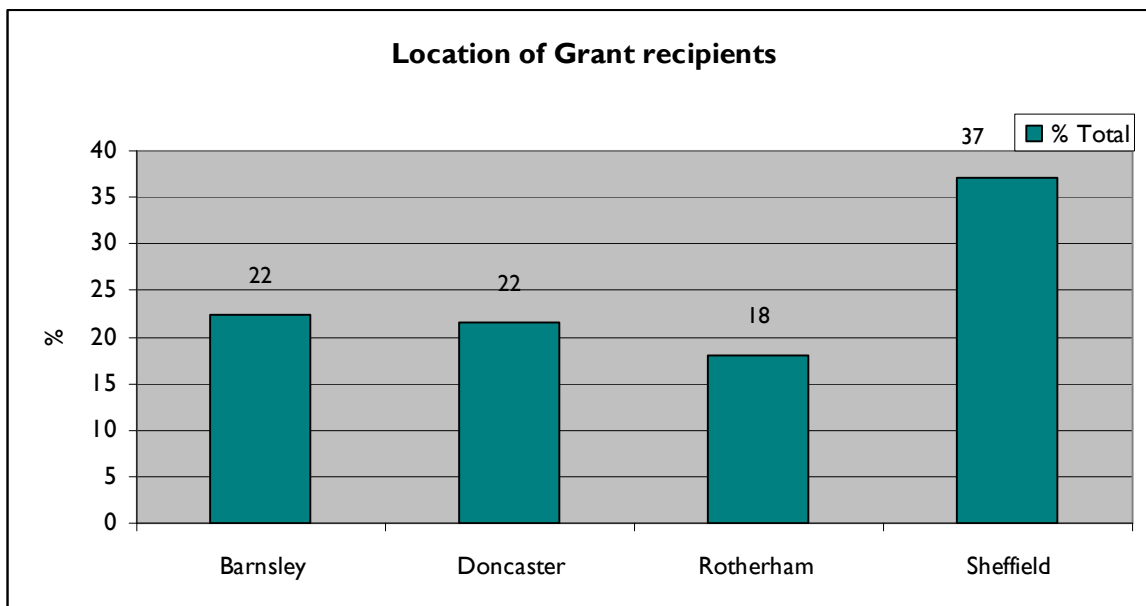
- 2.3 The key findings from the survey are set out below.
- 79% of projects addressed the Enjoying and Achieving theme of the Every Child Matters agenda with Making a Positive Contribution (64%) and Being Healthy (63%) themes also significant.
 - 86% of projects addressing the Being Healthy theme promoted healthy eating and physical activity.
 - 57% of activities addressing the Staying Safe theme reduced the incidents of bullying and victimisation of CYP whilst 53% reduced the numbers of CYP involved in criminal or anti-social behaviour.
 - Of those projects addressing the Enjoying and Achieving theme, 66% increased access to a range of educational activities.
 - Three quarters of projects focussing on the Make a Positive Contribution theme promoted and increased levels of socially acceptable behaviour whilst a similar proportion increased participation of CYP in out of school learning.
 - 86% of those projects addressing the Achieving Economic Well-being theme increased participation and achievement of young people aged 16-19 in work, education and training.
 - Four-fifths of projects gave young people the opportunity for personal development (self-discipline, self-respect, self-confidence etc) whilst 62% provided access to quality arts, sports and cultural activities. Half of the projects brought together young people from different geographical and ethnic communities.
 - The LNF-funded projects had a significant impact on families and their local community by developing friendships and strengthening support networks, helping families undertake activities that they otherwise could not afford and promoted community cohesion.
 - The vast majority of groups in the South Yorkshire LNF programme had a positive experience with problems stemming from involvement limited.
 - There is clear evidence of CYP empowerment through the LNF programme with CYP being involved throughout different stages of project development and delivery and not just as the end beneficiary.
 - Three-quarters of the projects would not have gone ahead without LNF support whilst a quarter would have been scaled down.

Location of the LNF Grant Recipients

Question 1 ~ Which local authority district is your group located in?

	Number	%
Barnsley	56	22
Doncaster	54	22
Rotherham	45	18
Sheffield	93	37
Dearne Valley (B+D+R)	1	0
South Yorkshire wide	1	0
Total	250	100

2.4 93 groups responding to the survey were based in Sheffield which represented 37% of the total respondents. 22% were located in Barnsley and Doncaster respectively whilst 18% of the groups receiving LNF support taking part in the survey were based in Rotherham. One group were based in the Dearne Valley which covers Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham whilst another group covered the whole South Yorkshire District.



Benefits to Children and Young People

2.5 The first set of questions relate to the benefits accruing to CYP from the projects that have received LNF grants from the South Yorkshire Community Foundation.

Question 2 ~ Which of the following Every Child Matters Themes did the LNF-funded activities address...?

2.6 Respondents were asked which Every Child Matters Theme their project addressed. The Every Child Matters Themes are;

- Being Healthy
- Staying Safe

- Enjoying and Achieving
- Making a Positive Contribution
- Achieving Economic Well-being

2.7 In many cases, the LNF-funded projects addressed more than one of the five themes outlined above.

	Barnsley		Doncaster		Rotherham		Sheffield		South Yorkshire	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Being Healthy	33	57	36	64	31	66	61	65	158	63
Staying Safe	22	38	17	30	25	53	35	37	97	39
Enjoying and Achieving	51	88	38	68	34	72	76	81	197	79
Making a Positive Contribution	40	69	31	55	33	70	61	65	160	64
Achieving Economic Well-being	12	21	8	14	10	21	24	26	51	20

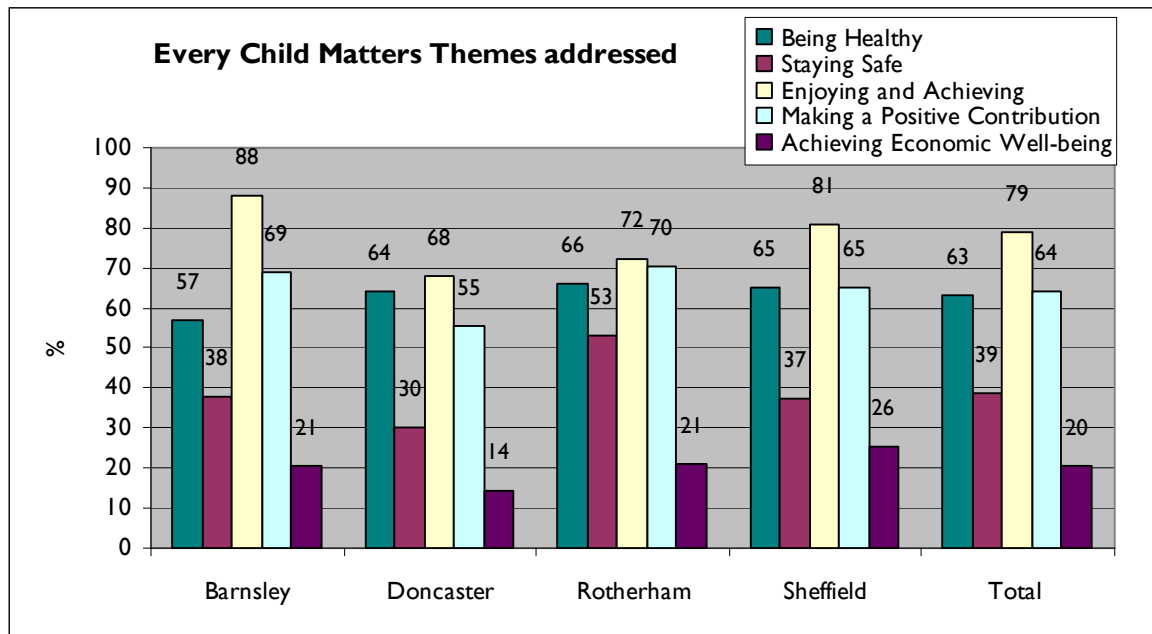
2.8 Looking at responses from South Yorkshire as a whole, 79% (197) of respondents said that their LNF-funded project addressed the Enjoying and Achieving theme of Every Child Matters. 64% (160) of projects addressed the Making a Positive Contribution theme whilst 63% (158) of the projects concentrated on the Being Healthy theme. The Staying Safe (39%) and Achieving Economic Well-being (20%) themes were less significant.

2.9 The pattern recorded in South Yorkshire was mirrored by respondents whose group and project was located in Barnsley. The Enjoying and Achieving theme was addressed by the vast majority of respondents (88%) whilst the Making a Positive Contribution (69%) and Being Healthy (57%) were also significant.

2.10 In Doncaster, the Enjoying and Achieving theme was less significant with respondents in terms of the proportion of projects addressing the theme compared to the three other Local Authority districts and South Yorkshire as a whole, however, it was still the most addressed theme in the borough with 68%. Being Healthy (64%) and Making a Positive Contribution (55%) were addressed more than half the respondents in Doncaster whilst Achieving Economic Well-being was the least addressed Every Child Matters theme in borough (14%).

2.11 The Enjoying and Achieving theme is also addressed the most of the five themes in Rotherham with 72% of respondents in the district covering this theme. The Making a Positive Contribution and Being Healthy themes were addressed by two thirds of the respondents in Rotherham.

2.12 The picture painted at sub-regional level was reflected in Sheffield with four-fifths (81%) of respondents in the city addressing the Enjoying and Achieving theme with the Being Healthy and Making a Positive Contribution themes being addressed by 65% of the respondents to the survey.



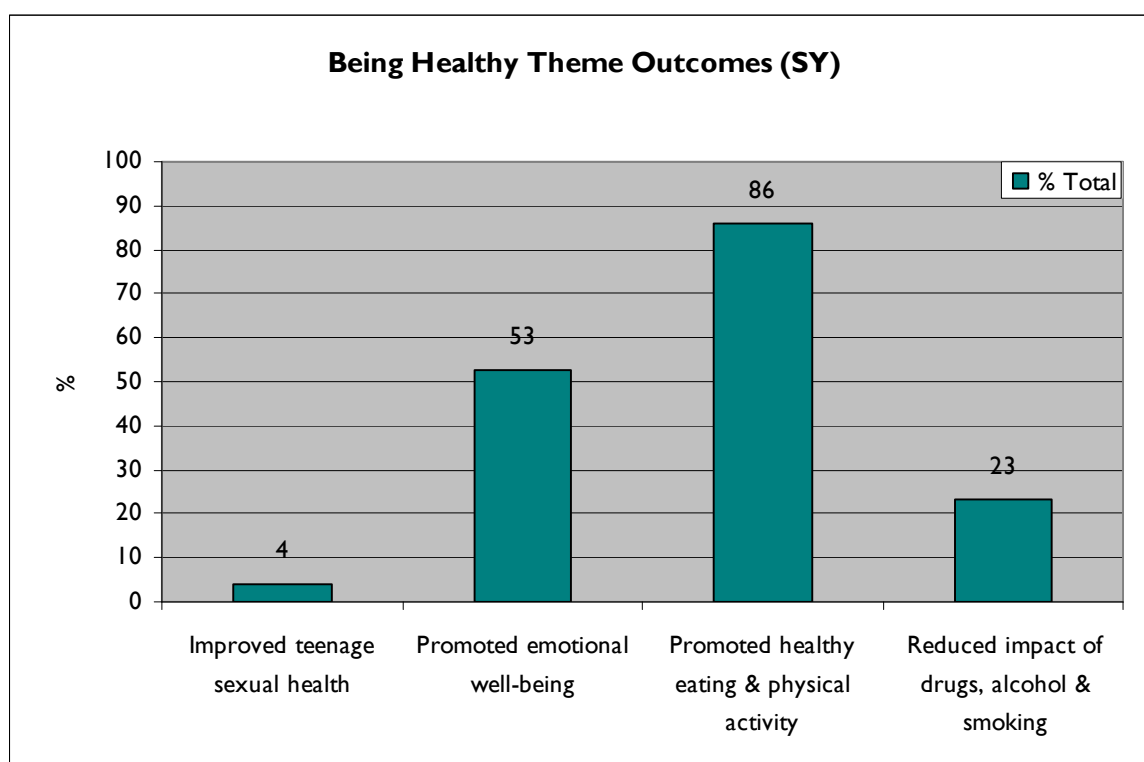
Being Healthy Theme

Question 3 ~ If your activities addressed the Being Healthy theme, have they had any of the following outcomes...?

- 2.13 The 158 respondents to the survey who said that their groups' project addressed the Being Healthy theme were asked which of four outcomes their project had achieved during its course of activity. In many cases, a project achieved a multiple of positive outcomes according to the respondent.

	South Yorkshire	
	Number	%
Improved teenage sexual health/ fewer teenage conceptions	6	4
Promoted improved emotional well-being	83	53
Promoted healthy eating & physical activity	136	86
Reduced the impact of drugs, alcohol & smoking	37	23

- 2.14 The overwhelming majority of projects (86%) that addressed the Being Healthy theme promoted healthy eating and physical activity of CYP according to 136 respondents in South Yorkshire. This was particularly the case in Barnsley where 97% of respondents to this question promoted healthy eating and physical activity (less so in Rotherham – 77%). Over half (53%) of respondents in South Yorkshire also promoted improved emotional well-being amongst CYP whilst reducing the take-up and/or impact of drugs, alcohol and smoking on CYP was achieved by 23% of projects.
- 2.15 Improving teenage sexual health leading to fewer teenage conceptions was alluded to by 6 respondents as an outcome of their project which equates to 4% of those in South Yorkshire who addressed the Being Healthy theme.



Staying Safe Theme

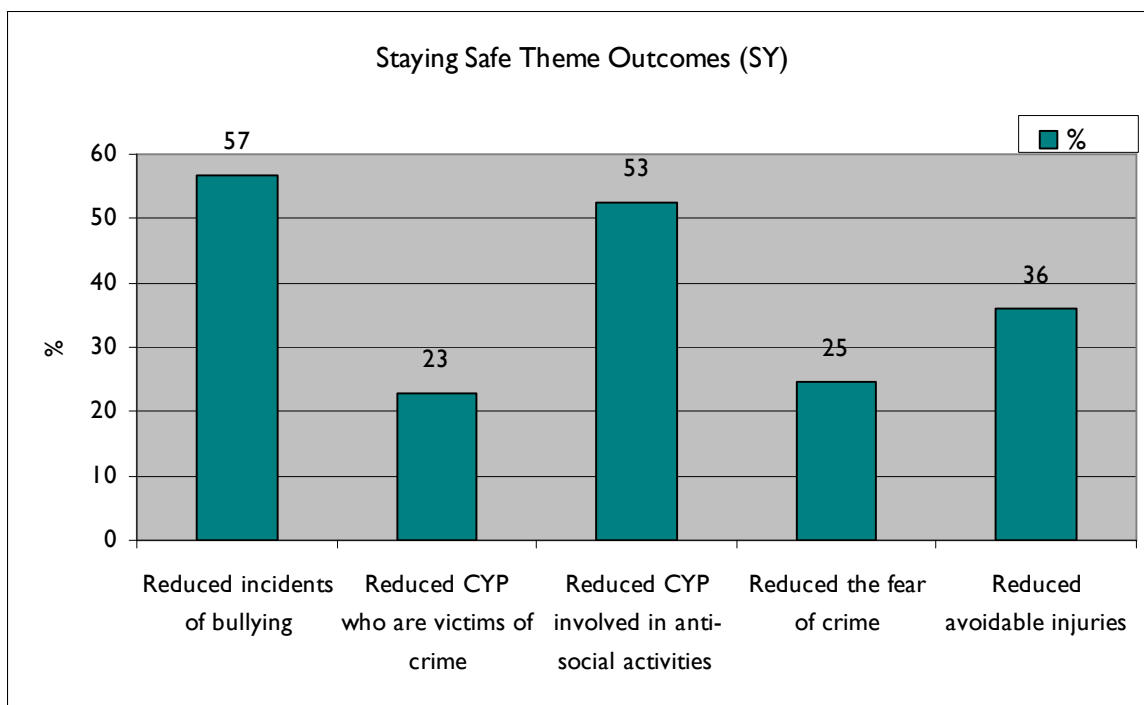
Question 4 ~ If your activities addressed the Staying Safe theme, have they had any of the following outcomes...?

- 2.16 The 97 respondents to the survey who said that their groups' project addressed the Staying Safe theme were asked which outcomes their group had achieved during the time span of the LNF-funded project. As with the Being Healthy theme, in many cases a project achieved more than one positive outcome.

	South Yorkshire	
	Number	%
Reduced incidents of bullying & victimisation	55	57
Reduced the numbers of CYP who are victims of crime	22	23
Reduced the numbers of CYP involved in criminal/ anti-social activities	51	53
Reduced the fear of crime amongst CYP	24	25
Reduced avoidable injuries incurred by CYP	35	36

- 2.17 Of those that responded to this question 57% of projects addressing this theme reduced incidents of bullying and victimisation of CYP, this was particularly the case with projects based in Barnsley (64%) and Rotherham (60%). Just over half (53%) of projects addressing the Staying Safe theme reduced the numbers of CYP involved in criminal and/ or anti-social behaviour. This was mirrored in Barnsley (50%), Rotherham (56%) and Sheffield (57%) but less so in Doncaster (35%).

2.18 A third of projects in South Yorkshire taking part in this survey which addressed this theme reduced the number of avoidable injuries incurred by CYP. Reducing the fear of crime amongst CYP and reducing the numbers of CYP who are victims of crime was achieved by a quarter of respondents.



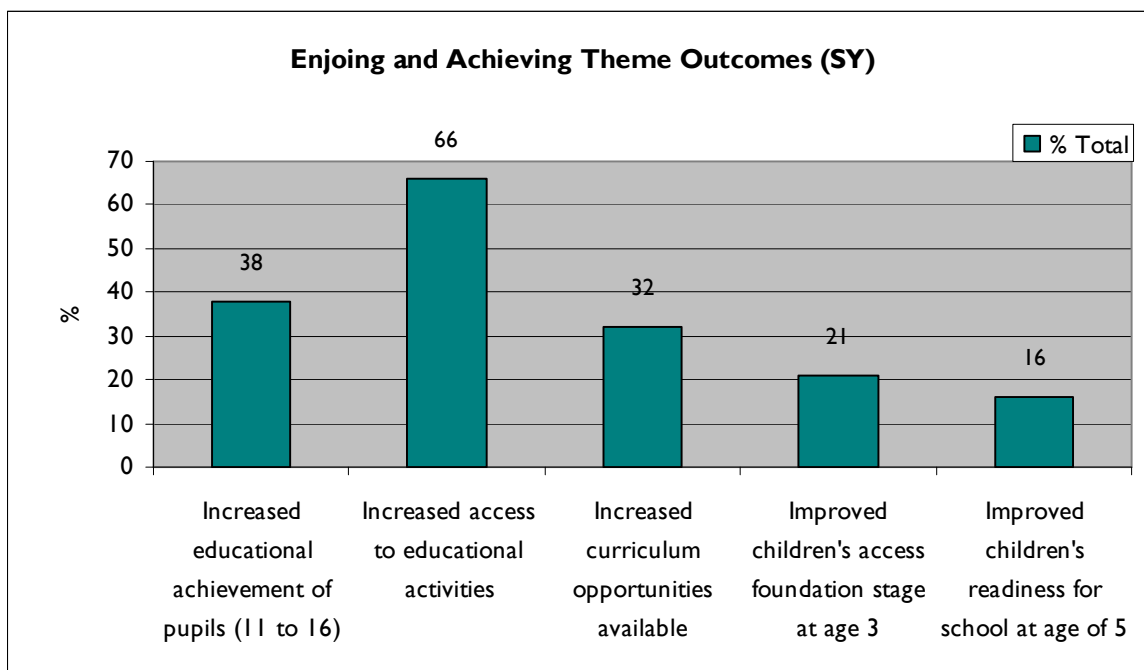
Enjoying and Achieving Theme

Question 5 ~ If your activities addressed the Enjoying and Achieving theme, have they had any of the following outcomes...?

2.19 The 197 respondents to the survey who said that their groups' project addressed the Enjoying and Achieving theme were asked which positive outcomes their project had achieved. In many cases, a project achieved a multiple of outcomes.

	South Yorkshire	
	Number	%
Increased the educational achievement of pupils aged 11 to 16 years	75	38
Increased access to a range of educational activities	130	66
Increased the range of curriculum opportunities available to CYP	63	32
Improved children's readiness to access the foundation stage at age 3	41	21
Improved children's readiness for school at age of 5	32	16

- 2.20 Two-thirds of projects which addressed the Enjoying and Achieving theme increased access by CYP to a range of educational activities (varying from 59% in Rotherham to 76% in Doncaster). 38% of projects within this theme increased the educational achievement of pupils aged 11 to 16 years of age which was particularly the case in Rotherham (50%).
- 2.21 One-third (32%) of projects increased the range of curriculum opportunities available to CYP whilst one-fifth (21%) improved children’s readiness to access the foundation stage at age 3 in South Yorkshire.



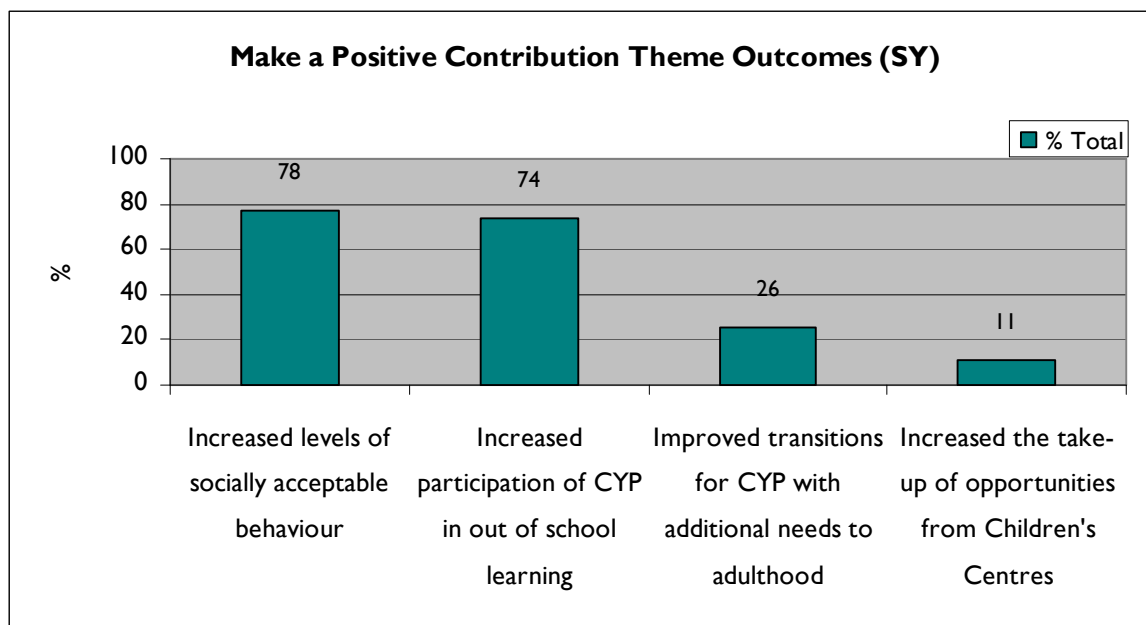
Make a Positive Contribution

Question 6 ~ If your activities addressed the Make a Positive Contribution theme, have they had any of the following outcomes...?

- 2.22 The 160 respondents to the survey who said that their groups’ project addressed the Making a Positive Contribution theme were asked which positive outcomes their project had achieved during the lifetime of the LNF grant. In most cases, projects managed to achieve a multiple of positive outcomes.

	South Yorkshire	
	Number	%
Promoted and increased levels of socially acceptable behaviour by CYP	124	78
Increased participation of CYP in out of school learning & community-based activities	118	74
Improved transitions for young people with additional needs to adulthood	41	26
Increased the take-up of opportunities from Children's Centres	17	11

2.23 Respondents whose projects addressed the Make a Positive Contribution theme of Every Child Matters found that the two most significant positive outcomes were promoting and recording increased levels of socially acceptable behaviour by CYP (78%) and increased the participation of CYP in out of school learning and community based activities (74%). An improved transition for young people with additional needs to adulthood was alluded to as positive outcome by 26% of projects addressing this theme. Increased take-up of opportunities from Children’s Centres was a less significant outcome with 11% highlighting this impact.



Achieving Economic Well-being

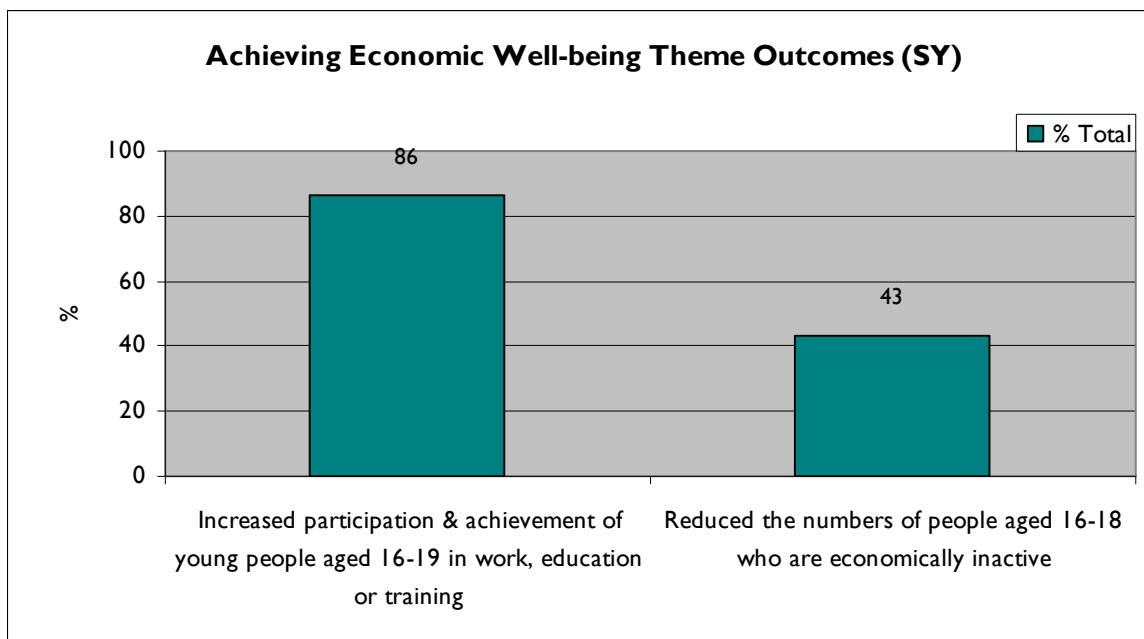
Question 7 ~ If your activities addressed the Achieving Economic Well-being theme, have they had any of the following outcomes...?

2.24 The 51 respondents to the survey who said that their groups’ project addressed the Achieving Economic Well-being theme were asked which positive outcomes their project had achieved whilst in operation. As with other themes of Every Child Matters, many respondents felt that their project accrued more than one positive outcome on CYP.

	South Yorkshire	
	Number	%
Increased participation & achievement of young people aged 16-19 in work, education or training	44	86
Reduced the numbers of people aged 16-18 who are economically inactive	22	43

2.25 A substantial majority (86%) of projects addressing this theme increased participation and achievement of young people aged 16-19 years of age in work, education or training. This was particularly the case in Barnsley where all 12 projects addressing the Achieving Economic Well-being theme increased participation and achievement of young people.

2.26 43% of respondents to this question felt that their project reduced the numbers of people aged 16-18 years of age who were economically inactive at the time. This was particularly evident in Rotherham (50%) and less so in Barnsley (33%).



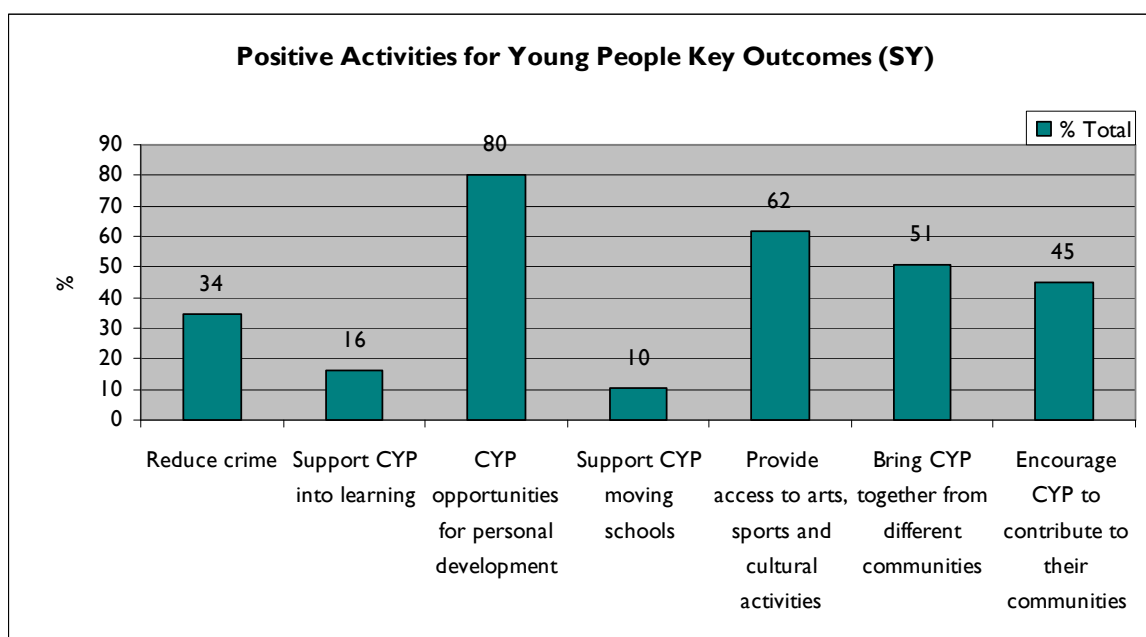
Positive Activities for Young People

Question 8 ~ The Government’s Positive Activities for Young People Programme identifies 7 key outcomes; if applicable, which of them apply to your project...?

2.27 This question was asked to all respondents to the survey and asks if their project resulted in any of the seven key outcomes outlined in the Government’s Positive Activities for Young People Programme being achieved. In most instances respondents highlighted more than one of the seven key outcomes accruing from the LNF-funded activity.

	South Yorkshire	
	Number	%
Reduce crime and anti-social behaviour both in the short term and long term	86	34
Support CYP back into education or training and help them stay there, by working with those at risk of truancy	40	16
Give young people opportunities for personal development including the development of self-discipline, self-respect and self-confidence	200	80
Ensure that children are supported as they move from primary to secondary school	26	10
Provide access to quality arts, sports and cultural activities, and allowing those with an interest and/ or talent in any area to continue after the programme has ended	154	62
Bring together young people from different geographical and ethnic communities to help break down prejudice and misunderstanding	127	51
Encourage young people to contribute to their communities through volunteering and active citizenship	113	45
Not sure/ don't know	30	12

- 2.28 Four-fifths of respondents in South Yorkshire said that their project gave young people the opportunity for personal development such as development of self-discipline, self-respect and self-confidence. This was particularly the case in Barnsley with 88% of projects achieving this key outcome in the borough.
- 2.29 62% of projects that received LNF support provided access to quality arts, sports and cultural activities which allowed those with a keen interest or talent in a discipline to continue and flourish after the programme of activity had ended. Half of those surveyed said that their project had helped bring together young people from different geographical and ethnic communities which in turn helped break down forms of prejudice between them and misunderstanding.
- 2.30 A significant proportion (45%) of LNF-funded activities encouraged young people to contribute to their communities through giving up their time as volunteers and being engaged in active citizenship. Reducing crime and anti-social behaviour both in the short-term (whilst the project was taking place) and in the long-term (after the project had finished) was alluded to by a third (34%) of respondents to the survey.
- 2.31 16% of respondents said that their project supported CYP back into education or training by working with those at risk or truancy. One-tenth of respondents said that their project ensured that children were supported when they moved from primary to secondary school.
- 2.32 Just over one-tenth (12%) of respondents were not sure/ did not know whether their projects had achieved any of the key outcomes relating to the Government's Positive Activities for Young People Programme.



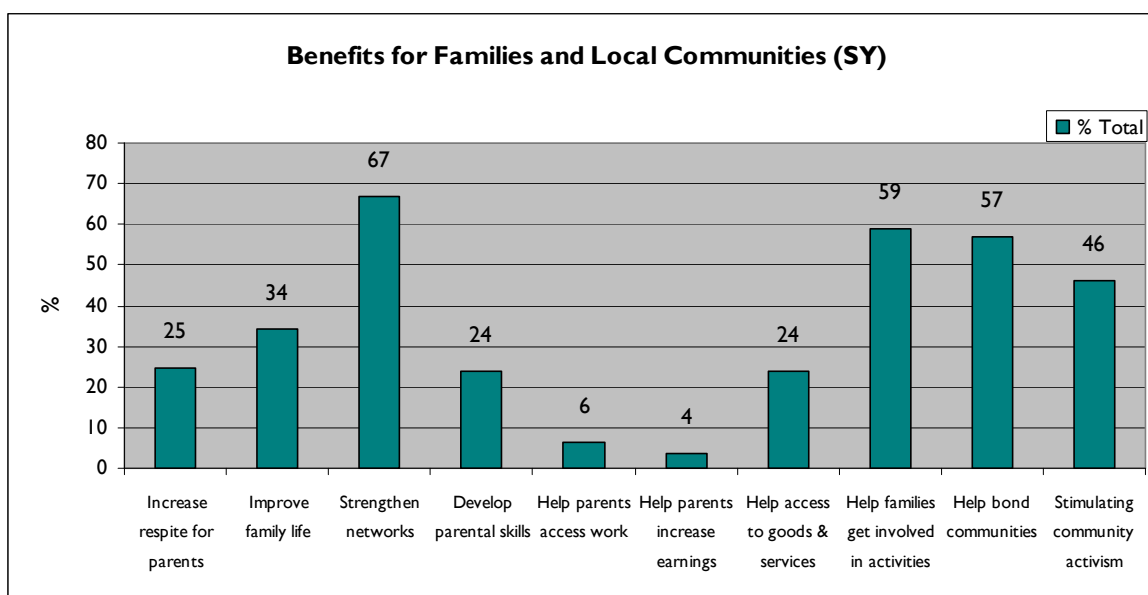
Benefits for Families and Local Communities

Question 9 ~ From the experience of families and the local community, have the LNF-funded activities achieved any of the following outcomes...?

2.33 Respondents were asked how their project and LNF-funded activities impacted on the families taking part and the local community in which they live. The vast majority of respondents highlighted more than one positive outcome.

	South Yorkshire	
	Number	%
Increased respite for parents/ guardians	62	25
Improved family relationships	86	34
Developing friendships & strengthening support networks	167	67
Developing parental skills & confidence	60	24
Helping jobless parents access work	16	6
Helping working parents increase their earnings [e.g. by increased hours or changing to better paid jobs]	9	4
Helping families get access to goods & services they could otherwise not afford	60	24
Helping families get involved in activities [e.g. sports, cultural, outings] they could otherwise not afford	147	59
Helping to bond communities - promoting community cohesion/ engagement/ belonging	142	57
Stimulating community activism/ volunteering	115	46
Not sure/ don't know	15	6

- 2.34 Two-thirds of respondents in South Yorkshire felt that their project helped foster the developing of new friendships of participants and strengthened support networks in the area. This was especially evident in Barnsley with 74% of projects in the district highlighting this positive outcome on families and their community.
- 2.35 59% of LNF-funded projects in South Yorkshire taking part in this survey helped families become involved in (more) activities such as sports, cultural activities and outings/ day trips that they would not have been able to afford without help. Helping to increase community cohesion and engagement resulting in communities that are more together with a sense of belonging was alluded to as a positive outcome by 57% of respondents.
- 2.36 46% of projects in South Yorkshire stimulated community activism including volunteering whilst 34% of projects improved family relationships in some way. Other significant positive outcomes accruing from the LNF-funded projects in South Yorkshire included;
 - Increased respite for parents/ guardians of CYP – 25%
 - Developed parental skills and increasing confidence – 24%
 - Helped families access goods and services they could otherwise not afford – 24%
- 2.37 Only 6% of those that responded to the survey could not identify any benefits accruing to families and/ or the local community that their project was located.



Groups experience of LNF

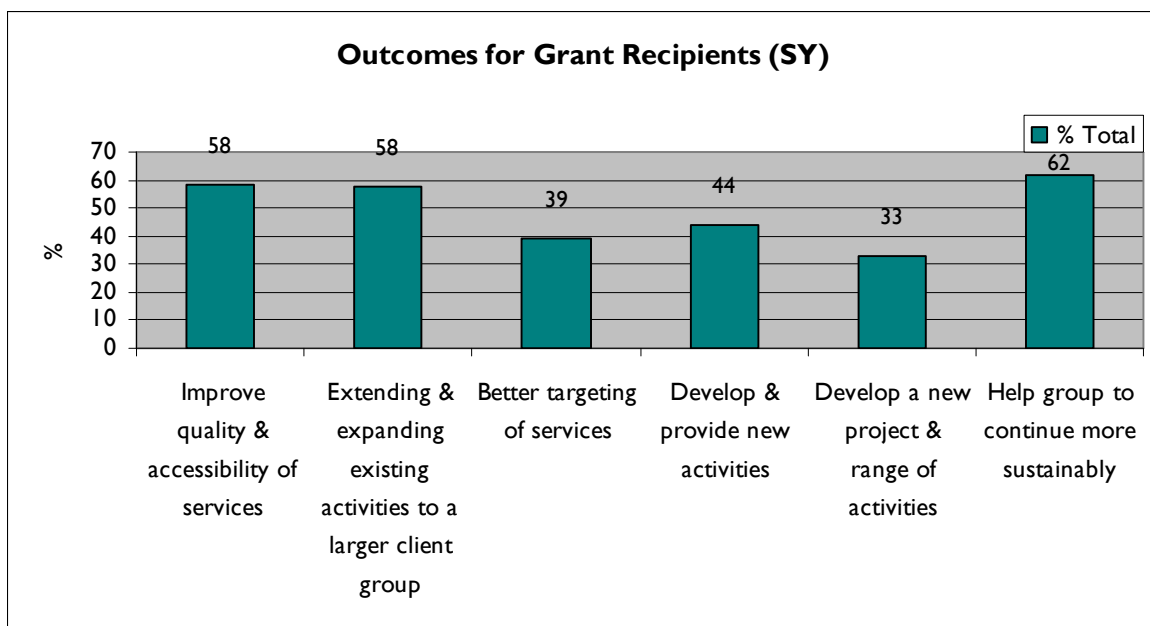
- 2.38 The two following questions concentrate on the groups’ direct experience of applying for a LNF grant to support their activity/ project.

Question 10 ~ From the your point, did the LNF-funded activities/ projects achieve any of the following outcomes..?

- 2.39 Respondents to the survey were asked if in their opinion the LNF grant had a positive outcome on their group/ organisation as a result of being successful in their application for LNF funding.

	South Yorkshire	
	Number	%
Improving the quality & accessibility of existing services	145	58
Extending & expanding existing activities to a larger client group - increasing take-up	144	58
Better targeting of services on the hardest to help & most disadvantaged communities	97	39
Developing & providing completely new activities for CYP	109	44
Developing a completely new project & a range of activities within it	82	33
Helping your group to continue on a more sustainable basis (albeit short/ medium term)	154	62
Not sure/ don't know	11	4

- 2.40 The vast majority of respondents were able to identify at least one positive outcome on their group with only 4% not being able to do so.
- 2.41 Nearly two-thirds (62%) of respondents said that the LNF granted enabled their group to continue on a more sustainable basis in the short and medium term. 58% of survey respondents felt that they were able to improve the quality and accessibility of existing services whilst the same proportion said they were able to extend and expand existing services to a wider audience and client group which increased take up of the activities.
- 2.42 LNF funding allowed 44% of projects to develop and provide completely new activities for CYP whilst a third of groups were able to develop a completely new project with a range of activities within it. 39% groups were able to target their services to the hardest to engage and most disadvantaged communities within their area.



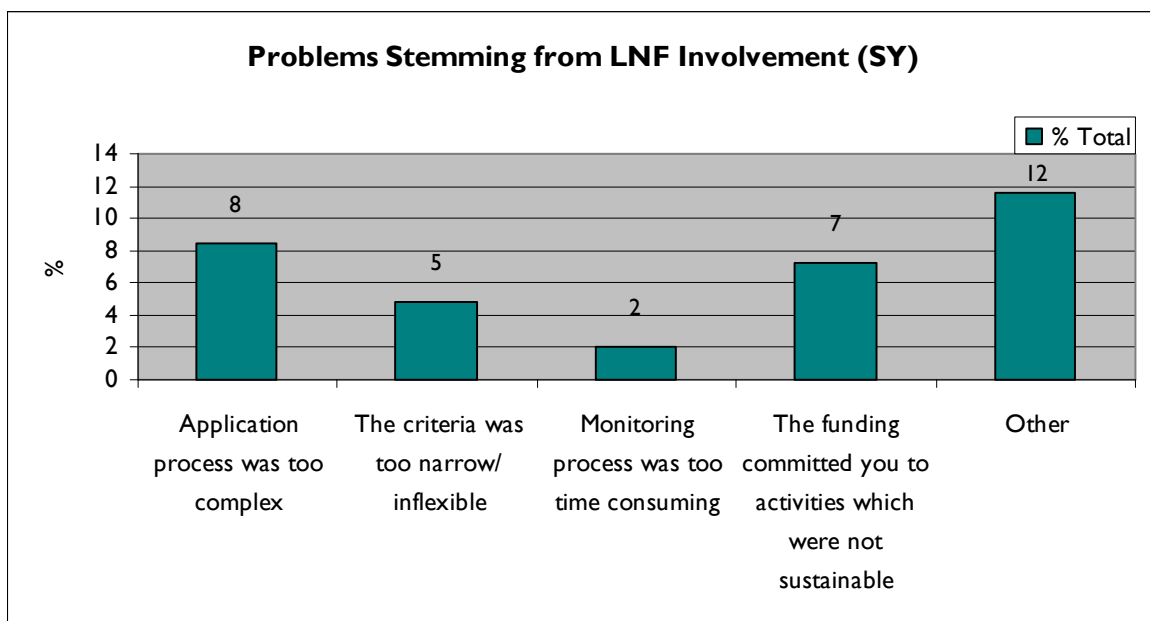
Question 11 ~ Were there any problems stemming from your group’s involvement in the LNF programme...?

2.43 Respondents were asked if they had encountered any problems as a result of accessing the LNF grant that they had received.

	South Yorkshire	
	Number	%
The application process was too complex & time-consuming	21	8
The criteria as to what the funds could be used for was too narrow or inflexible	12	5
Too much time was involved in the monitoring process	5	2
The funding committed you to activities which were just not sustainable after it ended	18	7
Other	29	12

2.44 The majority of respondents to the survey did not reveal any problems they had encountered during their involvement in the LNF programme. 21 (8%) respondents felt that the application process at the beginning was far too complex and time consuming whilst 7% of respondents felt that the LNF funding committed them to activities which were not sustainable after the funding had ended.

2.45 12 respondents (5%) were of the opinion that the criteria applied as to what the LNF funds could be used for was too narrow and/or inflexible. 12% of respondents to the survey said that they had other problems. However, the majority chose this option to say that they had encountered no problems during the LNF programme. In fact, only 3 respondents suggested anything negative in this option with all saying they found LNF funding very difficult to replace.



Engagement of CYP

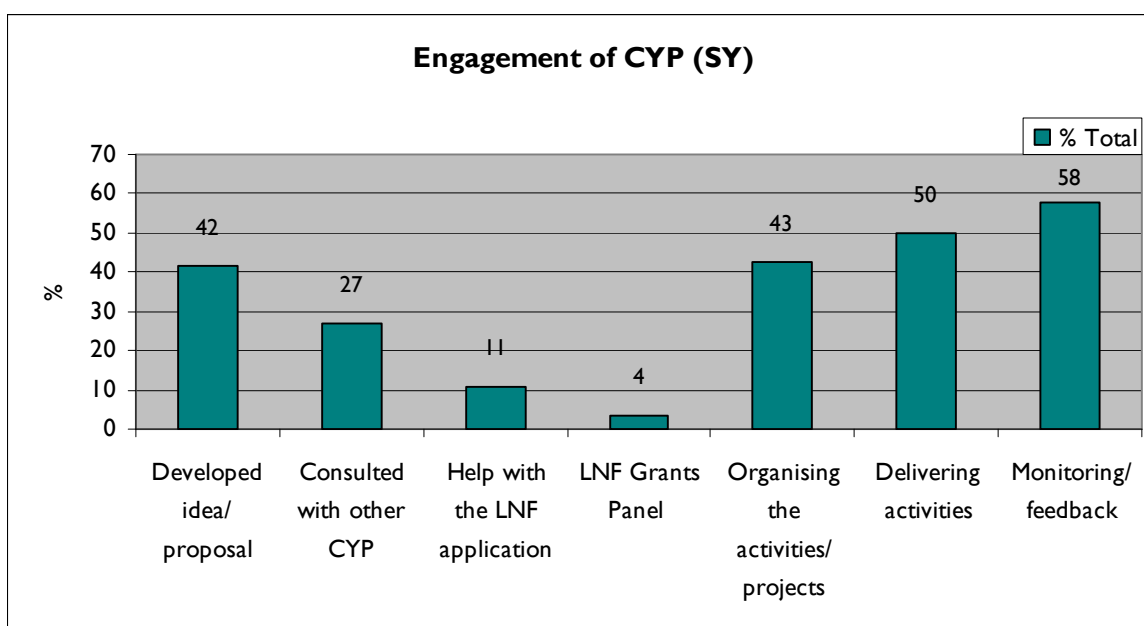
Question 12 ~ Did your project/ activities empower CYP through their involvement in...?

2.46 Respondents were asked how the LNF grant enabled CYP to be empowered and how the target beneficiaries (CYP) were involved in the activities/ project and to what extent. In many cases, the LNF grant resulted in multiple ways of engagement with CYP.

	South Yorkshire	
	Number	%
Developing the idea/ proposal with you	104	42
Consulting other CYP about the idea/ proposal	67	27
Helping construct/ develop the LNF application	27	11
Representation on a LNF Grants Panel	9	4
Organising and running the activities/ projects	107	43
Taking part & delivering activities which had been LNF-funded	125	50
Being involved in the monitoring/ feedback process about how well the project was working	145	58
Not sure/ don't know	45	18

2.47 More than half (58%) said that CYP had been involved in the monitoring and/ or feedback processes about how well the LNF-funded project was working. Half of those surveyed said that CYP had taken part and delivered activities which had been LNF-funded. Over 100 projects (42%) had involved CYP in the developing the project from the outset whilst 43% projects had help from CYP in the organisation and running the activity.

2.48 One-fifth (18%) of respondents could not identify any aspect of empowerment of CYP in their LNF-funded activity.



Additionality

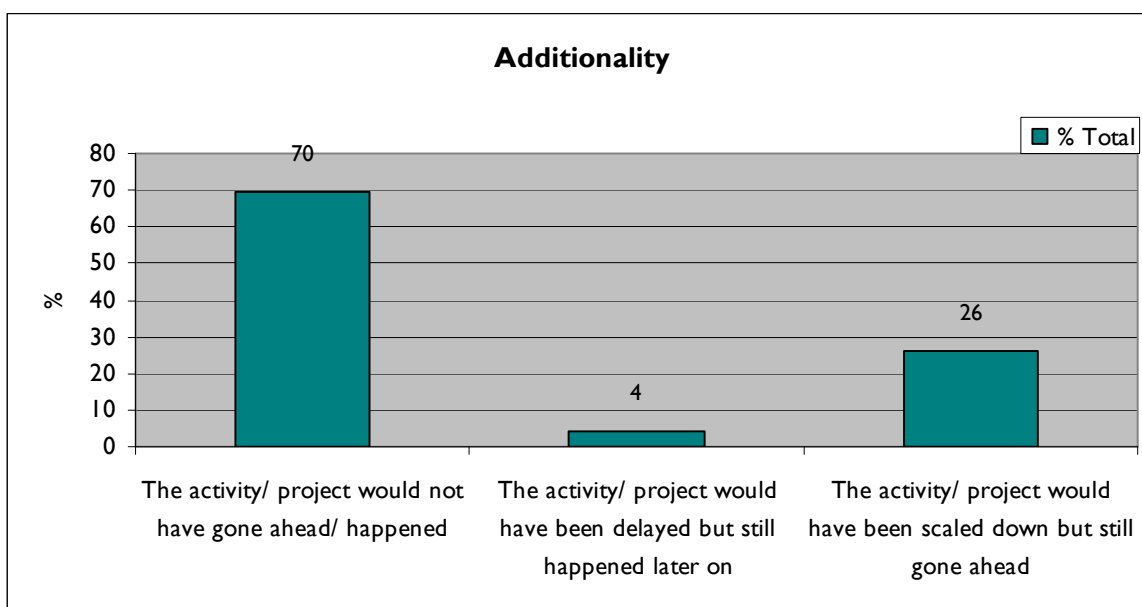
Question 13 ~ What would probably have happened if the LNF had not existed...?

2.49 Respondents to the survey were asked what would have happened to their project or the activity that the LNF grant helped with if the grant had not been available to them.

	South Yorkshire	
	Number	%
The activity/ project would not have gone ahead/ happened	174	70
The activity/ project would have been delayed but still happened later on	11	4
The activity/ project would have been scaled down but still gone ahead	65	26
Not sure/ don't know	10	4

2.50 Nearly three-thirds (75%) of those surveyed said that they thought that their LNF-funded activity would not have gone ahead at all if the funding had not been available to them. This was particularly the case in Rotherham where 74% said their project would not have gone ahead and less significant in Doncaster (64%).

2.51 A quarter (26%) of those surveyed felt that their project would still have gone ahead but would have been considerably scaled down with 4% saying that the project would still have happened but would have been delayed somewhat.



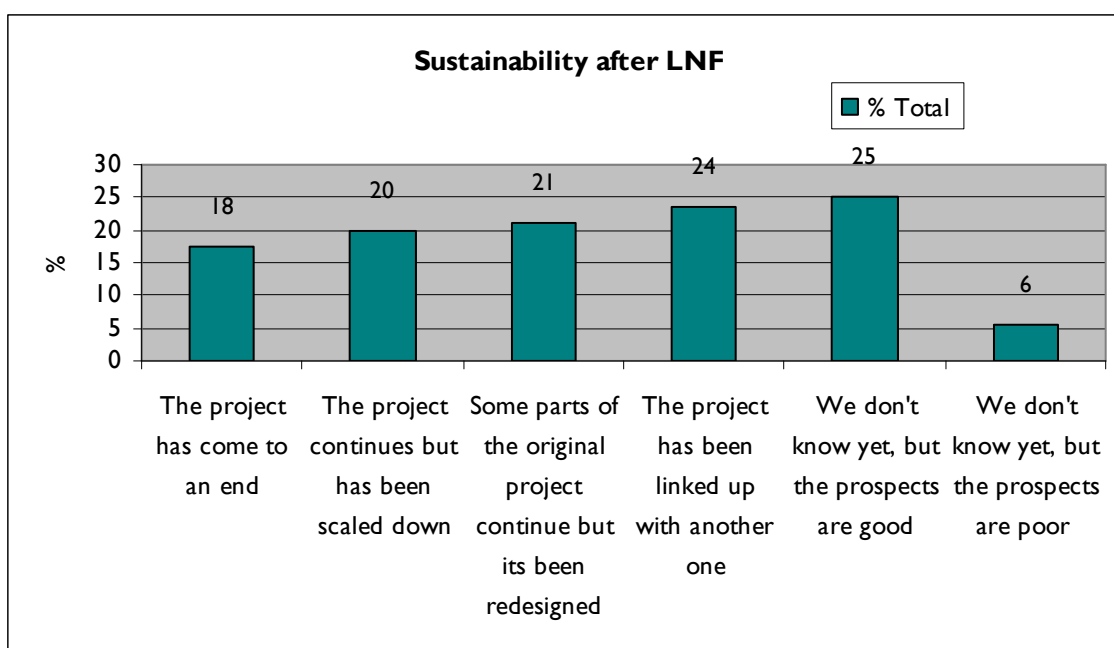
Sustainability

Question 14 ~ What has happened to the project/ activity which was funded by LNF..?

2.52 This final question of the survey asks respondents what has happened to their project/ activity since the LNF funding has come to an end.

	Total	
	Number	%
The project has come to an end	44	18
The project continues but has been scaled down	50	20
Some parts of the original project continue but its been redesigned	53	21
The project has been linked up with another one	59	24
We don't know yet, but the prospects are good	63	25
We don't know yet, but the prospects are poor	14	6

- 2.53 A quarter of respondents to the survey said that they were not entirely sure what was happening with their project at the time of the survey but felt that the prospects for the future were good. 24% of respondents to the survey said that their LNF-funded project had continued by linking up with another project.
- 2.54 One-fifth (21%) of respondents said that some parts of the original project were still continuing but others parts no longer do as the project has been redesigned. 20% said that their projects still continues now that the LNF funding has ceased but it has been scaled down somewhat.
- 2.55 Just under one-fifth (18%) reported that their LNF-funded project had come to an end since the funding finished whilst a small percentage (6%) said that the prospects for the project were unclear at the time of the survey but they were deemed as poor.



Conclusions

- 2.56 Results from the survey show that groups receiving LNF grants found them extremely valuable allowing them to design activities for a wide variety of CYP. Many of projects addressed one or more of the Every Child Matters themes with Enjoying and Achieving, Making a Positive Contribution and Being Healthy themes being addressed by a significant proportion of LNF grant recipients.
- 2.57 The most significant positive outcomes in terms of overall numbers accruing from the LNF-funded activities in South Yorkshire from this survey are;
- Promoting healthy eating and physical activity (136 respondents)
 - Increasing access to a range of educational activities (130)
 - Promoting and increasing levels of socially acceptable behaviour by CYP (124)
 - Increasing participation of CYP in out of school learning and community based activities (118).
- 2.58 Many of the LNF-funded projects in South Yorkshire achieved one or more of the seven key outcomes applicable to the Government's Positive Activities for Young People Programme. Giving young people opportunities for personal development including the development of self-discipline, self-respect and self-confidence was identified as the most common key outcome (80%). Providing access to quality arts, sports and cultural activities was identified by nearly two-thirds of groups whilst bringing together young people from different geographical and ethnic communities accrued from half of those projects in this survey.
- 2.59 Encouraging CYP to contribute to their communities through community activism and volunteering which in turn facilitates community cohesion and engagement was identified by around half of the survey.
- 2.60 The vast majority of groups responding to the survey had a positive experience of LNF which resulted in a number of key outcomes directly benefiting their organisation. Helping groups to continue on a more sustainable basis (in the short and medium term), improving the quality and accessibility of existing services and extending and expanding existing activities to a wider audience were the most common positive outcomes identified.
- 2.61 Problems stemming from a groups involvement in the LNF programme were on the main, few and far between. Of those that did encounter problems, the application process being too complex and time consuming and the funding committing them to activities which were not sustainable were the most common.
- 2.62 The vast majority of LNF-funded activities included the involvement of CYP not only as beneficiaries of the projects but also in the delivery of the projects. Over half of those surveyed said that CYP were involved in the monitoring and feedback process of the project/ activity that took place with LNF support. 43% of projects in South Yorkshire included CYP organising and running the actual activities whilst 42% of the projects were developed with the help of CYP.
- 2.63 Nearly three-quarters of groups said that their project would not have gone ahead at all if they had not received LNF funding which shows a clear case of additionality. A quarter of those surveyed said that without LNF support their activity would still have gone ahead but it would have been a scaled down, more dilute version.

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Question 2 ~ Which of the following Every Child Matters Themes did the LNF-funded activities address...?

	Barnsley		Doncaster		Rotherham		Sheffield		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Being Healthy	33	57	36	64	31	66	61	65	158	63
Staying Safe	22	38	17	30	25	53	35	37	97	39
Enjoying and Achieving	51	88	38	68	34	72	76	81	197	79
Making a Positive Contribution	40	69	31	55	33	70	61	65	160	64
Achieving Economic Well-being	12	21	8	14	10	21	24	26	51	20

Question 3 ~ If your activities addressed the Being Healthy theme, have they had any of the following outcomes...?

	Barnsley		Doncaster		Rotherham		Sheffield		South Yorkshire	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Improved teenage sexual health/ fewer teenage conceptions	1	3	2	6	3	10	0	0	6	4
Promoted improved emotional well-being	16	48	18	50	15	48	34	56	83	53
Promoted healthy eating & physical activity	32	97	33	92	24	77	50	82	136	86
Reduced the impact of drugs, alcohol & smoking	14	42	7	19	9	29	7	11	37	23

Question 4 ~ If your activities addressed the Staying Safe theme, have they had any of the following outcomes...?

	Barnsley		Doncaster		Rotherham		Sheffield		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Reduced incidents of bullying & victimisation	14	64	6	35	15	60	20	57	55	57
Reduced the numbers of CYP who are victims of crime	3	14	3	18	7	28	9	26	22	23
Reduced the numbers of CYP involved in criminal/ anti-social activities	11	50	6	35	14	56	20	57	51	53
Reduced the fear of crime amongst CYP	6	27	6	35	7	28	7	20	24	25
Reduced avoidable injuries incurred by CYP	10	45	4	24	7	28	14	40	35	36

Question 5 ~ If your activities addressed the Enjoying and Achieving theme, have they had any of the following outcomes...?

	Barnsley		Doncaster		Rotherham		Sheffield		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Increased the educational achievement of pupils aged 11 to 16 years	19	37	13	34	17	50	26	34	75	38
Increased access to a range of educational activities	35	69	29	76	20	59	48	63	130	66
Increased the range of curriculum opportunities available to CYP	15	29	10	26	12	35	26	34	63	32
Improved children's readiness to access the foundation stage at age 3	8	16	10	26	8	24	15	20	41	21
Improved children's readiness for school at age of 5	5	10	9	24	5	15	13	17	32	16

Question 6 ~ If your activities addressed the Make a Positive Contribution theme, have they had any of the following outcomes...?

	Barnsley		Doncaster		Rotherham		Sheffield		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Promoted and increased levels of socially acceptable behaviour by CYP	31	78	24	77	27	82	44	72	124	78
Increased participation of CYP in out of school learning & community-based activities	32	80	24	77	27	82	41	67	118	74
Improved transitions for young people with additional needs to adulthood	8	20	6	19	10	30	17	28	41	26
Increased the take-up of opportunities from Children's Centres	3	8	1	3	4	12	9	15	17	11

Question 7 ~ If your activities addressed the Achieving Economic Well-being theme, have they had any of the following outcomes...?

	Barnsley		Doncaster		Rotherham		Sheffield		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Increased participation & achievement of young people aged 16-19 in work, education or training	12	100	7	88	9	90	20	83	44	86
Reduced the numbers of people aged 16-18 who are economically inactive	4	33	3	38	5	50	10	42	22	43

Question 8 ~ The Government's Positive Activities for Young People Programme (ages 8-19) identifies 7 key outcomes; if applicable, which of them apply to your project...?

	Barnsley		Doncaster		Rotherham		Sheffield		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Reduce crime and anti-social behaviour both in the short term and long term	16	28	20	36	25	53	25	27	86	34
Support CYP back into education or training and help them stay there, by working with those at risk of truancy	5	9	8	14	9	19	18	19	40	16
Give young people opportunities for personal development including the development of self-discipline, self-respect and self-confidence	51	88	45	80	35	74	74	79	200	80
Ensure that children are supported as they move from primary to secondary school	4	7	4	7	4	9	14	15	26	10
Provide access to quality arts, sports and cultural activities, and allowing those with an interest and/ or talent in any area to continue after the programme has ended	42	72	30	54	28	60	56	60	154	62
Bring together young people from different geographical and ethnic communities to help break down prejudice and misunderstanding	29	50	26	46	22	47	55	57	127	51
Encourage young people to contribute to their communities through volunteering and active citizenship	31	53	25	45	22	47	40	43	113	45
Not sure/ don't know	5	9	8	14	7	15	10	11	30	12

Question 9 ~ From the experience of families and the local community, have the LNF-funded activities achieved any of the following outcomes...?

	Barnsley		Doncaster		Rotherham		Sheffield		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Increased respite for parents/ guardians	13	22	10	18	13	28	26	28	62	25
Improved family relationships	20	34	14	25	13	28	39	41	86	34
Developing friendships & strengthening support networks	43	74	38	68	25	53	65	69	167	67
Developing parental skills & confidence	10	17	15	27	13	28	23	24	60	24
Helping jobless parents access work	3	5	5	9	3	6	5	5	16	6
Helping working parents increase their earnings [e.g. by increased hours or changing to better paid jobs]	5	9	1	2	1	2	2	2	9	4
Helping families get access to goods & services they could otherwise not afford	13	22	15	27	8	17	24	26	60	24
Helping families get involved in activities [e.g. sports, cultural, outings] they could otherwise not afford	37	64	33	59	25	53	54	57	147	59
Helping to bond communities - promoting community cohesion/ engagement/ belonging	35	60	32	57	28	60	49	52	142	57
Stimulating community activism/ volunteering	27	47	29	52	19	40	42	45	115	46
Not sure/ don't know	2	3	3	5	4	9	6	6	15	6

Question 10 ~ From the your point, did the LNF-funded activities/ projects achieve any of the following outcomes..?

	Barnsley		Doncaster		Rotherham		Sheffield		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Improving the quality & accessibility of existing services	28	48	39	70	23	49	58	62	145	58
Extending & expanding existing activities to a larger client group - increasing take-up	36	62	32	57	28	60	48	51	144	58
Better targeting of services on the hardest to help & most disadvantaged communities	18	31	20	36	20	43	39	41	97	39
Developing & providing completely new activities for CYP	28	48	23	41	20	43	40	43	109	44
Developing a completely new project & a range of activities within it	22	38	11	20	15	32	34	36	82	33
Helping your group to continue on a more sustainable basis (albeit short/ medium term)	37	64	32	57	29	62	59	63	154	62
Not sure/ don't know	3	5	2	4	2	4	4	4	11	4

Question 11 ~ Were there any problems stemming from your group's involvement in the LNF programme...?

	Barnsley		Doncaster		Rotherham		Sheffield		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
The application process was too complex & time-consuming	4	7	5	9	4	9	8	9	21	8
The criteria as to what the funds could be used for was too narrow or inflexible	2	3	4	7	2	4	4	4	12	5
Too much time was involved in the monitoring process	0	0	3	5	0	0	2	2	5	2
The funding committed you to activities which were just not sustainable after it ended	2	3	2	4	2	4	12	13	18	7
Other	5	9	8	14	3	6	13	14	29	12

Question 12 ~ Did your project/ activities empower CYP through their involvement in...?

	Barnsley		Doncaster		Rotherham		Sheffield		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Developing the idea/ proposal with you	27	47	19	34	17	36	43	46	104	42
Consulting other CYP about the idea/ proposal	15	26	10	18	12	26	32	34	67	27
Helping construct/ develop the LNF application	7	12	3	5	8	17	9	10	27	11
Representation on a LNF Grants Panel	3	5	0	0	1	2	5	5	9	4
Organising and running the activities/ projects	32	55	17	30	23	49	37	39	107	43
Taking part & delivering activities which had been LNF-funded	33	57	21	38	19	40	54	57	125	50
Being involved in the monitoring/ feedback process about how well the project was working	30	52	30	54	25	53	62	66	145	58
Not sure/ don't know	10	17	19	34	9	19	10	11	45	18

Question 13 ~ What would probably have happened if the LNF had not existed...?

	Barnsley		Doncaster		Rotherham		Sheffield		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
The activity/ project would not have gone ahead/ happened	41	71	36	64	35	74	67	71	174	70
The activity/ project would have been delayed but still happened later on	3	5	4	7	1	2	3	3	11	4
The activity/ project would have been scaled down but still gone ahead	16	28	16	29	10	21	23	24	65	26
Not sure/ don't know	1	2	3	5	2	4	4	4	10	4

Question 14 ~ What has happened to the project/ activity which was funded by LNF..?

	Barnsley		Doncaster		Rotherham		Sheffield		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
The project has come to an end	12	21	8	14	6	13	18	19	44	18
The project continues but has been scaled down	13	22	6	11	8	17	23	24	50	20
Some parts of the original project continue but its been redesigned	11	19	8	14	11	23	23	24	53	21
The project has been linked up with another one	12	21	17	30	17	36	15	16	59	24
We don't know yet, but the prospects are good	12	21	15	27	10	21	29	31	63	25
We don't know yet, but the prospects are poor	5	9	2	4	1	2	6	6	14	6