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APPENDIX 5

Current Provision

Where we deliver

With the exception of isolated pockets in the south of the borough (South Camberwell, Nunhead & Peckham Rye), wards north of The Lane suffer the highest levels of deprivation¹. However, some of this might be attributable to the concentration of high density housing in those areas. Historically, this is also where the majority of grant maintained youth provision has emerged.

The majority of the Southwark Youth Service's 10 owned/operated provisions are also located in the two northerly thirds of Southwark. Moreover, there are certain areas with clusters of clubs – both LA and voluntary sector – within a few hundred metres of one another whilst other parts of the borough are left with either very little or no coverage at all (e.g. East Dulwich, Nunhead and Peckham Rye wards).

Aside from Cathedrals ward in the north, the three wards with highest NEET levels are found in areas where there are no LA youth clubs (The Lane, Nunhead and Peckham Rye)². This gap in provision becomes starker where data are overlaid to show 'hot spots' for KPI's we often refer to:

- ASB
- Homicides
- School exclusions
- Substance abuse
- Teenage pregnancy
- Youth crime
- Youth drug offences

Statistical trends are supported by stakeholder views³ as it emerges that the Community Council areas most 'dissatisfied' with *Facilities for young people* are Nunhead & Peckham Rye (41%) and Peckham (33%);. Neither of these areas has any LA youth provision.

What we deliver

The majority of Southwark's youth provision comprises traditional open-access youth clubs with a few focussing on highly specialised work (e.g. Fast Forward work with SEN groups, Youth Inclusion Projects work with young offenders).

Going forwards, in line with the CYPP *principles for redesigning services*, we continue to see a place for LA provision of youth services being based on the needs of our communities, with a mix of open-access and targeted interventions being offered. Where we are working toward addressing specific needs – as per the KPI's above – we can better demonstrate efficacy and thereby improve perceived value for money, sustainability and effectiveness.

¹ Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI) for Southwark, 2007

² 16-19 NEET Levels by Ward, Central London Connexions, 2011

³ Such as *Ipsos-MORI Southwark Residents' Survey Report*, 2008 – ref: Ipsos-MORI JN33489