

# CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

## Agenda Item 52

Brighton & Hove City Council

**Subject:** Traveller Education Team Report 2008/09  
**Date of Meeting:** 24 March 2010  
**Report of:** The Director of Children's Services  
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**Wards Affected:** All

### FOR GENERAL RELEASE

#### 1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 This is the annual report 2008/09 outlining the work of The Traveller Education Team. Traveller Education works in consortium with East Sussex County Council and Brighton & Hove Council and it exists to support the educational entitlement of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller (GRT) children and young people. The Traveller Education Team works collaboratively with other departments within Children's Services and schools to improve health and educational outcomes for Gypsy Roma Traveller (GRT) population and to contribute to the local authority's responsibilities under The Race Relations Amendment Act and Community Cohesion".

#### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That members note the contents of this report.

#### 3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 Lady Plowden initially acknowledged the plight of Traveller children - "Traveller children's needs are extreme and largely unmet". (Plowden Report 1967.)
- 3.2 National funding became available from the 1970s and via specific (ring fenced funding) from 1986. Local authorities were encouraged to submit bids for this funding.

- 3.3 A specialist and designated Traveller Education service covering East Sussex and Brighton & Hove has been funded since 1992. Following Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) in 1997 Brighton & Hove agreed to enter into a consortium agreement with East Sussex to share the existing provision and funding. This arrangement has continued to date and is one of the few consortia arrangements (nationally) to have survived since 1997.
- 3.4 Following the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 (with cessation of responsibility on LAs to provide sites) B&H saw an increase number of Travellers resorting to the City and in unauthorised encampments with an increase in highly mobile children to cater for.
- 3.5 In 1994 Traveller Education obtained funding from both East Sussex and Brighton PCT to resource an outreach unit "mobile clinic classroom" to provide some multi agency outreach health provision and early year's provision to highly mobile Travellers. This funding has continued.
- 3.6 Recent Inspections have been "good".

#### **4. CONSULTATION**

- 4.1 Produced in consultation with lead officer from The Traveller Education Team, East Sussex County Council and Brighton & Hove Council responsible for those areas of service.

#### **5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**

##### Financial Implications:

- 5.1 The report updates on the work of the Traveller Education Team. In 2008/09 as part of the consortium agreement Brighton and Hove City Council paid East Sussex County Council £46k and it is important that the agreement is reviewed regularly to ensure there are no additional costs to the council.

Finance Officer Consulted: Paul Brinkhurst      Date: 12 February 2010

##### Legal Implications:

- 5.2 There are no legal implications arising from this report

Lawyer Consulted: Serena Kynaston      Date: 22.2 10

Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 There is a gap between the achievement of this group and other groups in Brighton and Hove. This report demonstrates how Brighton and Hove have commissioned work to narrow the gap.

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 The improving results add to the sustainability of the City.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 A strong link has been identified between the crime and disorder of young people and their educational achievement. In the longer term, improved educational achievement is likely to have a positive impact on reducing the level of this aspect of crime and disorder.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.6 None.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.7 None.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

**Appendices:**

1. TET Annual Report 2007/08 for Brighton & Hove, including attainment data for the previous three years

**Documents in Members' Rooms:**

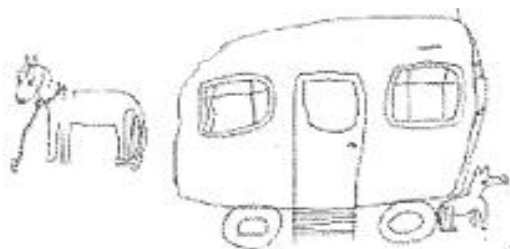
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**Background Documents:**

None

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### **EAST SUSSEX TRAVELLER EDUCATION TEAM IN CONSORTIUM WITH BRIGHTON & HOVE**



### **ANNUAL REPORT 2008/09 FOR BRIGHTON & HOVE**

#### **Context**

The context remains similar to previous years and as outlined in earlier reports. However, there has been a higher level of turbulence in the mobility of Brighton & Hove Travellers this past year due to the temporary closure of Horsdean Transit Site. The average length of stay in one location reduced to **7 days** - the previous reporting year was 17 days. And with very short and insecure patterns of unauthorised encampments, Traveller Education staff encounter resistance from highly mobile families to placing their children in school. This increased turbulence has necessitated additional service input in order to support both the pupils and schools in achieving successful inclusion and continuity of educational provision as the families move/are moved around.

#### **Unauthorised Traveller Encampments - September 2008 to July 2009 (see appendix A)**

#### **Support provision**

For agreed pupil/school support arrangements and protocol ref document "Traveller Education Service Provision in Brighton & Hove"

#### **Service Delivery 08/09**

**1. Advice, training and resources** re cultural awareness and successful inclusion were provided as follows:

- Training provided to 150 Yr 2 Trainee Teachers - Lecture on *Meeting needs of Traveller pupils in schools* - Brighton University
- Training provided to Healthy Schools Team
- Training provided for PHSE Co ordinators
- Training/workshop delivered at TA/MSA Conference
- Training provided as part of INSET for 5 schools
- Training provided to Health Visitors and EY practitioners
- Exhibition provided for Brighton & Hove Healthy Schools Conference
- Lessons were taught/modelled re cultural awareness and storytelling/literacy in 6 school settings
- PHSE Lessons were taught/modelled in Foundation Stage using Persona Dolls - 10 nursery settings, 2 in reception classes
- Advice and resources given to an additional 10 schools.

## **2. Projects - Gypsy Roma and Traveller History Month**

June 2009 was the second national Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month as funded by the DCSF. As part of this year's focus, there was a national storytelling competition. All Traveller pupils we were supporting during June engaged with this; and their storytelling entries (some written, some scribed, some taped) were submitted. During June, we launched our new DVD "Coming and Going" which documents aspects of history, culture and identity of Traveller groups. 80 people, mostly Travellers attended the launch. During this month together with a local advocacy group Friends Families and Travellers, we showed "Coming and Going" at The Duke of York Cinema, Brighton.

In addition, we held an "Achievers Award" tea party event for Brighton & Hove Traveller pupils and their families.

## **3. Curriculum Development**

We have worked collaboratively with the PHSE - Healthy Schools Team to produce new KS1 materials on Traveller Awareness which has been disseminated to all primary schools, together with training to encourage and enable schools to use the materials.

## **4. Early Years**

Our collaborative working with Early Years providers has developed this year. Our Early Years Coordinator has developed a training programme for EY practitioners, which will be part of their rolling training programme and we will provide 2 sessions per year. We also produced and provided, materials for City and Early Years and Childcare Equality Trainers to use in their equalities training with child minders.

Our mobile outreach provision has been supported and enhanced since June 09 by a BME designated Health Visitor plus a BME early years worker who visits all encampments jointly with our peripatetic Early Years Teacher and Traveller Welfare Officer.

## 5. Communication Review

During the year, we have reviewed and revised the Brighton & Hove website on "Travellers"

## 6. Statistics for 2008/9

*Primary    Secondary    Total*

Pupils enrolled in school all/part 07/08 <i>% attendance - actual/possible</i>	44 <b>78%</b>	15 <b>80%</b>	59
<b><u>TES supported pupils- teaching/welfare</u></b>	40	11	52
<i>Schools with Traveller pupils</i>	11	6	17
<b><u>TES supported schools</u></b>	11	6	17
Fairground/circus children supported with distance learning	9	1	10
Highly mobile children resorting to the area who we tried to engage but did not attend any school	17	9	26
<i>EOTAS</i>	0	1	1

Plus Early Years:

Nos of -5s provided with outreach play activities = 84

Nos of -5s enrolled in nurseries or nursery classes 12

### ACHIEVEMENT- 2008 / 2009

Three Traveller children in Brighton & Hove schools were awarded prizes in the GRT History Month National Storytelling Competition. 1<sup>st</sup> prize in KS1 went to Aisha Adams, Fairlight School, Marion McCarthy and Amanda McCarthy, Rudyard Kipling School won second prize and highly commended in their respective age groups. All the prize winning stories have been published and are available for purchase.

ATTAINMENT - SATs/GCSE/OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

Key Stage	School	English	Maths	Science
2				
<b>M B</b>	<b>Bevendean Primary</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>C. PS</b>	<b>West Blatchington Primary School</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>L T</b>	<b>Bevendean Primary</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>

Key Stage 4 - GCSEs	Points Awarded	School	English	Maths	Science	Other Qualifications
<b>B B</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>Dorothy Stringer</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>Cert in Preparation for working life - U</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Diploma in sport (BTEC) - Pass Level 2</b>
<b>A H</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>Cardinal Newman</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Art - E</b>  <b>Additional Science - G</b>  <b>Religious Studies - F</b>  <b>Home Economics &amp; Child Development - E</b>



<b>M G</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Cardinal Newman</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>History - U</b>  <b>DT Graphic Products - F</b>  <b>Italian - F</b>  <b>Additional Science - G</b>  <b>Religious Studies - G</b>
<b>J M</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>Longhill High</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>RE - D</b>  <b>Technology resistant materials - D</b>  <b>Cert. in Preparation for working life - Level 2</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Certificate Sport BTEC - Pass Level 2</b>  <b>NVQ Level 1 Horticulture</b>

**Jackie Whitford**

**Co-ordinator, Traveller Education.**

**November 2009**

## Appendix 1.1

### Unauthorised Encampments - statistics provided by Traveller Liaison Team

	Irish Travellers	English Gypsies	Mixed Irish and English	Mixed Romany & English	Unknown
60 unauthorised encampments in B&H (463 days of unauthorised occupation of land)					
Broken down as follows:	32	6	20	1	1

	Up to 1 week duration	Up to 2 weeks duration	2-3 weeks duration	> 3 weeks duration
Average stay was 7 days. Maximum stay was 32 days.				
Broken down as follows:	38	8	9	5
These unauthorised encampments were on 24 different locations, including Horsdean* - the council's transit site for Travellers.				

Horsdean Transit Site. was closed for major refurbishment works from January 2009 to June 2009.

Brighton & Hove City Council has identified a preferred site for 14 residential pitches. Site investigations are currently taking place prior to any planning application being submitted.

## Appendix 1.2

### Attainment Data for Traveller Pupils - 2006 – 2009

Below is the attainment data for the previous three years. The small number of pupils means that this is not statistically significant, but does give a picture of the individual results.

#### 2006 / 2007 Attainment

Key St	NC Y6	School	English	Maths	Science	
2						
<b>MM</b>		<b>St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	
Key St 4 GCSEs	National Curriculum Yr 11 Total Points awarded		English	Maths	Science	Others
<b>TD</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Dorothy Stringer</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	
<b>RL</b>	<b>35.5</b>	<b>Dorothy Stringer</b>	<b>D,D Lit</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Art C, Drama C, History E, R.S. E, Sport E</b>
<b>SC</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>Varndean School</b>	<b>A,B Lit</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>CC</b>	<b>Art B, D/T C, History C, Psychology D, R.S. D</b>

**2007 / 2008 Attainment**

Key Stage 2	NC Y 6	School	Eng.	Maths	Science	
<b>CG</b>		<b>Benfield Junior School</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	
<b>SL</b>		<b>Hertford Junior School</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>4</b>	
Key Stage 4 GCSEs	National Curriculum m Yr 11  Total Points awarded		Eng	Maths	Science	
<b>BC</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Hove Park</b>	<b>U</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>E</b>	
<b>HH</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>Cardinal Newman</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>E</b>	

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