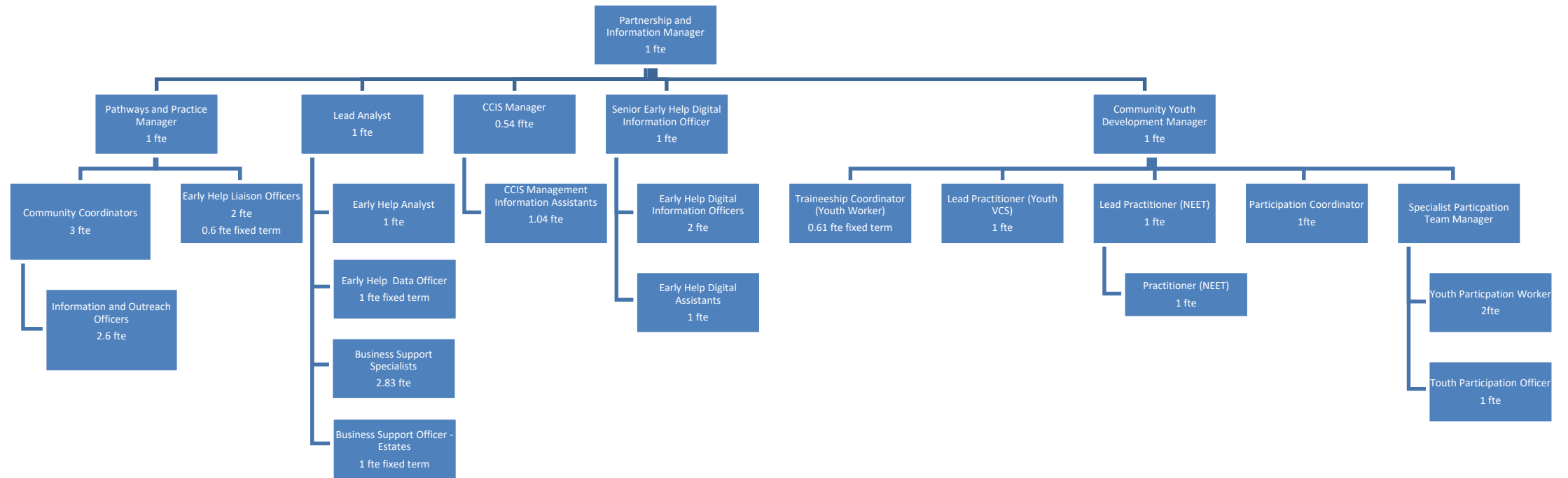




Family Support Service Community Youth Team



Our Current Structure



VCS Clubs linked with BC

2012 Youth Service Changes led to Centre's being leased out and SLA'S in place with the following centres:

Aylesbury	Wycombe	Chiltern & SB
Buckingham	Eastside	Amersham
Haddenham	Hazlemere	Burnham
Quarrendon	Holmer Green	Chesham
Wendover	Marlow	Curzon (Beaconsfield)
Wing	Princess Risborough	Evreham
Winslow		

Ongoing commitment to support

- “Align closer to the FSS- step up/down support for YP
- “Pilot targeted programmes in these centres
- “Affiliation to A4Y
- “ Lead Practitioner Post
- “Training offer
- “Delivery support
- “Management support
- “Collection of performance data- linked to KPI’S

Wider VCS Representation

- Engaging with stakeholders of VCS organisations
- Take a lead on community youth forums
- Ensure the offer is promoted via our webpage- BFIS
- Mapping exercise for each geographic area- ensure we are aware of what's out there!
- Step up/down support for YP
- Support with funding opportunities- links with CB's
- Enhance the offer at our own YC's (YSA & RH)
- Work alongside Community Safety to address Youth issues (Lost Detached Team in 2018)

Other areas of Support

Internet
Acronym:

"NEET"

MEANING



The slang acronym "NEET" is used to represent the phrase "not in education, employment, or training." It is used to refer mostly to people who still live at home with their parents because they can't support themselves due to a lack of motivation and ambition.

The acronym "NEET" was first recorded in 1999 in an official London report that was taking a census on the



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Improving youth participation in Community Boards

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Youth Voice

Youth Voice is for 11 to 19-year olds (or up to 25 years old for young people with a disability or learning disability) from Buckinghamshire.

Youth Voice is a place where young people can have their voices heard to benefit and strengthen our community, raise the issues that they are most passionate about and take an active role in making Buckinghamshire the best place to live for all young people.

The Executive Committee inform senior leaders from the council about youth issues and undertake programmes of work to improve local services. There is also the opportunity to represent the county at national events too. Youth Voice is coordinated by the Community Youth Team based within the Family Support Service.

Opportunity

- Link Community Boards and the existing Youth Voice Executive Committee to ensure the Youth Participation is embedded as part of Community Boards and young people have the opportunity to have a voice in Community Board activity.
- This will make the Youth Voice Executive Committee stronger, with wider representation and provide youth representation for Community Boards ensuring they are inclusive to young people as well.
- Young people can get involved in Community Boards in many ways:
 - Attending Community Board meetings as members of the Board ensuring their voice is heard and consulted.
 - Work with their peers in their local area and on the Youth Voice Executive Committee to put forward project proposals to drive forward identified change and take ownership of those projects and the funds associated to enable them to be active participants that add value to the key priorities and youth led local initiatives.
 - This could include:
 - Carrying out research with other young people
 - Hosting events in their local area
 - Running campaigns
 - Facilitating seminars
 - Consulting on key council and local priorities
 - Provide their views on relevant applications to the board and offer input, particularly those with a youth focus.
 - Support with recruitment of young people to those boards in need.

Proposal

- The Youth Participation team will support Boards to recruit young people to be Youth Ambassadors
- Two youth ambassadors per Board to be a part of the wider Youth Voice Executive Committee
- The youth ambassadors would:
 - represent their board at Youth Voice meetings and feedback relevant information/opportunities to their relevant boards for further discussion and action
 - lead discussions at Youth Voice where key trends are identified across more than one area that the Youth Voice group as a collective can take forward as a countywide action as well as area specific opportunities.
- Their role in supporting the community boards will include:
 - Being youth advisors to councillors
 - Conducting their own research with other young people
 - Making project proposals and applications to take action on the identified change. The young person could manage the budget for relevant projects to develop financial responsibility skills
 - Host events in their local community to discuss important issues and develop solutions
 - Bringing other young people together with the Board in task and finish/ action groups to explore topics of interest
- The youth ambassadors could also be a part of, or lead youth action groups within their Community Board area bringing other young people together on topics of interest in task and finish groups to support the Boards action plan and engagement with young people in the area.
- This could involve linking with local schools, colleges, youth groups and youth partner organisations.