Applying the Carlisle Model of Satellite College Provision for 19+ Learners With Complex Needs to Blackpool



A commentary: Capturing the developmental processes involved in the design and implementation of new person-centred programme of study in Blackpool for learners with complex needs from September 2012 to July 2013.

LSIS Lancashire and Blackpool Cluster group:

Beaumont College, Blackpool & Fylde College, Preston College, Highfurlong School, Sir Tom Finney School, Woodlands School



Transition: Learner and Parent Voice: Curriculum Development

The following Commentary follows the progress of the development of new educational college provision for young people aged 19+ in the Blackpool area - based on a model developed in Carlisle from person-centred approaches in September 2012.

• September 2012

The Beaumont College satellite provision in Carlisle opens for 2 learners

Application submitted LSIS to undertake cluster activity under phase 2 of the Green Paper project for the LSIS Cluster s part 2, by Beaumont College, Preston College, Blackpool and Fylde College, Woodlands School, Highfurlong School and Sir Tom Finney School with the aim of looking at approaches to Transition for young people in North Lancashire and Blackpool.

October 2012:

At the first meeting of the Cluster group the Head Teacher at Woodlands School identified a need for additional provision for learners with complex needs in Blackpool who will be leaving in July 2013. The learners had not expressed the desire to attend a residential college and their parents carers did not wish them to leave home. There was some recognition that these learners would not be able to access Blackpool and Fylde College.

Open Day at Beaumont College in Carlisle, many parents and students view the provision and express an interest in the person-centred study programmes and 5 learners make an application for September 2014.

Conversations with the LSIS Cluster group around the new Beaumont College satellite provision in Carlisle, a description of the provision, background and aims, based on personcentred approaches including feedback of the positive reception of the project from the

Cumbria Commissioner, Inspira Officers, Social workers, parents and the local community team for learners with learning difficulties and or disabilities.

Information fed up to Commissioner in Blackpool and a visit made to Beaumont College in Lancaster to look at the provision

November 2012

Blackpool Commissioning team and Head Teachers invite Beaumont College managers to a meeting to discuss a potential project in Blackpool in more detail with financial costs

December 2012

End of First Term evaluation of the Carlisle project written up and a copy submitted to the Blackpool Commissioning team

January 2013

Visit made by Cluster group teachers to Carlisle project and information fed back to Head Teachers

February

Agreement from the commissioning team that in principal a satellite project is feasible, particularly in relation to the LSIS Cluster group work: the response to the Green Paper Support and Aspiration and the Localism Agenda

March

Arrangements for Beaumont College Programme Manager to attend and contribute to student reviews alongside staff from Colleges for Further Education

Person-centred review techniques clearly provide a space for learners to explore post 19 options and make their own choices.

Learners' confidence to lead their own reviews reflects the deep learning gained through careful well planned teaching methods

Parents, teachers and transition co-ordinator offer invaluable information during the review process

April

Funding for learners wishing to attend a satellite college in Blackpool agreed in principal Learners filmed in their daily routines and sessions to inform transition planning

Contact Sue Beresford at Beaumont College for access to Learner Films (Ryan and Simon) Sue.Beresford@scope.org.uk

Beaumont College invited to attend Local Offer event at Blackpool Winter Gardens Conversations with local providers provide excellent links for curriculum development in Blackpool

May

Premises for project identified

Local community bus routes mapped in relation to community activity Role for Tutor and Learning Support Worker (LSW) advertised internally at Beaumont College in Lancaster

Two local Lancashire non-specialist schools contact Woodlands and ask to share the personcentred review processes developed over the last two years at Woodlands School for use with their children

Project work shared at Natspec Annual Conference – feedback "Outstanding".

June

In depth assessments of learners need completed

Tutor and LSW in post

Transport to and from college booked

Roles for Student Support advertised internally at Beaumont College in Lancaster Meeting with local Employment Support in preparation for supported work placements

July

Learners Person centred paths completed – starting initially with personal aspirations and preferred subjects - leading to an individual Aim of Placement and Annual Objectives.

Teachers, Transition Liaison Officer, support team for learners with learning difficulties and or disabilities and social workers participate in the making of the paths

The group dynamics explored in readiness for the new timetable

Venues for community access sessions explored

Timetable for the group in place

Individual timetables in place

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Future hope and aspirations

I live in my own home sharing with a friend. In the future I would like to get married and work in a hair & beauty salon. I would like to be able to manage my health & wellbeing better. I have lots of interests & activities I enjoy including reading, colouring, going to the park, shopping, fashion, cooking, bowling, music, riding a bike, yoga, swimming, using the computer, taking photos and pampering & beauty sessions. I would like to get better with my independence skills including independent travel, household tasks, time & money awareness & work experience. I am looking forward to starting college in September.

Now	Enrol	First Step	Next Step	Review Point	Aim of Placement	ositive & Possible
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I have some medals for	Me − Madison ©	Buy a communication book	Getting to know new people			Further develop money skills
swimming						& time management
I really like going to the	Charlotte myhouse support	Arrange to bring my camera	Establishing new routines			
cinema & bowling						Further develop functional
l like to be really busy	Frankie my sister	Organise transport	Be involved with my timetable			skills
My favourite colour is PINK			& have confidence to say if I			
I need to have a snack & drink	Lynsey my nurse	Check my 'NOW' card	don't like something			Explore a range of ICT
at morning break						
I need to take my tablet	_					Explore a range of work
before 2pm	Beaumont team					experiences
If I become pale, sickly, tired &						
quiet I may need my	Jo my Social Worker					Develop road safety skills
emergency tablet						
I need to carry some tablets	My Mum					Develop practical
with me at all times						independence skills
I carry emergency injections						
for the paramedics to						Develop new friendships &
administer if necessary						relationships
l like Italian food, I'm not keen						Liaise with Blackpool College
on spicy foods I do need sun cream on when						regarding future college
outside as I have very sensitive						experiences
skin						experiences
llike pampersessions						Explore the possibility of a
I'm very close to my sister						voluntary role
Frankie						voiditary role
Hankie						

Present: M, Charlotte (Home Support), Angela Davies (Transition Co-ordinator Adult Services), Lynsay (LD Nurse), Tariq (Teacher), Bev Salthouse (Head of Post 16), Sue Beresford (Programme Manager), Laura Spencer (Tutor), Lauren Hill (Learning Support), Lynne Phillips (Admissions Team), Sue Walsworth (Admissions Manager).

Aim of Placement:

MT would like to develop her independence and work skills and maintain her physical health and wellbeing in order to become more engaged in the wider community. In order to facilitate this Beaumont College Blackpool will support MT to:

- Develop a range of practical independence skills
- Develop pre-employment skills to include personal presentation, independent travel & time management
- Take an active role in maintaining her health & wellbeing
- Explore options for lifelong learning

Annual Objectives:

Annual Objective	Who's
	Responsible
Actively participate in a range of practical household skills	
Access arrange of work placements	
Access a range of public transport	
Begin to take responsibility for self-medicating	
Begin to access local mainstream learning provision	