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Good News Storey on PRG funded Projects

Next Steps Bishops Stortford Job Club –Twice weekly Job Club facilities

- 6 additional participants have confirmed Job Outcomes (now 8 in total)
- 6 additional participants have begun relevant skills training (now 19 in total)
- 1 participant has achieved a Level1 I.T.qualification and begun working towards a Level 2
- Of the 6 participants who were referred onto business start-up services, 1 has become a case study for Outset Herts & another is completing her first children's book with a view to publishing

Homeless Prevention - Education Project “Home Truths”

90% success rate on obtaining feedback from evaluation survey. A selection of the comments made are as follows:

- ‘I have learnt to plan before leaving home’
- ‘Costs of living on my own’
- ‘Where to get help with housing’
- ‘It has helped me realise the importance of budgeting’
- ‘How much organisation is involved in independence’
- ‘How to prepare for leaving home’

Stronger Communities Grant Fund

This has been a very successful project - the Stronger communities theme group members have worked well together to promote and process applications to this fund effectively and efficiently - this has included input from CVS for Broxbourne and East Herts as the lead agency with support from East Herts Council, Hertfordshire County Council, South Anglia HA, CDA for Hertfordshire and NHS Hertfordshire.

The awards made so far have been spread geographically across all five towns and in rural areas and thematically with Children's, older peoples, disability and residents groups all benefitting.

Types of equipment funded so far have included, IT hardware, Marketing materials, Storage equipment, play equipment, cameras, screens and projectors, kitchen utensils, furniture, games consoles, printing and franking equipment, crockery, display boards and much more! A full review / monitor of all equipment funded and beneficiaries are due to take place from April 2011.

Family Intervention Project

“Following the CP Review Conference held at County Hall for the four A children, it has proved how important FIP has been in turning things around for these children aged x, x, x and x, who at the time of the Initial CPC in September 2010 were receiving very inconsistent care and supervision, and were near the threshold for care proceedings.

The combination of the FIP's prompt response and very frequent visits (now reducing) has evidently improved home conditions, the boys' behaviour and hygiene and Mum's confidence. All three schools reported improvements in presentation and achievement and the Police had no further reports of anti social or offending behaviour.

“Alongside the team's practical and emotional support, a Family Group Conference has been held which will hopefully involve Mr A and the extended family more reliably in meeting each child's needs, and reducing the risk of further neglect and poor outcomes.”

Village Hall Broadband

Project has involved close working with CVS Broxbourne and East Herts and I-Trust Herts who have provided free technical assistance, site visits and advice to clients.

All aspects of the project - targeted client numbers and all installations are expected to be delivered on time (March 31st 2011) and within Budget.

Cardiac Rehabilitation

100% of evaluation form respondents stated scheme either made them feel a lot better or slightly better. A selection of comments includes:

‘Lost 14 pounds no longer overweight’

‘Normalised my blood pressure’

‘Thanks to the class and the dedication of the staff running the class’

‘Reassuring to have a staff member to refer to if one is worried, about the exercises’