Heywood, Middleton and Rochdale LGB&T Young Peoples' Service

END OF LGB&T PROJECT REPORT

04/10/10 – 31/03/11 16 hours per week

STAKEHOLDERS

PROJECT COMMISSIONED BY:

Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council (RMBC) Youth Service

PROVIDED BY:

NHS Heywood, Middleton and Rochdale Community Healthcare Provider Services in collaboration with Rochdale Connections Trust (RCT).

Services provided to young LGB&T people in the age range: 13 to 25 years old.

AGREED OUTCOMES	OUTCOMES/PROGRESS
At least one group session per week delivered in Rochdale for LGB&T young people	There was a consultation on providing a weekly group for young LGB&T people in the Borough. Research conducted through survey/anectdotal evidence revealed that young people preferred one to one support. Only one young person attended the consultation on 29/10/2010. This young person was kept informed of project developments. It was decided to set-up a small project group to work towards producing a pocket information guide for young LGB&T people who reside in the Borough of Rochdale. There was a consultation session at RCT on 12/01/2011. There were four young people who attended the project group and a lot of interest in this group, but many young people who made contact, entered employment, training or education and the RCT group unfortunately, did not meet again. The minutes from the consultation session

	were transcribed and key themes to be included in the guide emerged. The LGB&T Information and Participation Worker began gathering information on the themes/topics and began composing a working document of content to be included in the guide. It was decided to work in collaboratioon with Hopwood Hall College and use a focus group to develop the Pocket Information Guide. The focus group consisting of 10 young people met once for 2 hours and the working document of contents was peer-reviewed among students (16 to years old) who identify as LGB&T and edited to adapt to the size of the guide. A semi-final draft of content to be included in the guide was developed.
Work in partnership with key stakeholders to promote both the group and LGB&T issues/awareness raising across Rochdale Metropolitan Borough	Key stakeholders: RMBC Youth Service NHS HMR CHC Provider Services Rochdale Connections Trust (RCT) Supportive services/agencies: NHS Heywood, Middleton and Rochdale Hopwood Hall College Healthy Young People (HyPE) Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust CVSR Lesbian & Gay Foundation (LGF) Albert Kennedy Trust Connexions Shelter (Rochdale) Victim Support (Rochdale) Rochdale & District Mind Rochdale & District Mind Advocacy Rochdale Citizen Advocacy RMBC Supporting People (Sheltered and Supported Housing) RMBC Rochdale Employment and Development Service (REDS) Shaw Trust Greater Manchester Police 42nd Street (Manchester) GAYLIC (Calderdale)

Representation on boards/at meetings where necessary	NHS HMR Young LGB&T Peoples' Service Steering Group Regularly attended LGB&T Multi Agency Working Group (hosted by Rochdale and District Mind) Rochdale LGBT Network (hosted by CVSR) Targeted Youth Support (TYS) Rochdale Boroughwide User Forum (RBUF) Rochdale & District Mind LGB&T Wellbeing Group
Information, advice and guidance around production of resources, specificially tailored to the Borough of Rochdale and produced in consultation with LGB&T young. Publications to be distributed in the Borough of Rochdale	Heywood, Middleton and Rochdale LGB&T Young Peoples' Service has worked in collaboration with both young LGB&T young people at RCT and students who identify as LGB&T at Hopwood Hall College through focus/consultation group-working to produce a Pocket Information Guide. Concept 4 were commissioned by NHS HMR CHC Provider Services.
Campaigns to publicise and promote the service delivered in the Borough of Rochdale in conjunction with major events, such as 'Anti-bullying week'	Heywood, Middleton and Rochdale LGB&T Young Peoples' Service published appropriate material to publicise the service consultations and produced an online and hard copy survey: (http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/D86TXTC) The Information and Participation Worker collaborated with Rochdale & District Mind on 'World Coming Out Day' (11/10/2010) and publicised the event through appropriate networks/services/agencies.

The information below was kindly provided by the Lesbian & Gay Foundation (LGF)

Heywood, Middleton and Rochdale: Young People's Services

LGF services - headlines from April-December 2010:

- At least 500 people aware of LGF campaigns in Heywood, Middleton & Rochdale based on Outnorthwest circulation figures.
- Approximately 264 Heywood, Middleton & Rochdale residents visiting the gay village would also have been aware of campaigns (based on Outnorthwest circulation figures & the LGF's Village Census data).
- 3 people accessed counselling from Heywood, Middleton & Rochdale.
- 1188 gay men's safer sex packs were distributed in the locality. (Each pack contains two Durex Elite condoms, and two sachets of 10ml Durex Play water based lube)
- 521 unique visits to the LGF website from residents in Heywood, Middleton & Rochdale, accessing a range of information, resources and news items regarding a range of issues, such as sexual health information, mental health, substance misuse and equality issues.

Outnorthwest and sexual health resources are distributed to:

Borough Wide User Forum
Rochdale PCT Psychological Therapies Team
Hopwood Hall College also distributes to;
Middleton Campus
The Britannia
Baillie Street GUM
Bar Vegas
Gina Dye, Victim Support
Rochdale and District Mind
Rochdale CVS
Rochdale Samaritans

National Statistics:

4 in 5 young people have no access to LGBT resources to help them (Hunt, R. & Jensen J., The experiences of young gay people in Britain's schools, Stonewall, 2006)

Over half of young people (straight & LGBT) feel that the attitude to sexuality in school has negatively affected their development (Homophobic bullying & human rights, IARS 2008)

1 in 4 trans young people experiences physical abuse at school (Al-Alami M., Turner L. & Whittle S, Engendered Penalties: Transgender and transsexual people's experiences of inequality and discrimination 2007)

2 in 3 victims reporting hate crime were not referred to or informed about any support or advice services available to them (Dick S. Homophobic hate crime: The gay British crime survey, Stonewall, 2008)

3 in 4 LGB people would prefer an LGB specialist mental health worker (Williams S. Bradford & District LGB Health Needs Assessment, 2007)

3 in 5 respondents would like an LGBT-specific alcohol service (Browne, K Count Me In Too: LGBT Lives in Brighton & Hove, Drugs and Alcohol, University of Brighton and Spectrum, 2009)

Nearly 6 in 10 clients stated that their reason for specifically attending the LGF clinic was "It's a service aimed specifically at the LGB community"(Hughes, B. & Ledger, J. Leading the Way& A unique partnership approach to sexual health services for lesbians, gay and bisexual men, 2006)

9 in 10 LGB people would prefer an LGB specialist sexual health worker (Williams S. Bradford & District LGB Health Needs Assessment, 2007)

Young lesbian and gay people are two and a half times more likely to go to a gay-friendly pub and club rather than a youth group (Hunt, R. and Jensen, J. The School Report: The experiences of young gay people in Britain's Schools Stonewall: London, 2007)

Young people who attend youth groups are 37% more likely to feel that there is an adult at home they can talk to about being gay, and 32% more likely to feel there is an adult at school they can talk to (Hunt, R. and Jensen, J. The School Report: The experiences of young gay people in Britain's Schools Stonewall: London, 2007)

Only 15% of young lesbian, gay and bisexual people have attended a gay youth group (Hunt, R. and Jensen, J. The School Report: The experiences of young gay people in Britain's Schools Stonewall: London, 2007)

3 in 4 LGBT youth feigned illness or played truant to avoid homophobic bullying - the majority of these left school at 16 (Rivers I, Social exclusion, absenteeism and sexual minority youth, 2000)

Only 6% of schools have a group specifically for lesbian and gay pupils and their friends (Hunt, R. and Jensen, J. The School Report: The experiences of young gay people in Britain's Schools, Stonewall 2007)

Just over 2 in 5 LGB students and just under 2 in 5 trans students had been bullied at school (The experience of lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans staff and students in higher education, Research report, Equality Challenge Unit, 2009)