

Sport England briefing note for CSPs and other partners in the delivery system 7 November 2007

FOR INFORMATION

5 Hour Children and Young People's Sports Offer – Update

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INTRODUCTION

- 1 On 13th July the Prime Minister announced the investment of an additional £100m (over three years 2008-11) into the National School Sport or PESSCL¹ Strategy in order to give every child and young person (aged 5-19) the chance to do 5 hours of sport a week. This paper provides an update on what this is likely to mean for Sport England and delivery partners in community sport. Final plans are still being developed and agreed with the Government.

BACKGROUND

- 2 The National School Sport or PESSCL strategy went live in April 2003 with the objective of getting 5-16 year olds to do 2 hours of high quality PE and sport within and beyond the school day. The Public Service Agreement (PSA) target was to get at least 75% of children doing this by 2006 and then 85% by 2008. The strategy is lead jointly by DCMS² and DCSF³ and in the 5 years to March 2008 over £1.5 billion exchequer and lottery funding is being invested. Sport England's role has been to strengthen/create school club links and provide sports volunteering and leadership opportunities for older children. Good progress is being made and the 2006 PSA milestone was beaten by 5 percentage points. (Please note that new PSAs were announced this week: PSA's 12 (Sport England and the Youth Sport Trust will develop opportunities to increase participation of children in physical education and school sport) and 22 (Deliver a successful Olympic Games and Paralympic Games with a sustainable legacy and get more children and young people taking part in high quality PE and Sport).

¹ PE, School Sport and Club Links

² Department for Culture, Media and Sport

³ Department for Children, Schools and Families

- 3 On 13th July the Prime Minister announced the investment of an additional £100m (on top of existing DCSF/DCMS school sport baselines) for the National School Sport Strategy, in order to increase the number of children and young people aged 5-19 participating in PE and sport. The new money comes from both Departments (£60m from DCSF and £48m from DCMS). It is envisaged that the new DCMS funding will be deployed through Sport England. The additional funding will provide for:
 - 3.1 The addition of FE sports co-ordinators linked to School Sport Partnerships (DCSF lead/funded over 3 years 2008 to 2011 – to be rolled out by September 2008);
 - 3.2 The completion of the roll out of competition managers linked again to School Sport Partnerships (DCSF lead/funded over 3 years – to be rolled out by September 2008);
 - 3.3 Top up grants to School Sport Partnerships to pay for coaching (DCSF lead/funded over 3 years);
 - 3.4 Multi sport clubs for children with special needs linked to School Sport Partnerships (DCSF lead/funded over 3 years – this links into the Playground to Podium programme);
 - 3.5 Funding to support extended club activity designed to attract a different type of young person (DCMS lead/funded over 3 years).

THE OFFER

- 4 For 5-16 year olds (children in statutory schooling) the offer will be made up of: 2 hours of high quality curriculum physical education and 3 hours of sport beyond the curriculum delivered through a range of school, community and club providers. The assumption is that as children grow older they will increasingly be directed towards club/community provision. This will get them used to doing sport outside of a school setting and hopefully slow and reverse the drop in sports participation which currently occurs at 16.
- 5 The additional funding for the first time formally extends the reach of the strategy to 16-19 year olds. For 16-19 year olds the offer is 3 hours of sport, rather than 5, as unless they are studying sport they would not be accessing curriculum PE.

DELIVERY LEADERSHIP

- 6 The two Departments will continue to jointly lead the overall strategy and Sport England and the Youth Sport Trust will work together to implement plans with accountability delivered through the existing delivery

arrangements. It is envisaged that Sport England will lead on delivery of the DCMS funded element of the new funding package – the Extending Activity funding, with the Trust leading on the DCSF funded elements (3.1–3.4). Sport England will also play a key role, through Sports Coach UK in the any investment into coaching through the School Sport Partnerships to maintain consistency with the coaching support through the UK Coaching Framework. It should be emphasised that plans are still being worked up and agreed with the Departments.

EXTENDING ACTIVITY

- 7 The plan is to invest significant funding over 3 years into extending activity primarily focused on out of school hours and club activity (both within schools and the community). Activity will build on the existing club links and Step into Sport workstrands which Sport England is leading. The investment will help bring together the worlds of school and community sport and will be a key factor in engaging the 50% of children and young people classed as semi-sporty (i.e those who are doing 2/3 hours of sport at the moment, 2 in the curriculum and 1 outside the curriculum) in an additional two hours, i.e. making up their 5 hour offer. The funding will also be expected to provide a three hour offer for 16 to 19 year olds.
- 8 To enable new and different children and young people to access and take up the 5 hour offer (3 hours 16-19) the current club network requires strengthening and developing along the following lines:
 - 8.1 Improvement of current traditional clubs to accommodate and appeal to more/a wider range of children and young people;
 - 8.2 Investment into new types of ‘clubs’ which may be more informal and with ‘different’ types of sports activity;
 - 8.3 Better signposting of opportunities and a walking time commitment to enable youngsters to access venues; and
 - 8.4 A wider range of introductory activity sessions on, or linked to, school sites to introduce young people into alternative activity.
- 9 Sport England and the Youth Sport Trust have suggested to the Departments that funding should be devolved through County Sports Partnerships (CSPs) and be deployed as follows:
 - 9.1 CSPs will receive an activity allocation per School Sport Partnership. CSPs will also receive additional funding to fund their role in this work (it is envisaged this will reflect the size and coverage of the CSP area and the scope of the work).

- 9.2 In return for this investment, CSPs will co-ordinate the drawing up, with the agreement of local partners, of a simple/practical 3 year plan to increase take up of the +2/3 hours required to fulfil the 5 hour offer for the semi-sporty types group and 3 hours for 16 to 19 year olds.
- 9.3 This plan will need to provide activities which attract 930 children and young people per SSP area each year – this figure needs to be sustained each year and an additional 930 children and young people each year, over the three year period, attracted to sport.
- 9.4 The CSP will act as a broker – not line manager – to bring local partners together to determine how the activity funding should be devolved. A plan will be developed to cover each Local Education Authority/Children’s Trust area so often a CSP would oversee the development of more than one plan. This will be a short, sharp and focused discussion. The plans will be approved jointly by regional Sport England and Youth Sport Trust officers. This will then release funding quickly and simply. The Departments will also be involved in sign off.
- 9.5 The CSP will then be accountable for the delivery of the plan and reporting back of data to Sport England who will then collate and send onto DCMS.

FE SPORTS CO-ORDINATORS

- 10 The roll out of FE sports co-ordinators is being funded by DCSF (i.e. education). Ministers have decided that as the co-ordinators will link into the network of School Sport Partnerships the Youth Sport Trust will lead delivery and implementation. This workstrand will link very closely with the Extending Activity workstrand.

MANAGEMENT/MONITORING

- 11 The delivery of the national strategy is overseen by the joint DCMS/DCSF PE, School Sport and Club Links Delivery Board.

NEXT STEPS

12. Sport England and the Youth Sport Trust are working together to develop the delivery plans further. A pilot workshop took place in Cumbria in September and one trailblazer is being selected to lead this work in each regional area. In the East region, the trailblazer is Active Norfolk.
13. Plans are currently being devised to roll out all workstrands in a clear, consistent way. For further information please contact the Children and Young People lead officer for your Sport England Region, Ellen Falkner, who will update you when more information around delivery becomes available.