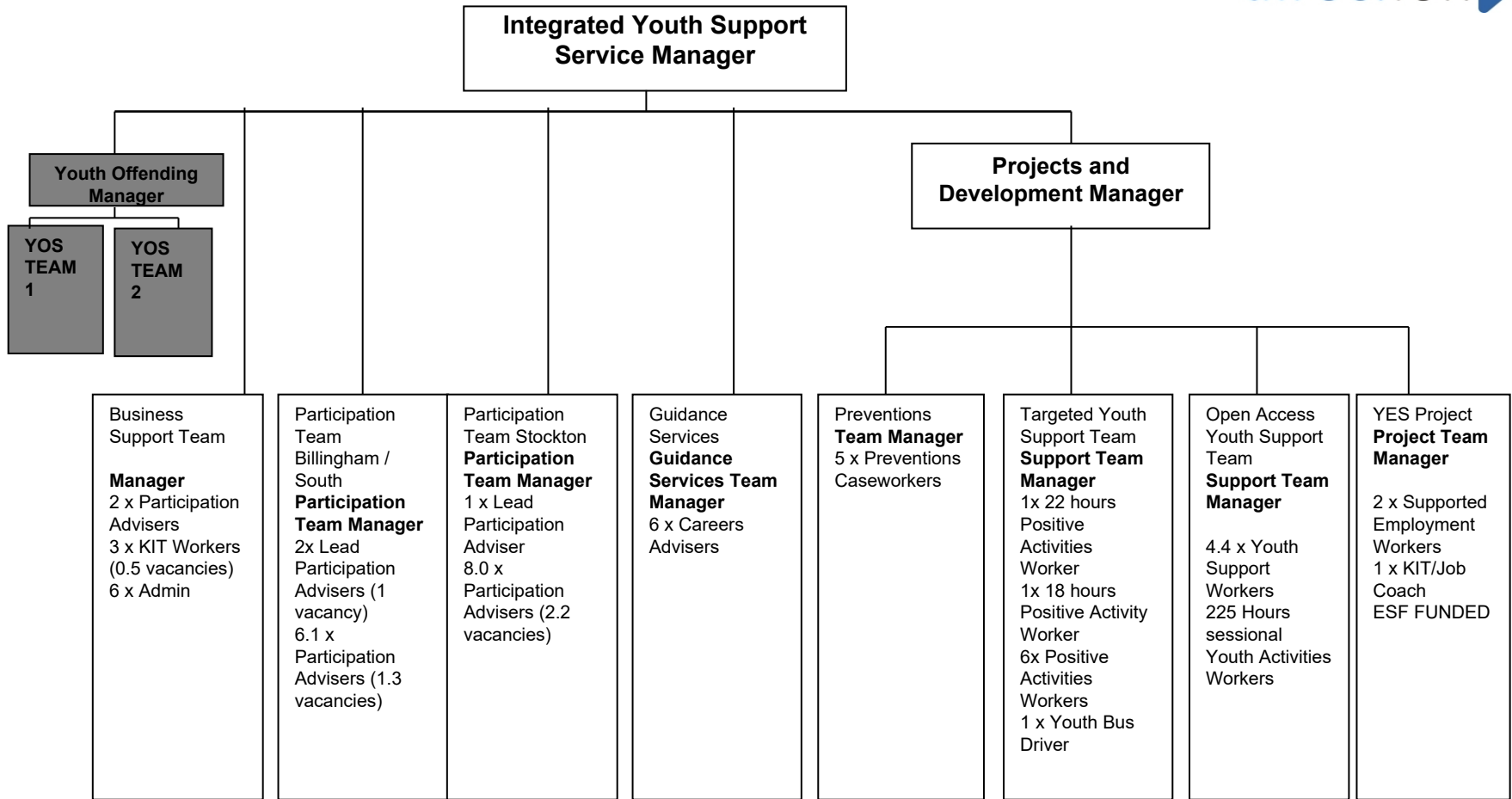


Youth Direction & ASB Team Patrols

Pilot January/March 2014



IYSS structure (1)



What the Project aimed to do



- Joint responses between Youth Direction Staff and ASB Teams to identified ASB Hotspots
- Promote the Youth Direction offer in the designated area
- Add value to existing diversionary programmes
- Play a central part in developing an area based responsive Youth Direction offer
- Build on the range of joint targeted initiatives such as SAFE (Stockton Activities For Everyone) October/November programme, reparation activity, Prison Me No Way Programme, school and community based ASB programmes



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The Need For the Project



- Areas identified by Strategic ASB/Criminal Damage group as needing additional activity within the limitations of budgets
- The project has the scope to be responsive to ongoing issues raised at JAGs
- The project builds on the existing good practice of targeting young people using Police/ASB intelligence to highlight priorities



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How the Project works



- Pilot project began in January for 4 weeks
- Patrols were set up in agreed areas initially Billingham Town Centre/Newtown area
- Within 2 weeks Thornaby deemed as a higher priority
- Patrols link to exiting youth activity
- ASB staff lead when pairs of workers go out
- ASB staff bring live intelligence to sessions
- ASB staff step out of their normal role to engage young people informally using youth work approach
- If any live issues occur during patrols a response will be called in but not delivered by ASB team member of the patrol



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Challenges



- ASB staff out of comfort zone with different working practice
- Perceptions of young people
- 'Never the Twain' youth staff challenging their perceptions of the role of ASB staff



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- More effective use of resources
- Contribution to Operation Bolt in Billingham
- Effective responses to JAG issues in hotspots
- Information sharing improved between partners
- Positive relationships between partners
- Myth busting i.e. all youth staff do fluffy stuff, ASB staff are only about enforcement



Success



- Stronger partnership working
- Supporting the development of a tiered approach with targeted young people
- Contributing to delivery of Thornaby ASB partnership project at the Youthy
- Integral to the delivery of activity in The Hub/Billingham
- Flexible model that will transfer to other ASB hotspots



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