

Appendix 2: Youth Engagement Strategy: Harm Outside the Home Strategy

February – March: consultation on developing draft

May onwards: to be delivered post-completion of Strategy

Actions to be taken forward as part of the Strategy development process

Actions to be outlined in the Action Plan underpinning the Strategy, delivered as part of implementation

Open Consultation: ask the young people the best way to gather opinions. Potentially the best action to take first or before March is to use existing channels to consult with young people on what the best way to gather wider opinions would be.

Focus Group (Identified groups): Consult with existing groups. Benefit of this is we can do this before the strategy goes out in March. If we then want to take this wider we would need agreement from schools (anticipating this will take a long time so need to take place post march).

Such as:

Youth Council: Could ask representatives to go back to their schools and gather opinions, or conduct surveys. However this may not lead to the best results as this will be conducted in different ways by each young person and not at all by some.

Youth MP: For more in depth discussion we could go to specific young people such as the Youth MP and champions.

Identify channels to reach vulnerable children: Identify groups that are vulnerable and therefore more likely to be at risk, identify appropriate channels to reach them such as CICC, SEND youth forum and Me2.

Focus Group (open sign up): can advertise openly for young people to participate. Benefit of this is only getting young people who actively want to discuss the issue. Issue might be getting enough sign ups or the group being representative enough.

Survey: An anonymous survey to all young people. Depending on the sensitivity of the issue you are gathering data on this might be the safest option. This would need to be done in collaboration with schools and therefore take some careful planning.

Primary Schools: Any consultation with younger children needs to be in collaboration with schools as it will need to be during school/lesson time. If lesson time is unavailable a survey could be sent to parents to fill in with children at home. Focus groups could also be carefully planned.

Collaboration with UNICEF discovery phase:

During the first 6 months of the UNICEF Child Friendly Communities project (launching 1st Feb 2022), we aim to gather data from all young people in the borough on the key issues that affect them. We could potentially incorporate HOTH issues into the UNICEF survey/focus groups. We could also use the UNICEF resources such as work packs and training days to benefit from their expertise on approaching young people on such sensitive topics.

Collaboration with partners: Collaboration with key partners could lead to useful data sharing. For example TVP's hate crime team are looking at issues such as sharing of indecent images in schools, this may overlap.

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