Youth Activities Offer Recommissioning

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1. Key Findings

Improving reach through local access and awareness is the priority for many respondents:

- The majority of adult respondents felt that it was difficult for young people to access activities, and that this meant young people not have enough opportunity to develop various skills or abilities. Whilst young people who attend activities said the most common barrier to participation was lack of interest and difficulty in gaining acceptance and belonging to their peer group, the wider community saw the most common barrier as difficulty getting to activity locations
- Most adults and professionals surveyed believe that the current range of
 activities fails to successfully deliver any of the benefits to wellbeing to young
 people in their communities. However young respondents who participate in
 activities feel they are well supported in developing personal skills and in their
 mental health and emotional wellbeing, so the issue may be about improving
 reach / access rather than quality.
- Providers tended to think more than half of provision should be centre-based, and that spread of provision and higher need are the most important factors when planning future provision
- Providers felt that whilst the current model as good at reaching a wide range
 of young people based on their protected characteristics, and meeting the
 needs of those facing greater challenges, it is poor at encouraging multiple
 organisations to be involved and at reaching a range of geographical
 locations.
- Most respondents felt there was a need to provide activities for specific groups – in particular young people with disabilities or learning difficulties and those aged around 13-17
- There is very positive feedback from young people who attend the youth centres and clubs - regarding staff, the venues, affordability and atmosphere

2. Consultation purpose, methodology and response

Research Objectives

The purpose of this consultation was to seek views and gather opinions from young people, parents and carers, service providers, councillors and town and parish councils about the current partnership model of delivery and whether it still meets the needs of young people.

Methodology, Sample and Response

The consultation process was supported by a dedicated consultation webpage which hosted all consultation documents, an online survey and a paper survey to download. The online consultation system sent out a notification to registered users informing them of the consultation and providing links to this information: https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/YAO22/

The webpage received 12 unique visits while it was live.

As part of the consultation we also welcomed comments made online and by letter, email, fax and over the phone and these contact methods were promoted on consultation literature. We received 1 email response regarding the consultation.

Consultation information was sent to Town and Parish Councils, South Gloucestershire councillors and local voluntary and community organisations. Notifications were also sent to a range of other stakeholders and interested parties. All libraries and One-Stop Shops were also notified of the consultation details and asked to cascade the information to any interested parties.

An in-person event took place for town and parish councils on 30th June 2022, 6pm, Kingswood Civic Centre; and was attended by members of 10 town and parish councils.

The survey was open from 1 July 2022 until 23 August 2022. It received a total of 76 responses.

General Caveats

The results of this consultation are not statistically representative of the views of South Gloucestershire residents due to the nature of the consultation methodology used and volume of responses. The level of response, information gathered and views obtained still provide a useful indicator of wider opinion and any important issues that will need to be considered.

Due to the software used and the different response options open to respondents, it was possible for people to submit more than one response. This has been monitored during the consultation period and analysis and it does not appear to have been abused or be a significant issue affecting the response.

Any obvious duplicate comments, personal information and comments that can identify individuals, have been removed from the comments analysis.

Percentages used in this report have been rounded and may not add up to exactly 100%. For some survey questions, respondents could select more than one response which also means that percentages or number of responses, if added together, can total more than 100% or more than the number of responses received.

We have included all responses received direct to us as part of this consultation report, however we are aware of other comments made particularly via social media, in comments made to news articles online and in letters to the press that we have not been able to practically include.

Further Information

This report was produced by South Gloucestershire Council's Insight and Engagement Team.

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3. Survey Analysis

3.1 Young People's experience and needs

All Activities

All young people who took part in the survey did at least one activity in their spare time. Almost all respondents (28/31) took part in social activities, and only one respondent wanted to be able to, suggesting this is the most well met need.

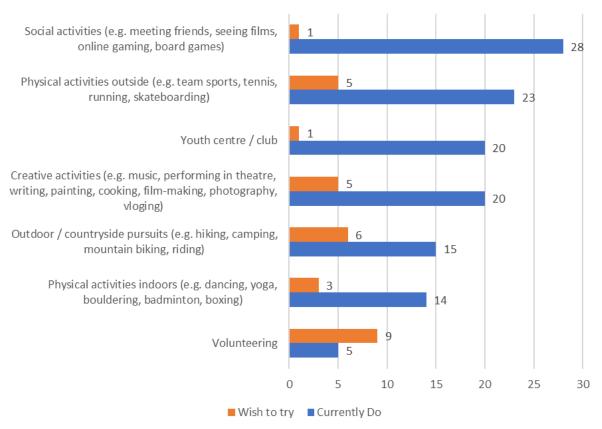
The activity that was the **least well provided for was volunteering**, which only 5/31 respondents took part in (making it the least common activity among young people surveyed), whilst it was the most often chosen activity that young people said they'd like to be able to try (9 respondents).

The activity with the second highest level of interest was outdoor pursuits with 6 respondents saying they'd like to try them.

Youth centres and clubs were one of the activities with the least potential interest / unmet demand, with only one respondent saying the don't currently participate but would like to. The majority of our sample did attend youth centres / clubs (23/31), which means the results are not likely to be representative of the wider population of young people in South Gloucestershire.

Only one additional 'other' type of activity was suggested as something a young person would like to try; Air Cadets.

Chart 1 Q2 "What types of activities do you do at least once a month" and Q3 "Now thinking about activities which you don't already do, what other activities do you wish to try?"



Base: Young people (n=31)

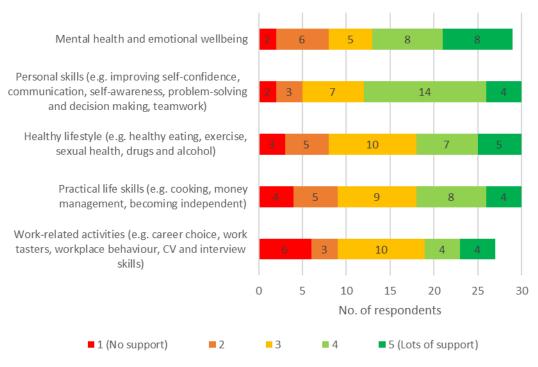
Young respondents feel they are **most well supported in developing personal skills** like improving communication or self-awareness (18/30 say they have quite a bit or a lot of support vs. only 5 saying they have none or very little).

Mental health and emotional wellbeing is the next best supported area, with 16 respondents saying they are well supported vs 8 saying they are not.

Work-related activities like interview skills or helping with career choices are considered the least well supported with 9 respondents saying there was little or no support vs 8 saying there was a good amount.

Unfortunately due to the small number of respondents and the way they each do multiple activities, we cannot compare how much skill development young people say they receive by the type of activity they do.

Chart 2 Q4 "On a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 is 'none' and 5 is 'lots', how much support do you currently get for the following skills or development?"



Base: Young people (n=30)

To get a sense of respondents wellbeing and emotional health we asked them to rate themselves on a scale of 0-10 on various factors; optimism, belonging, anxiety and happiness.

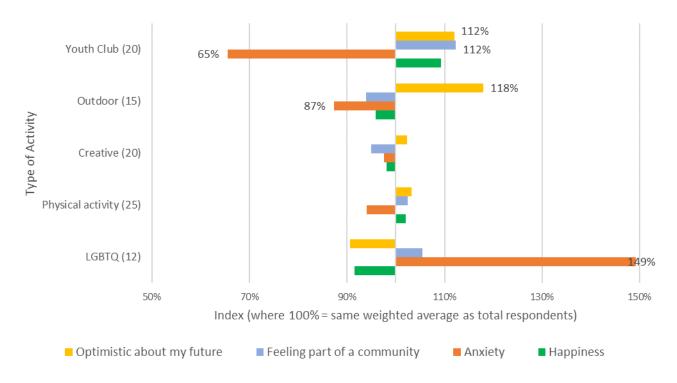
Young respondents who take part in youth centres or clubs tend to rate themselves as more optimistic (6.9/10 vs 6.2 total respondents) and with a greater sense of belonging than average (7.1/10 vs. 6.3 overall), and have a lower weighted average rating for anxiety (2.5/10) than total respondents (3.7).

Young respondents who take part in outdoor pursuits tend to rate themselves as more optimistic (7.3/10 vs. 6.2 overall) and less anxious (3.3/10) than average (3.7).

LGBTQ+ young respondents as a group had doubly high anxiety scores compared to non-LGBTQ respondents (weighted average of 5.6 vs. 2.7), and slightly lower happiness and optimism ratings than non-LGBTQ+ respondents (7.0/10 vs 8.3 happiness, 5.6 vs 6.1 non-LGBTQ+ for optimism). However we should keep in mind we are working with very small base sizes (12 LGBTQ+ respondents and 15 non-LGBTQ+ respondents) and so these scores are unlikely to accurately represent the wider population.

Whilst physical activity (indoor or outdoor) looks like it doesn't influence scores much, this is because almost all respondents take part in physical activities so participating in these activities is likely to influence the overall wellbeing score of this survey sample, but it is not possible to tell if it does or by how much.

Chart 3 Q5 "How would you score the way you feel at the moment, where 0 is very low and 10 is very high"



Base: Young people participating in various activities (n=see activity label)

Just under half of young people surveyed did not feel there were any barriers preventing them from participating in any more activities (13/29).

Of the 16/29 respondents who did feel there were factors putting them off, the most common was **lack of interest in the options available (6)**, followed by fear of bullying or a feeling of not fitting in (5 respondents each)

Table 3 Q13 "Which of the following have stopped or discouraged you from taking part in any/more youth activities or clubs? (tick all that apply)"

Barriers to participation in activities	No. of responses
None /nothing	13
Not interested in the activities	6
Fear of bullying	5
Feeling of not fitting in	5
No quick or easy way to get there or back	4
Cost	3
No safe way to get there and back	2
Staff being unfriendly or not welcoming	1
Other (homework for school)	1

Base: All young people (n=29)

Youth Centres and Clubs

All survey respondents who attend youth club sessions do so at a centre, however some also attend at other venues such as outdoors (6) or school (5). 'other' venues included a dance studio, church hall and a club outside Wickwar.

Table 4 Q9 "Which of the following places have you been to sessions?"

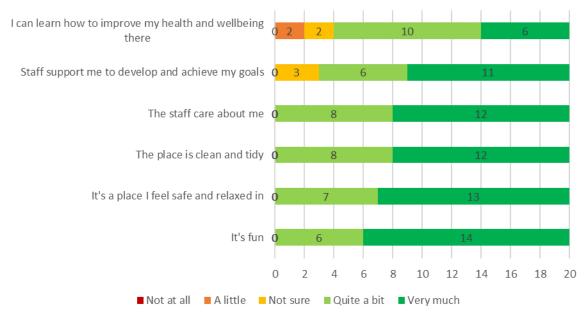
Youth centre	20
Community / village or town hall	3
Park / outdoors location	6
At a school	5
Other (please specify below):	3

Base: young people attending youth centres/ clubs (n=20)

No respondents answered questions 10,11 or 12 about their mode of travel or how easy it is to get to activities.

There is very positive feedback regarding the positive contribution of youth centres and clubs, including regarding staff, the venues and atmosphere.

Chart 4 Q7 "How much do the following statements apply to the youth club or activities you attend?"



Base: Young people attending youth centres/ clubs (n=20)

It is possible the majority of the 20 respondents who attend youth clubs/centres did not answer the below question about what changes they would make because they could not think of any changes they would like to suggest; most young people answering the question would not change anything about their youth centre.

Table 5 Q8 "What would you change about the youth club you attend"

Comment	Number of comments
Nothing / Happy as it is	8
Smaller classes as I sometimes get overwhelmed	1
Larger space	1
More ramps outside for extra space when there are lots of people	
More range of tuck	1

Base: young people attending youth centres/ clubs (n=7)

All respondents who attend youth centres / clubs consider the entry price and tuck shop to be affordable

Table 6 Q6 "How affordable are the following items at youth centres, clubs or activities that you attend?"

	Entry price	Tuck shop
Not at all affordable	-	-
Not very	-	-
Quite affordable	-	3
Very affordable	20	17

Base: Young people attending youth centres/ clubs (n=20)

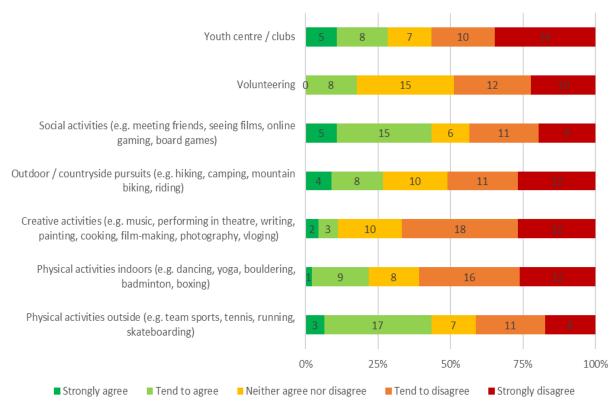
3.2 Wider community's view

Access to activities

The majority of adult respondents felt that it was difficult for young people to access creative activities (30/45), indoor physical activities (28/46) or youth centres/ clubs (26/46).

The activities most likely to be perceived as having sufficient easy access were outdoor or social activities (20/46 respondents agreed).

Chart 5 Q14 "To what extent do you agree or disagree that young people in your local area are easily able to access the following activities if they want to:"



Base: Adult respondents (n=46)

One of the factors which professionals and providers say contribute towards this lack of easy access to activities is the **financial cost**, but other difficulties including ease of access are highlighted:

Table 7 Q15 "Please describe any ways in which young people are currently prevented from taking part in these activities (include any specific locations, ages, activities, lack of provision or barriers to use that you are aware of)"

For a lot of young people, lack of finance would be a huge deterrent, especially if their parents are Benefit Claimants. The ability to get to a venue due to lack of public transport would be another drawback.

Over the last decade I have seen many improvements to provision for young people in the Staple Hill area. However, the provisions that exist are mainly run by private organisations and are run for profit. This makes the activities on offer largely unaffordable to most families. Staple Hill is a built up area with limited open spaces, or youth dedicated spaces. This has at times lead to poor social cohesion and reports of anti social behaviour as groups with very different tolerances are pushed into the same crowded spaces.

There is a lack of support for group activities. Many are privately ran but I feel we should support children in group settings more. As a parish Westerleigh have started funding days for children to take part in across school holidays with funding for lunch included.

many young people say that there are not enough youth centres that can be accessed easily (not by traveling by bus etc). Some feel that they activities are not for them or have been closed and not able to use them (climbing and boulder room at Made for Ever). Some of my young people say that youth centres are now just aimed at specific groups (SEN(D) or LGBTQ+ and do not cater for them. Age range from 13/14 to 16

lack of provision

I'm torn between strongly and tend to - I think that many of the activities are available, my concern is whether there are children who may want, or need, to access the services and cannot do so due to family pressures (lack of financial security, requirement to look after siblings).

Lack of other functioning youth centres

As a village it is difficult to access some specialist activities because of having a small catchment area and no suitable space. The youth centre tries to offer taster activities for a range of pursuits

Although some of these activities now take place in abundance and YP have much more on offer in the areas in which we work (e.g. sports clubs, uniformed groups, creative groups, etc.), sadly however many of these are very expensive and run for profit, and therefore unaffordable for young people from low income families. Many of these may also not be accessible to those with learning or social disabilities where their needs cannot be best met. Youth clubs are limited in their funding so may only be open one night a week which is not ideal. More funding for youth clubs may enable more activities and greater access more than once a week. Some geographic areas have more funding than others for youth work so depending where YP live, access is better. Mapping has not taken place since 2017/18 to ensure availability and accessibility.

Base: Professionals and providers (n=9)

For respondents in the wider community, the most common barrier they saw to young people participating in more activities was **difficulty getting to venues** (23/35 respondents). Some also considered the way of getting to and from activities to be unsafe (14).

A lack of appealing activities (15) and a feeling of not fitting in (14) were also commonly perceived barriers.

Table 8 Q25 "Which of the following factors are you aware of stopping or discouraging young people from taking part in youth or play activities in your area?"

Perceived barriers for young people participating in activities	no. of respondents
No quick or easy way to get there or back	23
Not interested in the activities	15
No safe way to get there and back	14
Feeling of not fitting in	14
Cost	11
Other	10
Fear of bullying	8
Staff being unfriendly or not welcoming	5
Caring duties for family member(s)	3
None of the above/ nothing	1

Base: Adult respondents (n=35)

Respondents who noted that there were other types of barriers mentioned a lack of provision in certain areas and that awareness of activities is low:

Table 9 Q25a "Other [barriers], please specify"

We live in Wickwar which has a wonderful youth club however other opportunities for young people are limited by the poor public transport to areas such as Yate.

Very limited options or opportunities within a reasonable distance

I haven't even heard of many available provision services until now. Feeling really left out.

Nothing close to home, not even a field to play in. Not aware of any facilities in area.

Inclusion of the disabled.

Aside from the skate ramp and basketball court there are no free/low cost opportunities for older children in Winterbourne

There is NO provision in Pilning and Severn Beach as far as I am aware and that puts a stop on participation.

Not aware of what is available

Our response here is largely anecdotal, but we believe the success (as measured by level of engagement) across the area is very mixed and driven by peer pressure either to join or avoid what is on offer

Not aware of any council provided activities in this area

Not enough awareness, not seen as cool or fun to do, staff not good enough, no availability to include SEN

No facility within a reasonable distance and public transport poor in our village so requires parents to transport children around

Limited transport and not enough community 'lift sharing' safe routes available

Living in a village with limited public service, a higher level of over 65 year (retired villagers) and no real local activities for teenagers, leads to boredom and clashes with the older generation.

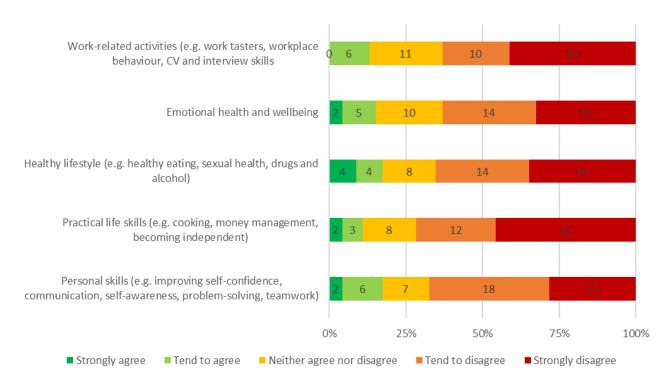
Base: Adult respondents (n=10)

Perceived current and future needs

The majority of respondents felt that young people in their local area did not have enough access to activities which would develop various skills or abilities.

The lowest score was for practical life skills (5/46 agreed there was enough access), but all types of support were seen to be lacking to a very similar extent.

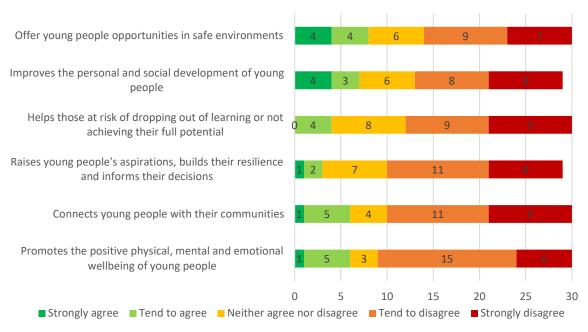
Chart 6 Q18 "To what extent do you agree or disagree that children and young people in your local area currently have enough access to the following:"



Base: Adult respondents (n=46)

Most of the wider community surveyed also believe that the **current range of activities fails to successfully deliver any of the benefits** we asked about. Only 4/30 respondents felt that the current offering helped those at risk of dropping out achieve their potential, and only 3/10 felt it improved young people's resilience, aspiration and decision making.

Chart 7 Q24 "To what extent do you agree or disagree that the current range of activities successfully..."



Base: Adult respondents (n=30, except attribute 2 and 4 where n=29))

Part of the reason for these low scores may be that the scale of the need amongst young people has increased dramatically; the pandemic and cost of living crisis are mentioned as significant causes of increasing isolation and compromised mental health in the last couple of years, and into the future.

Table 10 Q16 "What kinds of need for support or activities have you seen emerging amongst young people in the past 2-3 years, or think may grow considerably in the next 2-3 years?"

The pandemic had a massive impact on some young people's mental health, increasing social isolation. Activities that bring them out of this scene and back into life need to be progressed.

In an obvious and visible way we've been working with groups of young people around skateboarding, as many were able to take this up during lockdowns and there was a heightened awareness with the sport being newly added to the Olympics. We're also aware of a growing angst among young people as life returns to normal and there has been a gap in what are formative years for social and interpersonal skills. I think looming forward over the next 2-3 years we will see the impact of the cost of living crisis bite hard. Many families in Staple Hill will be particularly vulnerable to increase in living costs, and the area is already affected by high levels of deprivation.

I think that events introducing children into new sports are essential. Sports that have a high initial investment cost of equipment are of high interest to us to support as this allows disadvantaged and low income family's access to sports they otherwise wouldn't be able to participate in. Our organised days have access to sports such as archery.

mental health and exercise support must be offered but through activities that will inspire, such as climbing, football, skating, creative writing (for songs, rap, poems etc). group activities to share thoughts and feeling with peers. exploitation awareness. new trends such as crypto currencies and NFT's (advise about gambling impact, exploitation but also info on what it is and how it all works) Vaping and its impact on health and addiction through nicotine.

Some where to socialise without being perceived as causing anti-social behaviour. Accessible, affordable casual physical activity

Green infrastructure roles: this is divided into human driven infrastructure (climate resilient housing, green energy infrastructure) and natural infrastructure (ecological services, flooding resilience), STEM - including programming, financial literacy, career guidance, support into work.

Reduction in the support

Without a doubt anxiety in the greatest, resulting in poor mental health. We do a lot to support young people at the centre. Given the current economic and actual climate this will only get worse

The emergence of HAF funding has been great for summer sports providers and play schemes for younger (primary age) children but we are one of only a couple of youth providers providing extra activities for age 13+. More focus on over 13s is needed, not less. Poor mental health & well-being and loneliness are now much more prevalent amongst younger people. Having a 'safe space' to just "be" with trusted adults to listen and develop good relationships is vitally important so YP do not continue to rise through to specialist and targeted services, which do not have capacity or thresholds would not be met. Youth services 'plug' the gap for many YP waiting on assessments or counselling, or other services. Access to good youth workers in a necessity in many communities to break down barriers and be an open door where other issues or needs may surface as they attend with their peers.

Base: Adult respondents (n=9)

Providers' opinion of the current model

Providers tended to think more than half of provision should be centre-based (4/4). However there was some difference of opinion over how much should be detached / outreach (2 saying less than half, one saying more than half), and mobile (1 saying half, 2 saying less than half).

Table 11 Q20 "How much of our provision do you think should be offered through the following access points?"

	None	Less than half	Half	More than half	All/ only this
Centre-based	-	-	-	4	-
Detached / outreach	-	2	-	1	-
Mobile	-	2	1	-	-

Base: Current or potential providers (n=4)

Providers also mention different strengths and weaknesses of the current model:

Table 12 Q21 "What aspects of the current model of delivery work well?"

I feel that in Lot 3 we work well together as a team. The Lot lead regularly plans meetings where we can discuss issues, local needs, and plan joint up work. Over the last year we have been able to offer young people additional opportunities to take part in a number of trips and events which we wouldn't have had capacity to run ourselves.

Sub-contract (like Wickwar Youth Centre)

Co-operation between providers. Identifying gaps in provision. Point?

A partnership model means it should be easier to hold joint activities and events sharing resources and expertise. YP and youth workers gain skills and experience from joined up approaches. In some areas this is currently working well. External funding for youth work and youth projects can be gained to supplement existing funding. Town and parish councils are also funding youth work on top of the SGC funding which is good and adds the local community "buy-in" and extends the reach better within some areas.

Base: Current or potential providers (n=4)

Table 32 Q22 "What are the challenges with the current model of delivery?"

I know through my involvement with providers in other Lots that there isn't consistency across other areas. I felt that there was a higher level of accountability in the previous model of delivery. Our data was audited and baseline targets monitored more directly.

The possibility of reduction

Nothing wrong with the model, the challenges are staffing and funding for all providers

The funding offered has not increased since 2019 but costs have risen (staffing, building costs, resources, etc). A one-off cost of living payment is great, but is not sustainable to resource good quality youth provision without provision being ultimately reduced. Within the current model there isn't the capacity to train, develop or explore new work which might make the model more sustainable and encourage growth. Its a model of dependency with ever decreasing levels of funding. Some providers seem to get the lion's share of the funding however we fear targets are not always met or provision is reduced without challenge. There is no transparency across the partnership of targets nor achievements. Quality assurance is poor. There is no mapping of provision to ensure better use of resources and working with parish councils may help with this, but not been well explored.

Base: Current or potential providers (n=4)

Table 14 Q24g 'Other' challenges of the model mentioned by other organisations:

There is no current range of activities. West of M5 and south of M48 has been ignored for youth provision

Answered from the perspective of activities provided by FACE, not necessarily all youth activities provided currently.

As this is a Group response, it is difficult to be too specific regarding the provision in any particular area. We believe that a significant proportion of young people are either unaware of, or do not engage with the local offer

Bitton Parish Council currently budget £17,625.00 per annum out of its precept for Youth Services. There is a need within our Parish for this service as we are taking quite a few from our priority neighbourhood. In April 2022 we commissioned our service out to Creative Youth Network and following on from the first quarter Bitton Parish Council is extremely impressed with how structured they are with a variety of activities for young people. We feel that no massive change is needed as this could affect the consistent number of children we have attending. We feel that all areas need to be focused on with regards to spreading the budget, not just main town areas. Rural areas have a need for this too and they need to be focused on. As a Parish Council, we would like more funding to be offered to us to help keep this a success. Whilst we pay this money to Creative Youth Network, our building is given free of charge with all energy and cleaning costs covered on top.

Base: providers and other organisations (n=4)

Providers view the current model as good at reaching a wide range of young people based on their protected characteristics, and meeting the needs of those facing greater challenges. But they see the model as poor at encouraging organisations to be involved and at reaching a range of geographical locations.

Table 15 Q23 "To what extent do you agree or disagree that the current model successfully..."

	Proportion of Providers who Agree
Reaches young people from all backgrounds	All
Meet the needs of young people who are facing additional challenges	Most
Encourages different organisations to work together and co-ordinate their services better	Half
Help organisations draw in other funding	Half
Provide a comprehensive range of different activities for young people to choose from	One / less than half
Makes the most effective use of resources	One / less than half
Allows young people to access positive activities wherever they live in South Gloucestershire	None
Make it easier for a range of different organisations to be involved in delivering youth activities	None

Base: Current or potential providers (n=4)

Future Delivery of Youth Activities

In terms of planning future location and access to youth activities, professionals and providers ranked **spread of provision and higher need as the most important factor** and highest populations or significant growth of population as the lowest priority.

Table 9 Q19 "Please rank the following factors in order of priority, with 1 being the highest

priority to focus our resources on and 5 being the lowest priority"

		Weighted
Rank	Factor	average score
1 (Highest	Ensuring there is a spread of provision across all areas of South	
Priority)	Gloucestershire, including rural areas	2.1
2	Areas with higher need e.g. higher levels of poverty, crime, young	
	people not in education, employment or training	2.2
3	Ensuring a wide range of activities are offered	2.6
4	Areas with highest populations of young people	3.2
5 (Lowest		
Priority)	Areas with significant planned growth and development of housing	3.4

Base: Professional individual respondent or provider (n=10)

In order to better address specific wellbeing issues more funding and marketing were the most common suggestions, whereas improving accessibility was seen as a more complicated process (see table 18 for suggestions).

"South Gloucestershire Council intend to commission activities and programmes which are designed to address specific issues or increase young people's wellbeing. Examples include: mental health, sexual health and relationships, physical health, substance misuse, and creating new skills, aspirations and confidence."

Table 17 Q27 "Do you see any barriers or issues we need to take into consideration, or is there any support you would like to see us provide organisations in order to achieve this?"

It all comes down to money

Training on specific topics is always welcomed. A regular bulletin with available courses sent to Lot leads to disseminate would be useful.

More funding and advertising for these organisations. I think one of the biggest barriers is parents not being aware of activities.

to make sure this information is available to all to see through a great marketing scheme. to appeal to young people (maybe get them involved in the process). Access points for young people to go to. C-Card scheme being rolled out more. bus pass for those that cannot afford to get to there. bikes and other equipment to use for young people. Celebrate all religions, faiths, genders, sexuality, race etc. in a way that is not divisive.

ensuring staff delivering are trained to deliver the areas

You're going to have a challenge to create aspirations within the current economic climate. There is value to be found in doing operational roles - waste management roles, environmental services. carer roles, retail, and doing them well, however this isn't valued in the same way as many activities, and as the roles don't pay in comparable terms, why would young people want to do them compared to trying to be a YouTube star? Such roles are arguably the actual pillars of society rather than the jobs created by corporate giants.

Increased funding

Provide a range of representations from specialist agencies, to deliver 1/2 hour engaging activities, in youth centres, to promote what those agencies can do for young people

There are many barriers and complex reasons that may prevent or hinder young people from accessing support with these issues. Most importantly, from our point of view is the relationship between the young person and professional. Is there capacity to build a relationship? Will there be opportunity to develop trust? Will this be an ongoing service or a 6week intervention which is short-lived and does not have a wide community-based approach for sustainable outcomes. With costs increasing and funding levels remaining the same, this squeezes that capacity. It makes recruitment harder, inconsistency in services, reduced time, provision and capacity; all of which can be better met within a well resourced youth service.

Base: Professionals and providers (n=10)

"Our goal is to have services which are **accessible to all** young people, for instance our black and minority ethnic population, LGBTQ individuals, and young people with disabilities and learning difficulties"

Table 18 Q28 "Do you see any barriers or issues we need to take into consideration, or is there any support you would like to see us provide organisations in order to achieve this?"

Again it will all be down to affordability

Barriers or issues around equal opportunities and accessibility are complex. For the most part we tend to monitor our intake against the demographics of our area. However there are some groups which require a specific space and time to support which we have tried to accommodate in the past, and do so on a needs basis.

Reaching the clients in the first place.

Accessibility of buildings Staff training

Generational trauma and varying ethnic and socio-economic expectations will be challenges. Compared to a generation ago, there is greater acceptance and less stigma, and there is still further to go.

Reduction of funding from Central Government

If you mean access to all at the same time this won't work as LGBTQ young people in particular want their own specialist?

A more transparent and joined up approach across the partnership would better enable partners to understand the reach and suitability of existing services and identify gaps There is not a broad understanding of how the service is performing, numbers of YP accessing the services, how outcomes are being measured across the partnership. Quality assurance is poor and professional youth work is becoming lost in a sea of increasing children's work and poor youth work provision which seems to go unchecked. Nor is there a good understanding of the population of YP according to ethnicity, disability, etc and therefore services are perhaps not offered in the right areas - a more strategic view of this across the partnership would be good to enable work to be cohesive and make best use of resources from an ever-decreasing pot. Working more directly with young people to design and assess the service across the authority - the youth board is not a representative panel of youth centre users. Youth workers have direct links to young people and could bring them together more with a more joined up approach and joint events.

Base: Professionals and providers (n=10)

Most respondents (47/63) felt there was a need for specific groups to be provided with activities. The group most often selected as needing specific activities was young people with disabilities or learning difficulties (17 responses). But the group most often commented on was those aged around 13-17, especially ages 14-16.

Table 15 Q26 "Are you aware of any of the following groups of young people which require specific activities to be provided, above what is already offered?"

Group	No. of responses	Reasons
Young people with disabilities or learning difficulties	17	"People with disabilities and mental illness need care because they're already experiencing life to have a low quality as it is. They need help"
		"The problem is that you're only mixing SEN kids with other SEN kids - there is no overlap and therefore the gap in society remains. Neurotypical kids/teens need to have positive interactions with SEN kids and vice versa"
Specific age group(s) within under-18s	16	"Lack of provision for 13 to 17 year olds, they seem to be forgotten" (6 comments on this theme)
		"14-16 require revision and stress support"
		"Locally, basket ball and football nets have been removed, more pjs parks have been built and skate parks removed or requests rejected. Land needed for riding bikes, playing basketball, football, organised clubs like table tennis, snooker etc very much lacking" (2 comments)
		"Parents having to travel to Bristol & Wales"
		"Sports equipment / skate park gets overcrowded"
		"No boxing or running clubs"
		"Only paid-for activities" (swimming, brownies/scouts)
Female	15	"Women and men need to learn about their bodies and sexual health (whilst keeping in mind the existence of gay and trans people)"
Young people experiencing mental health difficulties	12	
Young people not in education, employment or training	12	
Male	11	
Young carers	8	"They have had very little/no time to be an actual child"
LGBTQ+	7	"The lgbtq+ community need somewhere safe to exist where we don't feel scared of being attacked for who we are and where we can feel like we're normal and not weird outcasts in society" (2 comments on this theme)
Young people at risk of homelessness	6	"Need care"
Young people who are engaged in the justice system	5	"They need to be set on a better path."
Children in care	4	
Religion or belief	3	
Specific ethnic group(s)	1	
No, I'm not aware of any of	28	

Base: All respondents (n=63)

3.3 Profile of survey Respondents

	Number of respondents
Base	78
Q1 Are you completing this survey as:	
A young person	31
A parent or carer of someone aged 0 - 18 years old	20
An Individual in a professional capacity	6
A current or potential service provider	4
On behalf of a business, community, or statutory organisation	2
Local resident	11
Other / none of the above	4

Q1b: Name of organisation (if applicable):

The VOLLE- we detice	
The YOU Foundation	
Pucklechurch parish council	
Trustee and secretary Wickwar Youth Centre	
Trustee Wickwar Youth Centre	
FACE	
Bitton Parish Council	
Labour Group of SGC Councillors	

Question	Number of respondents
Total	61
Q31 Please tick if you are any of the following:	
South Gloucestershire Council employee	3
Current provider of youth services	1
Previous or potential provider of youth services	1
Town or Parish Council	10
A school or college employee	-
Youth worker or volunteer	-
None of the above	6
Q33 Your gender:	
Female	20
Male	24
Prefer not to say	1

parents and carers:	
18 or under	:
19 - 24	
25 - 44	:
45 - 64	13
65 - 74	:
Over 75 Prefer not to say	
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Q35 Your age (for respondents of young people's survey): Under 13	
13 - 15	2
16-18	_
Over 18	
Prefer not to say	
Q36 Aggregate - Your ethnicity:	
BAME	
White – English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British	4
White – Other	
Prefer not to say	
Q37 Are you currently or have you previously served in the UK Armed forces?	
No	
Yes - currently serving/ previously served	
Q38 Do you consider yourself to be disabled?	
No	3
Prefer not to say	
Yes - Physical impairment, such as difficulty using arms or mobility issues which may mean using a wheelchair or crutches	
Yes - Sensory impairment such as being blind/ having serious visual impairment, or being deaf/ having a serious hearing impairment	
Yes - Mental health condition, such as depression, anxiety or schizophrenia	
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Q41 Religion/ belief	
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Christian	2
Buddhist/ Hindu/ Jewish/ Muslim / Sikh / Any other religion	2.0
No religion	26 2
Prefer not to say	2
Q42 Do you have any children under the age of 18 living in your household?	
No	10
Yes	3
Q43 Which of the following age groups do the children in your household fall into?	
Under 4	
5 to 10	
11 to 12	
13 to 15	2
16 to 18	2
Q44 Do any of the children you care for face any of the following challenges?	
Physical impairment, such as difficulty using arms or mobility issues which may mean using a wheelchair or crutches	
Sensory impairment such as being blind/ having serious visual impairment, or being deaf/ having a serious hearing impairment	
Mental health condition, such as depression, anxiety or schizophrenia	:
Learning disability/difficulty (such as Down's Syndrome, dyslexia, dyspraxia) or cognitive impairment (such as autistic spectrum disorder)	!
Long standing illness or health condition (such as diabetes or epilepsy)	
No/ none of the above	
Prefer not to say	
Q45 Which of the following apply to you?	
Employed full-time	!
Employed part-time	;
Self employed/ freelance	:
Unemployed	
Government funded training course/ apprenticeship	
Studying full-time	:
Studying part-time	
Away from work (ill, maternity leave, holiday or temporarily laid off)	
Looking after home/family	;
Long term sick/disabled	,
Retired	1
Prefer not to say	4
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4 Other representations

4.1 Letters and emails

One email was received with the following content:

Respondent	Comments
Bitton Parish Council	Please see below the response from Bitton Parish Council towards the consultation on Recommissioning of our Youth Services.
	Bitton Parish Council currently budget £17,625.00 per annum out of its precept for Youth Services. There is a need within our Parish for this service as we are taking quite a few from our priority neighbourhood.
	In April 2022 we commissioned our service out to Creative Youth Network and following on from the first quarter Bitton Parish Council is extremely impressed with how structured they are with a variety of activities for young people. We feel that no massive change is needed as this could affect the consistent number of children we have attending.
	We feel that all areas need to be focused on with regards to spreading the budget, not just main town areas. Rural areas have a need for this too and they need to be focused on.
	As a Parish Council, we would like more funding to be offered to us to help keep this a success. Whilst we pay this money to Creative Youth Network, our building is given free of charge with all energy and cleaning costs covered on top.
	If you have any queries with regards to this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

4.2 Consultation events and meetings

Town and Parish Councils attended the In person event on 30th June 2022 at 6pm in Kingswood Civic Centre. All Parish and Town Councils had been invited to the event by Commissioners. The following towns & parishes were represented at the event;

Yate Town Council

Hanham Abbots Parish Council

Hanham Parish Council

Downend & Bromley Heath Parish Council

Emersons green

Thornbury

Winterbourne

Bradley Stoke

Siston Parish Council

Charfield

Various SGC Councillors were also in attendance representing, Kingswood, Bradley Stoke, New Cheltenham and Winterbourne

There were three presentations during the event from Yate Town Council, Thornbury Town Council and Bradley Stoke. All provided a presentation on the youth work currently commissioned by the speakers respective Councils Should you wish to follow up on the presentations by the speakers please contact;

Kath MacConnachie - <u>clerk@thornburytowncouncil.gov.uk</u> Graham Baker - <u>graham.baker@bradleystoke.gov.uk</u> Cllr Chris Willmore - Chris.willmore@virginmedia.com

Part of the presentation from Sharon Adams, Commissioning Manager at SGC, confirmed that the Youth Activities Offer core provision would likely continue for the priority neighbourhoods, for young people with disabilities and those who identify as LGBTQ+ within South Gloucestershire. Additional provision will be determined when responses to the public consultation and needs assessment are reviewed. The current budget would remain the same and there are no plans to return to allocating these funds via a small grants scheme.

A further message from Commissioners advocated that Parishes, where possible, should consider the possibility of precepting funds to support youth work delivery in their localities, as the current requirement for some matched funding is likely to continue.

Finally the likely timescale for the recommission was shared. Public consultation will end on the 23rd of August. Once the data from the public consultation and needs assessment have been collated and reviewed in September / October, the service specification will be created and finalised by December 2022. The Procurement process will begin in March 2023, with new contracts starting on 1st April 2024.

Key messages received from attendees were,

- Town and Parish Council wish to have a greater say in who delivers youth work in their area. There were concerns that T & PC's lack of involvement meant that if there were reservations around the suitability of provision delivered by selected providers, T & PC's were unable to voice concerns. Making sure that T&PCs understood the new contractual model could help alleviate this, along with joint monitoring to ensure better information sharing and early problem solving. Ultimately, T&PCs could decide to make their own delivery arrangements independent of the Council's Youth Activities Offer funding and contract.
- Town and Parish Councils want to have clear timescales for the recommissioning to investigate potential providers and plan budgets. We intend to plan a further event to introduce Town and Parish councils to local youth providers.
- There was a request from many attendees for a requirement to deliver more detached youth work, especially in rural areas and / or those with few or no community facilities. The possibility of a mobile youth work bus – such as the Yate TC 'Urbie', was suggested. We will be sending a follow-up email to gauge possible interest amongst Town and Parish Councils in the idea of jointly funding a mobile facility.
- Not all the locations of where youth work is currently being delivered are working well to engage attendance from more young people in the locality.

• Young people's views and opinions need to be an integral part of designing and delivering services to them.

"We the 33" Event – 13th October 2022, Made Forever, Kingswood

Appendix

Copy of Young People's survey



Have your say on our Youth Activities Offer

Survey for the **wider community**, including **parents and carers**, and community and statutory **organisations**

At South Gloucestershire Council, as part of our youth work offer, we aim to provide all young people with a range of things to do, places to go and people to talk to in their own time. It's been three years since we arranged the locations, types of activities and who provides them, so before we re-commission our youth activities in 2024 we want to get a better picture of which activities are needed in South Gloucestershire, where they should be, and how they should be provided with our available resources.

You can have your say by completing this survey and returning it by Freepost to the address at the end of the survey by **Tuesday 23rd August 2022**

Please note: this survey is NOT for children and young people or current or potential providers of positive activities; specific surveys for these groups can be found in libraries, one stop shops or at: consultations.southglos.gov.uk/consult.ti/PAYP2022 Are you completing this survey as: On behalf of a business, community or A young person A parent or carer of someone aged 0 - 18 statutory organisation years old Local resident An Individual in a professional capacity Other / none of the above A current or potential service provider Nature of professional capacity (if applicable): Name of organisation (if applicable): To what extent do you agree or disagree that young people in your local area are easily able to access the following activities if they want to: Strongly Neither agree Tend to Strongly Tend to agree nor disagree disagree agree disagree Physical activities outside (e.g. team sports, tennis, running, skateboarding) Physical activities indoors (e.g. dancing, yoga, bouldering, badminton, boxing) Creative activities (e.g. music, performing in theatre, writing, painting, cooking, film-making, photography, vloging) Outdoor / countryside pursuits (e.g. hiking, camping, mountain biking, riding) Social activities (e.g. meeting friends, seeing films, online gaming, board games)

Volunteering

Youth centre / clubs

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confidence, communication, self- awareness, problem-solving, teamwork)	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ
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Healthy lifestyle (e.g. healthy eating, sexual health, drugs and alcohol)	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ
Emotional health and wellbeing			0		0
Work-related activities (e.g. work tasters, workplace behaviour, CV and interview skills	0	0	0	0	0
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Connects young people with their communities	0	\circ	0	\circ	0
Promotes the positive physical, mental and emotional wellbeing of young people	0	0	0	\circ	0
Offer young people opportunities in safe environments	0	0	0	0	0
Improves the personal and social development of young people	\circ	0	\circ	\circ	0
Helps those at risk of dropping out of learning or not achieving their full	0	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ
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This section is really important as it helps how they could be affected by any change	ges. This information	r understanding of the needs of different people, and n will remain confidential and will be used for e published and individuals will not be identified.
		or in a professional capacity you do not need
Please tick if you are any of the fol	lowing:	
South Gloucestershrie Council Current provider of youth service Previous or potential provider of Town or Parish Council A school or college employee Youth worker or volunteer None of the above	ces	
Please tell us your full postcode:		
Your gender:	Male	Prefer not to say
Your age: 18 or under 19 - 24 25 - 44	45 - 64 65 - 74 Over 75	Prefer not to say
Your age: Under 13 13 - 15	16-18 Over 18	Prefer not to say

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Do any of the children you care for face any of the following challenges?						
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Mental health condition, such as depression, anxiety or schizophrenia	No/ none of the above Prefer not to say					
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Copy of Wider Community survey



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Physical activities indoors (e.g. dancing, yoga, bouldering, badminton, boxing)	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ
Creative activities (e.g. music, performing in theatre, writing, painting, cooking, film-making, photography, vloging)	\circ	0	0	\circ	\circ
Outdoor / countryside pursuits (e.g. hiking, camping, mountain biking, riding)	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ
Social activities (e.g. meeting friends, seeing films, online gaming, board games)	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ
Volunteering	0	0	0	0	0
Youth centre / clubs	0	0	0	0	0

To what extent do you agree or disagree that children and young people in your local area currently have enough access to the following:					
, ,	Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree
Personal skills (e.g. improving self- confidence, communication, self- awareness, problem-solving, teamwork)	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ
Practical life skills (e.g. cooking, money management, becoming independent)	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ
Healthy lifestyle (e.g. healthy eating, sexual health, drugs and alcohol)	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ
Emotional health and wellbeing	0		0	0	0
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Offer young people opportunities in safe environments	0	0	0	\circ	0
Improves the personal and social development of young people	0	0	0	\circ	0
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Religion/ belief			
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Survey for current and potential youth or positive activity providers

At South Gloucestershire Council, as part of our youth work offer, we aim to provide all young people with a range of things to do, places to go and people to talk to in their own time. It's been three years since we arranged the locations, types of activities and who provides them, so before we re-commission our youth activities in 2024 we want to get a better picture of which activities are needed in South Gloucestershire, where they should be, and how they should be provided with our available resources.

You can have your say by completing this survey and returning it by Freepost to the address at the end of the survey by **Tuesday 23rd August 2022**

Please note: this survey is not for members of the public or children and young people; specific surveys for Are you completing this survey as: On behalf of a business, community or A young person statutory organisation A parent or carer of someone aged 0 - 18 Local resident vears old Other / none of the above An Individual in a professional capacity A current or potential service provider Nature of professional capacity (if applicable): Name of organisation (if Current need for youth activities To what extent do you agree or disagree that young people in your local area are easily able to access the following activities if they want to: Strongly Strongly Tend to Neither agree Tend to agree agree nor disagree disagree disagree Physical activities outside (e.g. team sports, tennis, running, skateboarding Physical activities indoors (e.g. dancing, yoga, bouldering, badminton Creative activities (e.g. music, performing in theatre, writing, painting, cooking, film-making, photography, vloging) Outdoor / countryside pursuits (e.g. П П hiking, camping, mountain biking, Social activities (e.g. meeting friends, seeing films, online gaming, board П П П П games) Volunteering Youth centre / clubs

Please describe any ways in which y these activities (include any specific use that you are aware of)					
What kinds of need for support or ac in the past 2-3 years, or think may gr					oung people
To what extent do you agree or disag currently have enough access to the		ildren and	d young peop	le in your	local area
	Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree
Personal skills (e.g. improving self- confidence, communication, self- awareness, problem-solving, teamwork)					
Practical life skills (e.g. cooking, money management, becoming independent)					
Healthy lifestyle (e.g. healthy eating, sexual health, drugs and alcohol)					
Emotional health and wellbeing					
Work-related activities (e.g. work tasters, workplace behaviour, CV and interview skills					
uture location and access to you	uth activit	ies			
To help us provide youth work based and groups, our aim is to make the d Please rank the following factors in o	elivery of o	ur activity	provision as	flexible as	s possible.
our resources on and 5 being the low (Only one factor per priority number - we ticked 'highest priority')	vest priority		_		-
,	1 - Highest Priority	2	3 - Medium Priority	4	5 - Lowest Priority
Areas with highest populations of young people	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Areas with significant planned growth and development of housing	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Areas with higher need e.g. higher levels of poverty, crime, young people not in education, employment or training	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Ensuring there is a spread of provision across all areas of South Gloucestershire, including rural areas	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Ensuring a wide range of activities	F 7	F 7	F 7	F 7	гэ
are offered	i i	i i			

Youth activities can be provided through a mixture of access points, from centre-based (e.g. the youth centres / clubs), or detached / outreach (e.g. street-based-based) to mobile (e.g. bus or van)

How much of our provision do you think should be offered through the following access points?

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	None	Less than half	Half	More than half	All/ only this
Centre-based					
Detached / outreach					
Mobile					

Proposed alternative model for future delivery of youth activities

The Youth Activities Offer arrangements began on 1st April 2019 and delivers centre-based youth provision, open to all, in each of the five priority neighbourhoods (Patchway, Yate, Kingswood, Staple Hill and Cadbury Heath) along with weekly sessions for young people with learning difficulties and/or disabilities and provision for LGBTQ+ young people across the area. The contract also provides additional centre based and detached youth work sessions outside of those priority neighbourhoods. The provision is currently delivered by four lead organisations. These organisations also sub-contract and have developed partnerships with a wide range of providers, including town and parish councils.

What aspects of the current model of	of delivery	work well?			
What are the challenges with the cu	rrent mode	el of deliver	ry?		
To what extent do you agree or disa	agree that t	the current		cessfully	
	Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Tend to disagree	Strongly
Allows young people to access positive activities wherever they live in South Gloucestershire					
Reaches young people from all backgrounds					
Meet the needs of young people who are facing additional challenges					
Provide a comprehensive range of different activities for young people to choose from					
Makes the most effective use of resources					
Make it easier for a range of different organisations to be involved in delivering youth activities					
Encourage different organisations to work together and co-ordinate their services better					
Help organisations draw in other funding					

	Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree
Connects young people with their communities					
Promotes the positive physical, mental and emotional wellbeing of young people					
Offer young people opportunities in safe environments					
Improves the personal and social development of young people					
Helps those at risk of dropping out of learning or not achieving their full potential					
Raises young people's aspirations, builds their resilience and informs their decisions					
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South Gloucestershire Council intendare designed to address specific is include: mental health, sexual health and creating new skills, aspirations at Do you see any barriers or issues we you would like to see us provide organizations.	ssues or i and relati and confide e need to t	ncrease yo onships, p ence. ake into co	oung people hysical heal	e's wellbein lth, substar	g. Examp nce misus

black and minority ethnic population, LGBTQ individuals, and young people with disabilities and learning difficulties
Do you see any barriers or issues we need to take into consideration, or is there any suppo you would like to see us provide organisations in order to achieve this?

Our goal is to have services which are accessible to all young people, for instance our

Thank you for taking the time to respond to this survey. Please return this survey or any comments before Tuesday 23rd August by post to: FREEPOST RTXL-YJXJ-BXEX, South Gloucestershire Council, Corporate Research &

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