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SERVICE DEVELOPMENT FUND REPORT FORM**



Dunbar



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Project Title ..Dunbar Bursary Scheme.....

Partners and engagement (Who was involved?/

The bursary is offered in partnership with Care free kids who provide the administration of the bursaries. Consultation with local services who might be expected to refer to the bursary was undertaken to establish need for the bursaries

1. The Plan

What did you want to achieve / what was your plan?

To provide ten bursaries for early years children to access play, recreation or educational opportunities that support early development and would otherwise not be accessible because of poverty.

2. Do

What did you do? (Please include successes, major events or milestones.)

We learnt from the experience of the North Berwick SFTS scheme and adopted the forms and paperwork developed by them. We developed a partnership with Carefree kids to administer the referrals and promoted the availability of the bursaries to local schools and nursery professional, G.Ps, health visitors and social workers.

3. Study

On reflection do you think you achieved what you had planned to do? Can you evidence what you achieved?

We established a workable bursary scheme but uptake has been very slow and we think, on reflection, it was not promoted as well as it might have been.

3a. Tell us about any difficulties and barriers to achieving your plan:

Slow uptake was reviewed and it was felt that the need was there but professionals were not properly aware of the scheme. Five local champions were identified to help promote the scheme to professionals and we await the impact of that on uptake.

4. Act

**What are the next steps for your project? How can it be sustained and improved?
Please include any key learning points that you want to share from your project.**

We feel the bursary does meet a local need but have learnt that promoting a referral based service needs perseverance to ensure referrer awareness and that emailed information was not sufficient in this case.

5. Financial report:

£800 budgeted and placed with Carefree kids

6. Anything else you would like to add:

Many thanks for your co-operation with this – reports should be returned to

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