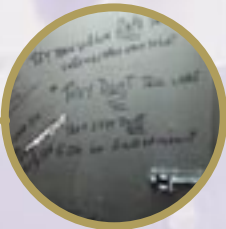


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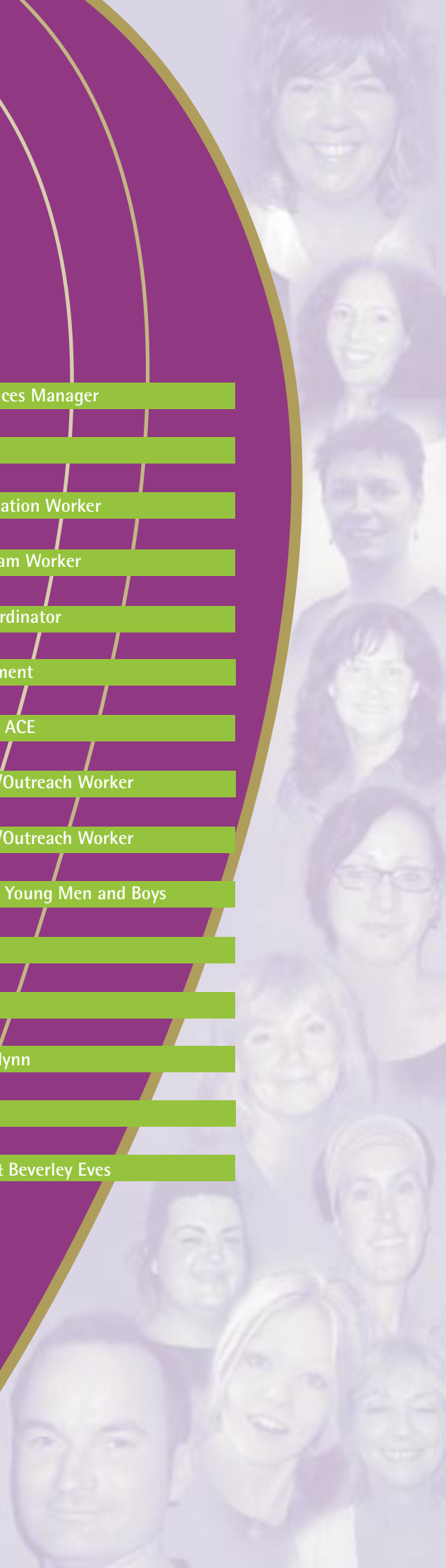
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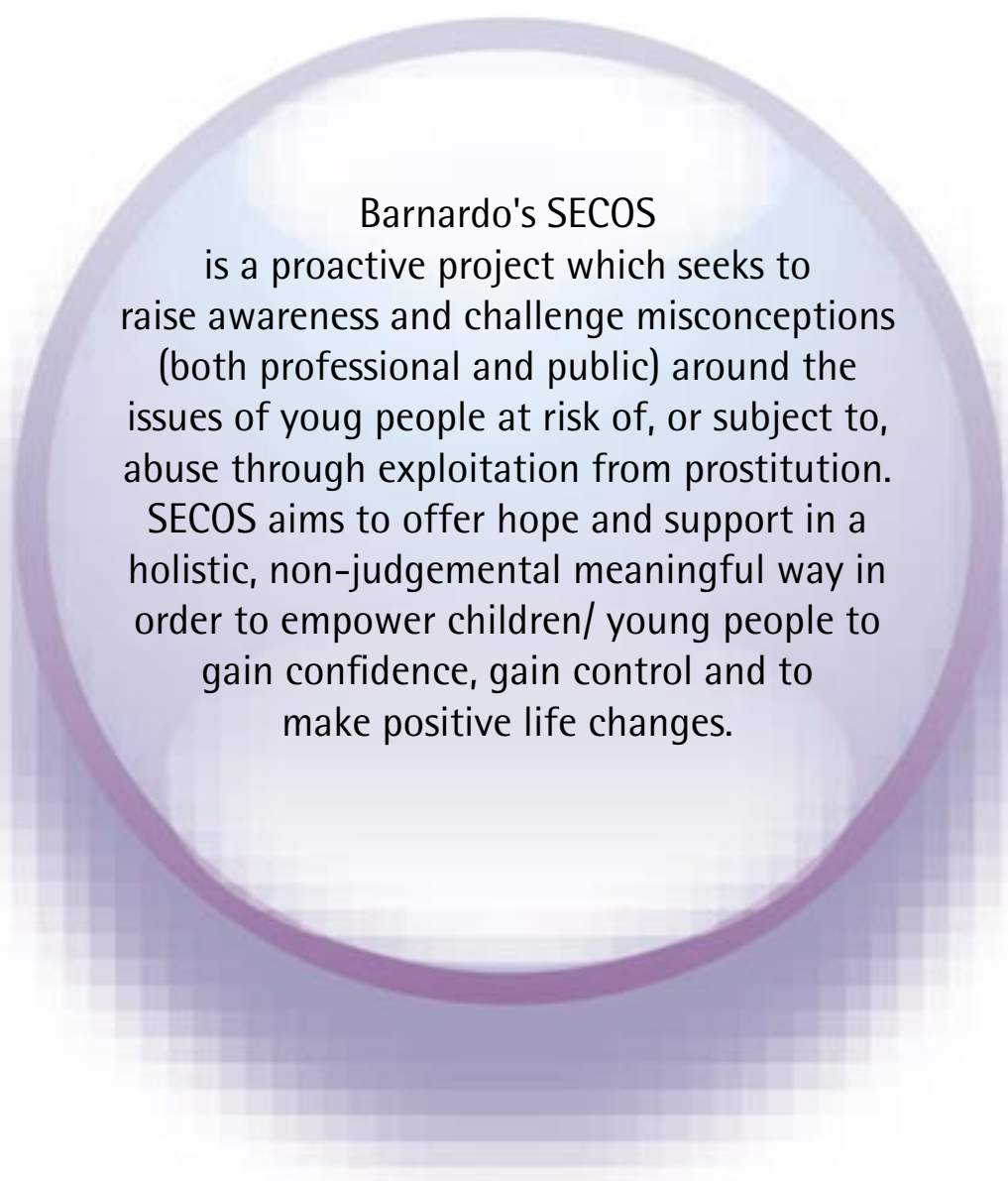
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| Outreach Workers: | - | Bianca Porter & Beverley Eves |



Mission Statement



Barnardo's SECOS
is a proactive project which seeks to raise awareness and challenge misconceptions (both professional and public) around the issues of young people at risk of, or subject to, abuse through exploitation from prostitution. SECOS aims to offer hope and support in a holistic, non-judgemental meaningful way in order to empower children/ young people to gain confidence, gain control and to make positive life changes.

Regional Statement

I have great pleasure in endorsing the Annual Report of the Barnardo's SECOS Project. As one of our Partners you are probably familiar with some of its work, and I invite you to consider in more detail their achievements over the past year and their plans for the future. I believe that both reflect Barnardo's vision, which is:

That the lives of all children and young people should be free from poverty, abuse and discrimination

Our Purpose:

To help the most vulnerable children and young people transform their lives and fulfil their potential

I hope you will agree that this report demonstrates these beliefs in action



Jonathan Ewen
Director of Children's Services
North East Region

Introduction

What is SECOS?

SECOS exists to identify and prevent the exploitation and abuse of children and young people through prostitution.

It seeks to develop intelligence about sexual exploitation, including new areas of activity, informing, influencing and campaigning on these issues locally, regionally and nationally.

What does the Project currently do to achieve its purpose?

It engages and works directly with young people at risk to develop their exit and recovery strategies and to protect and promote their physical, emotional and sexual well-being.

It works with the Police to collect information which leads to prosecution.

It works to develop strategies with, for and among partner professionals who are dealing with abuse through prostitution.

It feeds Barnardo's National Agenda in respect of abuse through sexual exploitation.

The work of the project is Tees Valley wide, focusing firstly on young people who come to Middlesbrough because of local circumstances in the sex industry, as well as looking at other boroughs, eg Stockton, where the issue of young people abused through prostitution is increasing.

What is the vision for the future?

The project will develop more work with young men and boys. It will develop preventative strategies with and for at-risk groups, such as those missing from home.

It will engage with issues raised by child pornography on the internet, researching the issues around best protection.

It will research other new areas in which sexual exploitation is developing, for example the sex traffic associated with people seeking asylum.

It will contribute locally to the Crime and Disorder Strategy.

It will work in advocacy mode with young expectant mothers and young mothers, in particular around child protection issues.

The shape of the work (eg Outreach) will change to meet and address new circumstances as these arise.

SECOS Vision for Young People

- Derived from the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child we believe that all children should have:
- The love and support of a family
- A secure home
- Physical, emotional and spiritual health
- Protection from harm
- Good opportunities for education, training and employment
- Communities, groups and activities which enrich and involve them
- A voice in society and to be treated as a citizen

By offering services and support we will work with children and young people to ensure they can access these rights.

"The love and support of a family"

SECOS is both a 'service delivery' organisation and an 'influencing' organisation. Influence can be delivered at a very local level, for example, sharing good practice with a partner agency, so that a wider pool of young people are able to take advantage of this, or at a much broader national policy level. An example of this is the work we do with sexually exploited children on the streets. We influence police prosecution policy away from treating such children as

law breaker and towards treating them as 'children in need'.

We will make sure consideration is given to changing the lives of as many children as possible, and this will not always be through service delivery. SECOS' services will only ever reach a minority of children in need. Although our service is significant for these children, in order to increase our impact on the lives of children who don't receive our services we will actively promote good practice and seek to influence policy makers.

There is an increasing recognition of the problem of sexual exploitation of young children, and this is recognised in a government white paper. There are now a number of services throughout the country supporting this group of vulnerable young people. Within the North East however SECOS remains a unique project. We aim to expand the development of the ACE Project in Stockton and to contribute to research and the future proposed development of the RISE Project. ■

Foreword from Wendy Shepherd



Hello and welcome to our Annual Report.

This has perhaps been one of the more difficult years for the project, owing to changes and reductions in funding allocations and the streamlining of our service to fit with the ever changing scene of exploitation and prostitution as this becomes more hidden from view. Despite these difficulties we have been successful, along with other partnership agencies, in reducing by 97% the exploitation of young people who were visibly involved in 'on street' prostitution. Since 1999 we have also seen a reduction of over 50% of adults involved in 'on street' prostitution in Middlesbrough. However this does not mean that we have eliminated the problem of young people and vulnerable adults becoming involved in exploitative relationships, rather, they are now more hidden from view and are to be found in different arenas. Nevertheless, we are now, together with our partners, better able to detect young people 'at risk' at a much earlier stage and thus provide intervention and support.

Our aim now is to focus on the more hidden aspects of exploitation in 'off street' venues, as well as developing our work in regard to trafficking and internet abuse. In addition we are providing a proactive preventative strategy working in secondary schools, residential children's homes and with those young people missing from home and/or education. We will also be working more closely with the Youth Service and communities to meet the needs of socially excluded groups of young people who may be at risk of sexual exploitation. This change of focus has resulted in a re-structuring of our Outreach Services which will now concentrate on prevention and assertive outreach to vulnerable groups such as young runaways, the homeless and those in unsupported accommodation, ie Bed and Breakfast accommodation, flats and houses. We are also developing partnerships with agencies working with unaccompanied asylum seekers and refugees in order to deter and detect 'trafficking' and the potential exploitation of minors.

In 2004/05 I had the good fortune to receive a Sir Winston Churchill Fellowship which allowed me to study in greater depth the global sexual exploitation of children. I visited Europe, Eastern Europe, Asia, Australia and the USA, where I met up with many NGO's and statutory organisations who work with children and young people. This experience has enabled me to gain a greater understanding of the needs of exploited, abused and trafficked young people and the policies and procedures that are required to safeguard them.

(For further details of the trip log on to: www.voyageofdiscovery.co.uk)

I have also recently become a trustee for ECPAT UK which campaigns on the issues of commercial sexual exploitation, trafficking and sex tourism both nationally and internationally.

In the UK we are in many ways ahead with our services and partnership working and especially so in Middlesbrough which has been recognised nationally for best practice. In January 2006 SECOS and Middlesbrough received a visit by the Home Office Minister Fiona McTaggart MP, when the Government launched their Prostitution Strategy citing Middlesbrough's Partnership work as an example of good practice which the government would like to see replicated nationally. It is, however, important not to become complacent as we have a great deal more to learn especially with regard to internet abuse, trafficking and sex tourism. To this end we are looking for European partnership funding to work with the Netherlands, Lithuania and Latvia on issues of sexual exploitation and trafficking. Regional policy and procedures have been developed with regard to unaccompanied minors and trafficking, which largely remains hidden within the U.K. Preventative strategies need to be put in place as we are still not fully aware of the scale of the problem. When I was in Moldova for example, it was estimated that at least 450 young people under 18 years of age had been trafficked out of Moldova for the purpose of prostitution to a variety of European countries, which includes the UK. South Tees LSCB and Cleveland Police fully support our development work in this area.



Barnardo's SECOS as a voluntary agency are committed to partnership working to eradicate the abuse of children and young people through prostitution. We fully support the Safer Middlesbrough Partnership and the Middlesbrough Community Strategy in order to build a safer and stronger community in Tees Valley and to offer our young people and the community safety and protection.

Achievements

SECOS has received the Silver Award from Connexions for our participation work with young people and Barnardo's North East has received the Investors in People Award.

"Every Child Matters"

In the coming year SECOS will continue to implement 'Every Child Matters' in accordance with Local Safeguarding Boards and Children's Trusts. ■



*Above Left: Wendy Shepherd,
Barnardo's SECOS Children's
Service Manager*

Acknowledgements

Without the support of the following agencies Barnardo's SECOS would not achieve its aims and objectives.

- South Tees Local Safeguarding Children Board
- Stockton Local Safeguarding Children Board
- SECOS Network Group
- Cleveland Police
- Safer Middlesbrough Partnership & Crime and Drug Reduction Partnership
- Middlesbrough Children Families and Learning
- MESMAC
- Middlesbrough PCT
- Drug & Sexual Health Services - DAT
- Local Authority Housing and the Endeavour Housing Association
- The Body Shop
- The young people with whom we work and represent
- Residents and local Community Groups
- Learning Skills Council
- Middlesbrough College

SECOS - Child Sexual Exploitation

Business Plan

April 2005 – March 2006

| KEY TASKS In line with Every Child Matters: Stay Safe, Be Healthy, Make a Positive Contribution, Enjoy & Achieve & Economic wellbeing | ACTION BY WHOM | DEADLINE |
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| PRACTICE DEVELOPMENT | | |
| 1. 'Protecting Self' training pack in Middlesbrough Schools, and marketing and training materials on working with children and young people | Barnardo's SECOS Mel Foley | April 2006 |
| 2. Develop "What Works" for children and young people who are sexually exploited building upon the Barnardo's Outcomes (O.M.F's) Research | Barnardo's nationally. Research - SECOS are involved in contributing to research and case studies and will implement an event in North East Region | Conference Presentation June 2006 |
| 3. Contribute to Barnardo's Communities of Practice in relation to work with children and young people who are sexually exploited throughout regions and nationally | SECOS hosted an event in May 05 attended by 18 professionals from Barnardo's regionally and nationally | Ongoing |

| KEY TASKS In line with Every Child Matters: Stay Safe, Be Healthy, Make a Positive Contribution, Enjoy & Achieve & Economic wellbeing | ACTION BY WHOM | DEADLINE |
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| POLICY CHANGE | | |
| 1. Contribute to Barnardo's campaign to change policy and practice in relation to the use of secure accommodation for children and young people who are being sexually exploited | SECOS will contribute to the national media strategy in July 05 with young people and case studies, having previously developed a paper on 'safe' accommodation | Spring 2006 |
| 2. Identify what works for boys and young men who are sexually exploited. | Appoint new male worker to undertake research and case work development and contribute to National Young Men's Community of Practice | Plan of future influencing to be completed by September 2006 |
| 3. Develop Local Protocol and training to implement recommendations from Bichard Enquiry and Child Protection | South Tees ACPC Bichard Sub -Group Co- Chairs: Wendy Shepherd and Carole Moffatt | Procedures and Protocol and training Road Shows in place by June 06 |

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| INCREASED RESOURCES | | |
| Develop a Funding Strategy to sustain and develop SECOS & ACE (including services to over 18 year olds) | Regional Finance group Sandra Egleton, Wendy Shepherd and Middlesbrough LSP | Ongoing |
| HIGHER PROFILE | | |
| 1. Influence the commissioning activities of the new Children's Trusts and Safeguarding Boards with regard to the voluntary sector | Sandra Egleton and Wendy Shepherd & Jason Griffiths | Ongoing SECOS attends Middlesbrough CYPSP on behalf of voluntary sector (MVDA) which is linked to LSP of which Wendy Shepherd is a member. |
| 2. Contribute to Safer Middlesbrough Partnership relating to drugs, crime and issues of Prostitution and Exploitation for Middlesbrough | Wendy Shepherd chairs Task Group on Prostitution and Exploitation issues for Middlesbrough | Ongoing |

| KEY TASKS In line with Every Child Matters: Stay Safe, Be Healthy, Make a Positive Contribution, Enjoy & Achieve & Economic wellbeing | ACTION BY WHOM | DEADLINE |
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| SERVICE DEVELOPMENT | | |
| 1. Monitor the provision of existing services across the region and identify opportunities for new services, training and influencing. | SECOS Staff team & RIG Team | Ongoing |
| 2. Identify what enables sexually exploited young people to participate in the design and delivery of services | Wendy Shepherd and Kirsten Demangeot & SECOS staff team | Link to National & Regional Participation Community of Practice |
| 3. Create a strategy for young people using CSE services to influence marketing and communications activities. | CSM's Group and PPPO lead (link to Community of Practice) | January 2006 |
| 4. SECOS & ACE staff to be supported via external clinical consultation to promote emotional wellbeing | Alison Eldridge Clinical Supervisor (External Consultant) | This is already in place December 2005. |
| 5. Review the skills required for delivering good outcomes for young people with their participation and bring these into the formal sphere | SECOS staff team and Interview Panels Outreach services and MIN | March 2006 Jan 2006 |
| 6. Deliver training and awareness-raising sessions to young people's residential homes, supported & unsupported housing personnel, street wardens, police and ACPC's | SECOS team & Outreach services | Mar 06 Rolling training |
| 7. Deliver training and awareness-raising sessions to asylum and refugee groups including professionals, and map concerns | Middlesbrough Streets Ahead & North East Refugee Service, Wendy Shepherd & SECOS Staff team | Sept 2005 |
| 8. Identify vulnerable groups within the asylum seeking and refugee communities who are at risk/sexually exploited and deliver services | North East Refugee Service, Wendy Shepherd & SECOS Staff team | January 2006 |
| 9. Review the provision of Outreach Services for young people who are exploited across Middlesbrough & Stockton and locate 'Hard to reach' young people no longer visible in 'on street exploitation' through targeting the homeless sector, hostels, B & B's and 'off street ' venues | SECOS Staff team, MIN and Outreach services | July 2006 Ongoing programme |
| 10. Review the provision of safe accommodation for young people who are exploited across Middlesbrough and Stockton | Outreach Services and MIN | January 2006 Programme |

Case Work Summary - Lynne Cardwell



The past two years have passed quickly and have been extremely eventful and busy, with lots of excellent work going on here at the SECOS East West Centre. There are many advantages to working for the Barnardos' service, one of which is the opportunity offered to workers to have the autonomy and freedom to locate their strengths and develop skills. This is reflected in the excellent standard and innovative work that staff here at SECOS undertake with young people. We are privileged to be able to offer the intense and therapeutic support that our service users report as being the most effective and helpful way to address their needs and wishes. This approach to helping young people exit from abusive and exploitative relationships has been identified from research as a more appropriate way to manage the risks that young people face.

Therapeutic Work

Therapeutic work continues to develop with ongoing support from our Clinical supervisor Alison Eldridge, who has recently introduced the team to therapeutic ways of working with SAND and TOYS. New approaches can be difficult to implement and staff have shown enthusiasm and have taken the risk of trying something new and perhaps felt some discomfort initially with new ideas. The team show willingness to 'have a go' and this approach ensures we can stay keen and excited about the work. We continue to be able to offer formal counselling, and more informal therapies such as art work or storyboards, gardening and growing plants and vegetables, have given some young people a way to express themselves.

Participation

We continue to ensure we are listening to young people in order that their views inform our work and the services that we offer. In our latest staff recruitments we were pleased to consult young people about candidates as part of the interview process. We are also delighted that two young people we have previously worked with were asked to participate in delivering a workshop to a National Conference on issues of exploitation. This workshop was in partnership with a National Exploitation Campaign and we would particularly like to thank Kate Brown who facilitated the involvement of SECOS and the young people here.

Service Development

One of our biggest achievements has been to secure funding from the Community Fund which has enabled us to develop a service for the Stockton area called ACE, which stands for Against Child Exploitation. ACE has one project worker, Mary Crawley, who is developing the work with Stockton services and agencies. The work at ACE is based on the SECOS model.

As well as being able to offer intensive support to young people on a one-to-one basis, Sarah Booth our project worker, has been undertaking group work with young people. Sarah has worked in partnership with Craig Potts from the Eclipse Project. By using innovative ways of helping the group to tell their stories and participate fully, Sarah and Craig have helped all group members to be safer and more able to protect themselves. Issues explored have included drug and alcohol use, relationships and sexual health. Sarah and Craig have also been participants in 'Binge Thinking', which was national research about young people and alcohol use.

Policy

The implementation of the 'Protection not Prosecution' Protocol continues to ensure young people are identified and then supported to lead safer lifestyles. This policy has been further developed and extended and is now accepted as the North East Regional Policy.

Influencing

The Team are regularly asked by statutory and community agencies to deliver training in order to raise awareness and highlight issues which affect young people who are exploited or at risk of exploitation. In addition training is also given on the procedures which should be followed in order to refer to appropriate Child Protection Agencies. Requests for training has come from all over the region and include delivery to South Tees LSCB, North Tyneside LSCB, South Tyneside LSCB, Sunderland LSCB and Social Work Students on the MA Child Care Award at the University of Northumbria. SECOS has also been able to offer feedback on the Home Office document 'Paying the Price' and encouraged the South Tees LSCB committee to do so also.

What next?

The future of the service will no doubt change as we respond to the latest trends and challenges which this work presents, but as always I have confidence in the staff team to remain enthusiastic and totally 'up for' the next challenge. Their continued commitment and dedication to this valuable work will ensure Barnardo's SECOS remain at the head of their field and I am proud to be part of such an amazing team. ■



Above Left: Lynne Cardwell - Team Leader

Education Work - Mel Foley



Above: Mel Foley - Education Worker

Project aim

To raise awareness in professionals and young people in regard to loving and abusive relationships with an overall aim of preventing potential exploitation and abuse through prostitution for the age range 11 – 13 yr olds. An education package 'Protecting Self' has been developed to deliver to schools who are asked to target young people based on the following risk factors as identified from research (1999).

- Poor attenders
- Poor achievers
- Runaways
- Self harming
- Low self esteem

What the project does to achieve its aim

The project works with young people to help them to understand the potential complex issues around relationships. The service delivers 6 sessions on loving and abusive relationships. These sessions are delivered to young people in their own settings i.e. in education and Youth and Community Centres. In the sessions young people produce materials which will help to inform their peers about healthy relationships. This helps to measure and/or ground the knowledge they have gained regarding relationships and also enhances their self esteem. So far the materials produced are leaflets, calling cards, posters, masks, artwork, an educational

booklet and 2 educational DVDs. Raising awareness sessions on 'Protecting Self' has been delivered to school nurses, health visitors, social workers, youth workers and teachers.

Signposting to other agencies is also an important aspect of the post.

A remit of the 'Protecting Self' work was to develop an education pack. This involved piloting many activities which were subject to exhaustive ongoing evaluations with the young people and has now reached a stage where it will be commercially produced by August 2006. The pack has been piloted with a range of abilities, including mainstream, learning difficulties/disabilities, young people with autism and young people within inclusion units.

The aim for September 06 will be to provide training on the 'Protecting Self' pack to school staff, school nurses and youth workers.



Above: A poster designed by a young person attending a youth club

Educational DVD'S

Two DVD's which have come about as a result of our sessions are 'Choices' and 'Lover Boy':

'CHOICES' A film about Teenage Pregnancy

A group of young people had certain opinions about teenage pregnancy. Working collaboratively with PERCY, the school and Jack Drum Arts we were able to secure funding for the young people to work further on their ideas. With support they wrote the script, made the props, filmed, photographed and acted in the film.

The DVD was short listed for the 4th European Meeting of Young People's Audiovisual Creation, CAMERA ZIZANIO in Greece.

The young people were also invited to attend the Royal Television Society, Young Video Makers Showcase 2005. ■



Above: Some of the young people involved in the 'Choices' DVD receiving their certificate from 'Byker Grove' actors.

'CHOICES' was also entered for the Kids for Kids Film Festival and below is an e-mail from Gert Hermans, the Organiser of the Festival.



'LOVER BOY A film about Sexual Exploitation

A group of young people expressed an interest in making a short film about the "good, the bad and the ugly bits" of teenage relationships. Funding was sought from the Lottery's First Light Film initiative. The young people had to work together to a very strict deadline. With help they wrote the script, decided who was going to act in it, did the costume design, sound, camera work and also edited the film. They decided to call it Lover Boy which is a term used in Amsterdam by girls and young women who are abused through prostitution.

It has been an interesting year and I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the young people. I am looking forward to next year which will involve a combination of running 'Protecting Self' sessions with young people and delivering training sessions to appropriate adults who work with vulnerable young people. ■



Above: The young people who made the Lover Boy film receiving their 'Oscars'

Adult Case Work - Mandy Joyce



The Social Regeneration Budget (SRB v) one year pilot funding for Adult Services ceased in March 2005 together with Community against Drugs funding. This resulted in Outreach posts being cut, reducing the team from six to two workers, and services which were delivered four nights a week were reduced to two evenings per week. Currently Middlesbrough Drug Action Team (DAT) provides funding for the Adult Service until March 2008. This has enabled the creation of an additional twenty hour post to support the outreach service.

The role of the SECOS Adult Drug Worker is to facilitate drugs treatment for adults aged over 18 years. The Home Office Report 'Solutions and Strategies: Drug Problems and Street Sex Markets' (2004) highlights the links between drug use and prostitution and recommends multi-agency working as a key element in tackling sex and drug markets in order to support women and men in addressing their problems. In addition to drugs use there are also other issues to consider for those involved in prostitution, such as sexual health, sexual violence, education and counselling. We also support those who are not involved in drug taking but are involved in prostitution. As well as working with a number of Drug Treatment Services, which includes methadone prescriptions and needle exchanges, SECOS also works with Cleveland Police, The National Probation Service, Prison Service, Courts, Child4ren, Families and Learning, Middlesbrough College, and Sexual and Mental Health Services to ensure individuals have access to appropriate support. Once the Adult women and men are being supported, they can be referred to a variety of agencies for support which will meet various needs.

A structured education programme, Day Centre and Drop-in is made available at SECOS. Counselling and a range of diversionary activities are also provided as this socially excluded and hard to reach group require additional support to cover practical, emotional and social needs. Support is offered in order that adults can address what are often complex difficulties so that they can take control of their lives and have a choice in their future development. For most adults, involvement in drug use and prostitution can be a symptom of something else that is going on in their lives, and is a form of self-medication. To be successful in treating the drug problem it is essential to deal with these other issues. Such holistic multi-disciplinary approaches are essential if we are to engage and improve the life chances of this marginalised group. However reaching the most entrenched and vulnerable adult is still proving a challenge with more adults operating 'off-street' from flats and houses.

A number of drug users have concerns about coming forward for treatment, not least the fear of coming into contact with other users, they also fear being labelled as 'prostitutes' as well as the potential for criminalisation. They have also criticised some Police, Street wardens and GP's whom they see as being largely ill-informed as regard to their needs and problems regarding drugs and their involvement in prostitution. Service users also complain about long waiting lists, lengthy and complex referral procedures and a mistrust of some religious-based provision. On Teesside there remains a resistance from some GP's who are reluctant to prescribe methadone to people.

Outreach Services

Two workers deliver an Outreach service in Middlesbrough to adult women and men involved in 'on street' prostitution and bring them into contact with services, including drug treatment. The Home Office Consultation Paper, 'Paying the Price' (2004) found that Outreach Services are a vital stage for individuals to access services and exit prostitution. SECOS specialist workers focus on sexual violence, coercive relationships and how women and men have become involved in prostitution and drug misuse. It is clear that abuse and exploitation issues need to be addressed through therapeutic counselling interventions. To this end counselling sessions focus on building awareness, empowerment, self esteem and addressing traumatic incidents which may have led service users to use drugs as a coping strategy. Relapse prevention, exploring abusive relationships and future goals are also the key to a successful recovery. Three monthly reviews allow individuals to monitor their own progress.

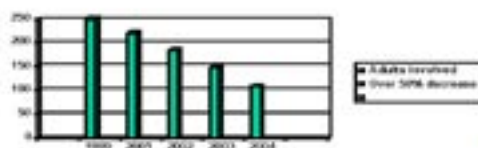
"A Structured programme, Day Centre and Drop-in is made available at SECOS"

We are also currently offering and delivering support to those who are involved in prostitution in houses. This support service has the potential to grow. Support incorporates safety precautions, sexual health, therapeutic and holistic support.

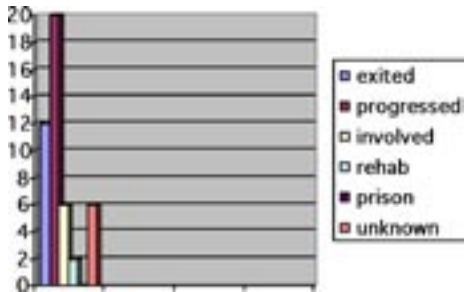


Above Left: Mandy Joyce - The Adult Recovery Project Drug Action Team Worker

Adults involved in 'on Street' Prostitution and Exploitation



An Update of Service Users progress



Anti Social Behaviour Orders

An increasing part of our role is to offer support to people who are being monitored by the police for the implementation of Acceptable Behaviour Contracts and Anti-Social Behaviour Orders, which can result in a prison sentence if breached. It is hoped that this support will prevent further Criminal Justice involvement for our service users. There is a difficulty in carrying out support for this group however, as in order to avoid detection by the police and street wardens, these women often access the streets at times when there is less police and street warden activity, which is also after our Outreach Service has finished.

Adult Drop-In Services

The Drop-In Service has now been going for four years and is an invaluable part of the therapeutic process. SECOS workers and volunteers provide a safe space for women and men to address their practical and emotional needs. It also offers a nurturing environment with the opportunity for service users to wash clothing and to use shower and cooking facilities. There is a health nurse available from Life Line who can address health issues and promote harm minimisation. Sign posting to other support services is also vital to assist people to progress. Service Users have exited drugs use and prostitution whilst attending the Drop-In on a regular basis. It would, however, be beneficial to have separate facilities for those people needing crisis intervention support and for those who have reached the point of exiting as this mix can be a reminder of past involvement in prostitution.

Middlesbrough College Hair and Beauty Training. Funded by the European Social Fund and the Learning Skills Council

Eight services users have enrolled on a 10 week course in Manicure and Pedicure, which rolls over to include Hair Care, Indian Head Massage and Beauty Therapy. The course aims to integrate people who are socially excluded and have been out of education for some time. It empowers young people, building on self esteem and encouraging confidence. Part of the course takes place at SECOS with a steady

integration into Middlesbrough College itself. The students wear uniforms and have their own beauty equipment packs and learn a variety of skills. They are also able to access various pamper treatments for themselves at the College. This allows them to see more advanced trainees in action and to see first hand what it is like to be a client requesting treatment.

Making Headway (Nacro) Educational Course

Weekly educational courses delivering a City & Guilds in Basic Skills take place at SECOS. These courses can be of varying levels from entry level 1 to level 2 which is the equivalent to a A* -C GCSE. The student can work at their own pace and on an individual basis or as part of a group. We also have a volunteer who provides a hand- holding service by organizing travel arrangements for students. ■

Below: Students taking part in a Hair & Beauty Therapy Course



Outreach & Drop in Services - Linda Cronin



Youth Outreach, an outreach service within Contraception and Reproductive Health has provided a sexual health outreach service to women and young people on the streets since 1994. It has also been supporting the SECOS project since its research beginnings.

Initially involved in the research and delivery of the SECOS Outreach Service, Youth Outreach then went on to be involved in the delivery of staff and volunteer training, on issues such as sexual health, contraception and condom use. It also provides one-to-one support, advice and counselling to SECOS service users and supports referrals to other appropriate services. In addition to providing this service, Youth Outreach has also provided supervision to the SECOS Outreach Team since 2002. This post also links into the local Sexual Health and HIV Strategy and the Teenage Pregnancy Strategy.

In September 2004 Youth Outreach moved into the SECOS building and is now 'housed' within the project. In order to confirm and consolidate Middlesbrough Primary Care Trust's commitment to the SECOS Project Contraception and Reproductive Health work has now been included in the Youth Outreach job description, put forward for the NHS Agenda for Change.

In 2005, due to funding, the SECOS Outreach Team became Young Peoples Outreach and The Adult Recovery Project, which Youth Outreach also provides supervision for.

**Above: Linda Cronin - Health
Segmentation - Outreach
Services**

Outreach Services

The overall aim of SECOS Outreach work is the protection of children and young people who are at risk of, or involved in, abuse through prostitution. This is achieved through making contact with young people, initiating the Joint Protocol when appropriate and supporting their individual needs. The street contact service offers information and advice on sexual health, including condom distribution, plus advice and encouragement on regular health checks. The team also promotes personal and street safety through gathering information regarding abusing adults, and reporting incidents to the Police.

New Developments

In April 2005 due to initial funding issues and a decrease in staff, SECOS Outreach work, experienced a change of service. Embarking on a new Young Person's Outreach Project, the outreach workers, Sarah, Mary, Jimmy and Bianca took up this new challenge and developed a service which focuses on prevention work with some of the most socially excluded young people. Sarah and Mary, not only give 100% within the day service team but continue to be creative, supportive and passionate in their outreach work. Bianca has undertaken her Joint Honours Degree in Social Work and Mental Health and still continues her challenging work in the young person's Outreach Team. Although Jimmy has recently left us, Andrew our Young Men and Boy's Project Worker has given many, many hours to our young person's group, as have volunteers, especially Karen. On behalf of SECOS management staff and all of the young people I would like to say a big thank you and well done. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Bev, as a new worker, into the team.

Mission Statement

SECOS Young Person's Outreach will offer hope and support using a creative, holistic approach in order to empower young people and meet their needs in a safe, stimulating, flexible environment.

Young Person's Outreach

Aim: To respond holistically to the needs of vulnerable young people.

Objectives:

- To offer crisis intervention and support to vulnerable young people.
- To offer individual and/or group work to address presenting issues.
- To offer a flexible and adaptable out-of-hours service in response to assessed needs.
- To offer training packages to professionals, carers and agencies concerning the issues around the work of SECOS.

SECOS Young Person's Outreach has developed an out of hours accommodation visiting service, in response to an identified need. This entails visiting young people during an evening at their accommodation, who have been identified as vulnerable or at risk of sexual exploitation. We work in partnership with other agencies and tailor the service in order to ensure all the needs of the young person are effectively met. We regularly visit bed and breakfasts, hostels and supported housing to make initial contact with young people who would not necessarily have been referred to us.

One evening a week we facilitate a group of young people whom we have made contact with through accommodation visits in homeless hostels, bed and breakfasts, supported housing and from agency referrals. We have up to 12 regular young people attending weekly. After having a meal, which the young people choose and help prepare, we then focus on issues such as Self Esteem, Drug Awareness, Protecting Self, Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS and Identity and Self Awareness. This had been delivered through games, workshops, artwork and discussions. We also look at the individual needs of each young person and if one-to-one support is needed, this can be offered through the day service and/or an appropriate referral.

The group have been working with local artists on a 'housing' project. The young people focused on housing and what it meant for them. Some imagined their 'dream home' and most built houses and incorporated words either in poetry form or music. Some of the creations will be displayed at a future exhibition at the Arc.

The group also went on a residential course to an Outward Bound Centre. Although it was very challenging for some of the young people and staff, all had a lovely time, participating in the activities, looking out for each other and working as a team and enjoying the good weather.

The Young Persons Outreach Service also delivered training to professional youth workers around issues of social exclusion and exploitation. We have also made contact with, and accompanied, detached youth workers on the streets and have met with young people for whom they have had concerns.

We have also worked with groups of young people in other settings, such as supported accommodation and Youth Clubs. Again this is to look at issues such as Protecting Self, Identity and Self Awareness and any other relevant issues that the young people themselves have identified with.

Future Plans

SECOS Young Person's Outreach Service will continue to provide services to some of the most vulnerable young people in our area. We will build on our Outreach visits by collating information we are given by young people in regards to accommodation addresses and other vulnerable young people. We will utilise our Staff and Volunteers in order to increase our service delivery.

SECOS Young Person's Outreach will enhance the support offered through group work by providing more places in time limited group projects. We will develop our work within community/resident groups and will deliver training and presentations to all members of the community. ■



Ace Project Worker - Mary Crawley



Above:
Mary Crawley
- ACE Project
Worker

The Ace Project was developed in July 2004 following research into the extent to which children were at risk of or involved in child sexual exploitation in Stockton-on-Tees. The research report called "Taking Stock" identified 123 young people who were categorised as being at high risk and so highlighted the need for a localised service which would support these vulnerable young people. Statutory and voluntary agencies working in this local area were supportive of setting up and being able to refer to a specialised referral service. Funding was secured from the Big Lottery Community Fund for three years to enable this valuable and important work to be delivered. This funding enabled us to employ one full time case worker, Mary Crawley and a part time outreach worker, James Newton with the kind offer of administrative support from SECOS. We would like to take this opportunity to give grateful thanks to The Corner House Youth Project who have kindly accommodated the project and offer ongoing support to this small team.

The aims and ethos of the service delivery is modelled on the SECOS Project approach to help young people to achieve safer and more positive healthy lifestyles. This has been achieved with excellent multi-agency co-operation and a willingness from all local children and young people's services to work in partnership with ACE.

Statements from Agencies

'The Corner House Youth Project is committed to providing a range of good quality services for young people. In order to achieve this effectively we try to work in partnership with other agencies with a similar philosophy. We believe that the decision for the Barnardo's Ace Project to share space with the Corner House Youth Project has added value to this commitment'.

Lesley Makin, Chief Executive Corner House Youth Project

'We have established a productive and effective partnership with the ACE Project since its creation in the Stockton area, which has brought significant benefits to the

most vulnerable young people in Stockton Borough, ensuring they have adequate levels of emotional support, advice and guidance around reduction of risk taking behaviour and promoting healthy lifestyles.

ACE has worked with high numbers of our young people and together with our service have improved outcomes for them.

The staff at ACE are professional at all times and are approachable and responsive in their attitude towards young people and our staff'.

I think that ACE has made a difference and is seen as a valuable resource that we and young people can access'.

Pat Grainger, Team Manager, Youth and Leaving Care Service

'Stockton Police are heavily involved with Barnardos ACE project in the area of protecting young children from harm of sexual exploitation. The Community Safety Department at Stockton Police Office have a dedicated officer PC Rob King who is the single point of contact with the ACE project and this officer works very closely with Mary Crawley and together they have developed processes for information sharing around risk management and harm minimisation.

Mary was instrumental in the setting up of this working relationship and is in regular contact with Rob. They exchange information and plan strategies for dealing with issues that arise and together offer a focussed approach to dealing with exploitation. They are also planning to work with young runaways who due to the nature of their activity whilst missing put themselves at further risk of exploitation'.

PC Rob King, Missing Person's Officer, Stockton Police

Work Achieved so Far

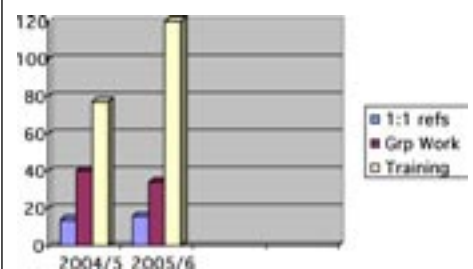
Reflecting the SECOS model of "What Works" for young people ACE has supported young people individually with one to one sessions, offering a holistic approach

to presenting problems, underpinned by a therapeutic relationship. By working intensively with those at high risk or involved, the young person can begin to form positive relationships with their worker and learn to model a more trusting approach to their world.

We have targeted those who were identified as "at risk" in the research report and have responded by delivering a package of planned sessions which raise awareness and understanding around risk taking, relationships and keeping safe, to help prevent these young people from slipping further into concerning behaviours.

In order to further protect young people who are at risk of exploitation, we have been actively delivering training to professionals who have contact with vulnerable young people. This training will highlight common factors that can identify at an early stage when a young person is vulnerable and at risk of exploitation. Services can then co-ordinate to offer early interventions to help protect and support young people to a safer lifestyle. The graph below shows the services that have been delivered since the ACE project began.

Service Delivery Outcome 2004-2006



Future Developments

ACE will continue to deliver child protection and preventative work to achieve the funding targets. The main priorities over the next year will be to embrace and incorporate the five 'every child matters' outcomes within ACE service delivery. ACE would like to build the current capacity to enable us to expand the preventative work in schools and all youth settings. The most challenging issue will be to seek further funding to continue developing the ACE project post July 2007. ■

Volunteer Co-ordinator - Louise Beagrie



Over the past year SECOS has continued to attract volunteers as well as retain a number of dedicated volunteers. At any one time we may have 15-20 volunteers at various stages of training and involvement within the service.

Training

Whilst our volunteers bring with them a wide range of skills and experience SECOS also has a programme of training to help volunteers feel equipped to fulfil their role. The training covers issues specific to the vulnerable young people SECOS works with including:

- Myths around prostitution
- Sexual Health
- Substance Awareness
- Child Protection and Joint Protocol
- Sexual Violence (Rape and Child Sexual Abuse)

SECOS is now in a position to offer a TROCN accreditation for many of the areas covered by our training which offers further opportunities for the volunteers.

To complement our training we also invite other agencies to train volunteers on specific areas including:

- MESMAC training on issues of sexuality
- G.U.M to give volunteers an insight into the role of the Genito-urinary Medicine Department and explain the process that can be expected if they accompany a young person there.

Thanks to the support of agencies such as these, our volunteers experience a wide variety of training to enhance their skills.

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers have been an integral part of several areas of SECOS work. Many volunteers have become part of the Outreach team providing support to

vulnerable young people on the streets of Middlesbrough. Owing to volunteers willing to give their own time we are able to make contact with a greater number of young people exploited through prostitution in the area. During Outreach volunteers will assist in supporting young people with issues such as homelessness, substance use and sexual violence.

Volunteers have also continued to support the drop-in service for the over 18's. In this setting volunteers provide practical help and are available for individual support.

Medical Student Placements

Each year SECOS offers two placements to Medical students from Durham University Stockton Campus. As part of their course the students have a placement in a community setting during their first year. During this placement the students have the volunteer training and work alongside the team to support young people. I have had very positive feedback from the students who often acknowledge that their involvement with SECOS has had an impact on their understanding of the issues facing vulnerable young people. I feel that this is a valuable opportunity for SECOS and other agencies to have an influence, however small, in how our future health professionals perceive and work with vulnerable groups.

Marsh Trust Award

2004 - 2006 have been exciting years for SECOS volunteering, with one of our long standing volunteers, Karen Wills, becoming the regional winner of the Marsh Trust Award for volunteering. Karen then went on to be selected as a joint national winner and attended the Barnardos AGM in London to be presented with her certificate and prize money. This was well deserved. Karen has volunteered for over 3 years with SECOS and in that time has, on a weekly basis, been a member of the Outreach team supporting vulnerable young people on the streets of Middlesbrough.

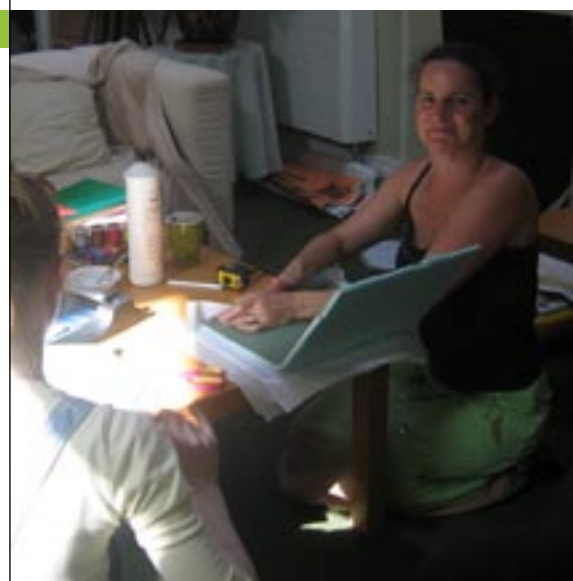
Year of the Volunteer Awards 2005

The Year of the Volunteer Awards were created to showcase the incredible achievements of volunteers nationwide and this year two volunteers from SECOS had their contribution to volunteering recognised. Jan Pickersgill and Karen Wills each received a Year of the Volunteer medal for their commitment to Barnardo's SECOS.

Over the year there has been a focus on building a volunteer base within the ACE project working with vulnerable young people in the Stockton area. This is an exciting opportunity to expand volunteering.

As always I have enjoyed seeing the growth and development of people involved in volunteering whilst seeing the benefits they bring to the project. Thanks to the continued commitment of individuals willing to give up their own time, and the support of the rest of the team, volunteering has been a valuable part of the SECOS and ACE projects. I look forward to this continuing over the coming year. ■

**Above Left: Louise Beagrie
Volunteer Co-ordinator
Below: Tracy Whitehead**



Young Persons Project worker – Sarah Booth



The past two years have again brought many challenges and rewards. Having the freedom to be creative and pro active in my role at SECOS is essential to the work I do. Working with young people who are in constant risk and living chaotic lifestyles means we have to be flexible in how we engage and work with these young people.

My role is very varied and I'm pleased to say can change to meet the needs of young people. One role which I feel has been important to the changing of young people's lives is working with young people who are homeless or living in temporary accommodation. This project was initially set up as it was identified that young people who are homeless or live in temporary accommodation are at an increased risk of being sexually exploited. This role took me to some places that made me question how we value young people. The places were often dirty, cold and had abusive adults living there. It made me reflect on what messages are we professionals giving young people, when we expect them to live in this environment. This was echoed by the feelings of the young people I met who felt worthless and dirty with no hope of moving on to something better.

Initially the project visited B&B's etc, however it was felt that bringing the young people into the SECOS project would provide them with a safe, nurturing and creative environment where they would hopefully feel free to enjoy themselves and learn. After two months we set up a group of ten young people. Watching these young people grow and develop was a fulfilling experience. During the year the group took part in numerous awareness raising sessions exploring

issues such as sexual health, loving and abusive relationships and drugs awareness as well as a residential to an outward bound centre. However the ultimate aim was to ensure they had a safe place to stay that they could call home. I am happy to say that eight out of the ten young people are now living in their own accommodation, are in employment or education and are much happier and healthier young people.

Comments from Young People

"It's the first time I have felt safe to be around people and not need to be off my head on drugs"

"I feel much safer in my new home, it's nice to be able to sleep and not be scared who was going to come into my room"

"The group has helped me to make new friends and feel good about myself"

"I'm really sad that the group has to end"

Young People Project Worker - Kirstin Demangeot



This post was originally funded by the Single Regeneration Budget (SRB) and was aimed at young people aged between 16-24 who are considered to be in the transitional stage between childhood and adulthood. Support is offered using a holistic approach, whether by crisis management intervention, or a more planned process of exiting prostitution. From March 2005 – June 2006 the post has been funded by Connexions Kickstart which broadened the age range and incorporated supporting young people who are not in education, employment or training (NEET).

Case Work

Case work involves offering intensive one-to-one support to young people who have been referred to SECOS as being involved in prostitution or at risk of sexual exploitation. Support is holistic covering drug and alcohol use, sexual health, domestic violence, pregnancy, sexual assault, housing & homelessness, benefits opening opportunities for training and employment, and court appearances. Interventions used include: motivational interviewing, solution focused brief therapy, protective behaviours and person centred counselling skills.

Art

An opportunity arose to work with a group of young people from E2E. A series of five small mural pieces were produced depicting the issues faced by them and other young people in Middlesbrough, such as employment, music, sport, drugs and alcohol. The young people really took pride in their work, and the end result was fantastic, the mural is on display at the Langridge Centre in Middlesbrough.

Outreach

One of the duties of Project Worker whilst under SRB funding was to work one evening a week with the Outreach team. This provides a street based service to service users under the age of 18 who are involved in street prostitution in Middlesbrough and Stockton and follows the Regional Procedures and Local Joint Protocol. Any urgent problems highlighted

during the evening Outreach can be followed through at the SECOS Drop-in thereby offering further support to young people who may not have previously accessed the SECOS day service.

Secondment to MIN

Since January 2005 I have been seconded to Middlesbrough Independence Network (MIN) for one afternoon a week. Together with Jason Griffiths, the Children's Service Manager at MIN we have revamped the Housing Assessment Forms for young people under 18 years. Every young person under the age of 18 who now becomes homeless in Middlesbrough should be referred to MIN, and a Housing Assessment will be completed. This ensures that young people do not slip through the net of housing services. This secondment has helped to reinforce links between SECOS and MIN.

Young Persons Participation Project

The SECOS Young Person's Participation Project gives young service users a forum for debate, enabling them to develop an active role in the SECOS Project and Barnardo's. It is hoped that the participation project will develop and

become a permanent feature of the SECOS service to act as an advocate for young people. This will ensure that young people have a voice to bring about and effect change in their own lives, and that of society as a whole. The group have so far produced a monthly newsletter discussing issues that affect young people. They have taken part in an art project in co-ordination with Jack Drum Arts producing a number of artistic pieces using graffiti to express the issues of mobile phone and internet safety; and they are also in the process of setting up a Blog site which will be young people's views on various important issues. Another really positive development from the Participation Group is that one young person has become involved in The Youth Parliament, and is hoping to run in the regional elections in order to raise issues affecting young people. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to work with such a passionate group of young people. ■

◀ Above Left: Kirstin Demangeot Project Worker (12-24 year olds)

Below; Artwork on bullying by Young Person



Young Men & Boys Project Worker - Andrew McGovern



My role within the project is to carry on with the excellent work already undertaken by Ady Davis and Paul Richardson in identifying and engaging with young men and boys who are at risk of sexual exploitation. I had previously worked with young people in a residential setting for a number of years, before being employed as a Children and Families Field Social Worker. I feel the experience I have gained in working with young people in a variety of settings enables me to have a broad understanding of the issues when working with young men and boys who are at risk of sexual exploitation.

In September 2005 I was fortunate to be appointed as Male Project Worker for SECOS, which is funded by the KHAN Trust. Since this date I have been involved in many different areas of work such as continuing with the young men and boys Outreach in parks and public toilets, and have successfully identified and engaged with several young people who were being sexually exploited by adult males in these environments.

Photographic information and intelligence which has been gathered whilst conducting Outreach in public toilets in the Tees Valley area has been passed on to the relevant agencies, and a co-ordinated, multi-agency approach to tackle this issue is now underway.

As Young Men and Boys Worker I currently have a caseload of 9 young people who have been identified as being at risk of, or involved in sexual exploitation. The aim of this work is to support the young person to make positive life choices in order to best protect themselves emotionally and physically. Another area of work I have been involved in since commencing my post is the Young Person's Outreach Group. This group consists of 10 young people who have been identified as being vulnerable and at risk of exploitation due to their lack of suitable accommodation and social isolation.

I have found the work I have been involved in to date very challenging and rewarding, and look forward to developing work with young men and boys in schools and youth settings in regard to healthy relationships, sexual exploitation and purchasing of sex. ■



↑ Above: Sticker campaign used in young men & boys outreach

↩ Above Left: Andrew McGovern - Young Men & Boys Project Worker

↓ Below: An Example of graffiti found in local toilets



Volunteer's Perspective - Jan Pickersgill & Joanne Keen



Jan Pickersgill

I became involved with SECOS when researching for my dissertation on Prostitution and have been a volunteer now for eighteen months. I attended eight volunteer training sessions covering 'myths around prostitution', STD's, attitudes, and drugs, all of which gave me a valuable insight into the lifestyles of the young people and how family background affects life chances.

My role as a volunteer is to support a member of staff on Outreach or in the Drop-in sessions. The help I give can range from making tea to giving advice to young people in helping them make informed decisions. Throughout my time here I have been given opportunities to develop my knowledge and understanding by attending various courses.

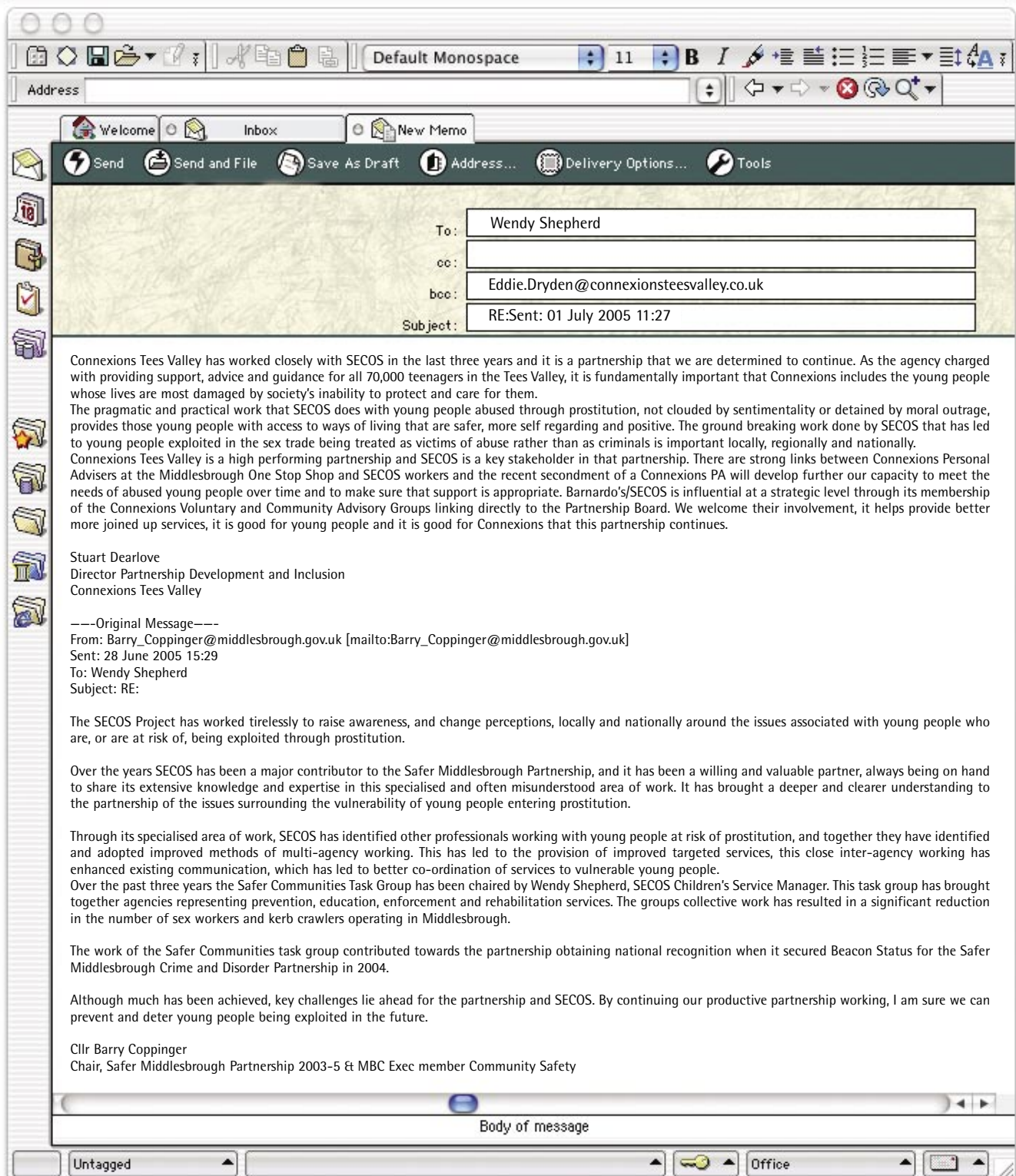
Most important has been the relationships developed between myself and the young people. It is wonderful to see progress in the young people I have become to care for, although none of this would be possible without the support of members of staff, in my case, Mandy and Mary.

Joanne Keen

I started my volunteer training for SECOS in January 2004, but didn't go out on Outreach until October 2004 owing to other commitments. My training was very informative, of a very high standard and delivered in an easy going relaxed atmosphere. This I found really helped when covering some of the disturbing issues which SECOS deals with. Training included such things as myths and stereotypes, sexual acts and their names, sexual health, drug issues, policies and procedures and supervisions. I found this really prepared me for my role as a volunteer as well as giving me confidence.

Nevertheless my first night on Outreach did shock me, especially to see how many girls were working. I was also surprised at how friendly the girls were and how they were all prepared to provide their names and other information which we need to ask. It is amazing how quickly you get to know the names and faces of the young people and the time on Outreach flies by. I can see the difference that SECOS makes to the lives of the young people and I feel proud to play a small part in it.

Testimonials



Funding & Administration Staff

Detailed Statement of Funding for Year Ending 2004/06

We are very pleased with the amount of funding received over the years 2004/06 which has been a very healthy time financially for the project. It has resulted in staff fulfilling many projects for young people and has enabled us to provide an excellent service.

We would like to thank everyone who has financially supported our project in the last two years and in previous years, including the Barnardo's financial team in Newcastle who oversee all the financial activities.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank SRB for their 3 year support.

| | 2004/5 | 2005/6 |
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| SINGLE REGENERATION BUDGET | £ 70,000 | - |
| NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL FUND | £ 70,000 | £ 72,000 |
| SRB – EXIT PROJECT | £ 60,000 | - |
| BARNARDO'S | £ 59,959 | £128,000 |
| COMMUNITY FUND – ACE PROJECT | £ 40,000 | £ 40,000 |
| MIDDLESBROUGH CHILDRENS FUND | £ 38,000 | £ 33,000 |
| DRUG ACTION TEAM | £ 27,000 | £ 45,000 |
| DEPT OF HEALTH – OPSS 4 VOLS | £ 23,000 | £ 20,159 |
| KHAN TRUST | £ 20,406 | £ 17,500 |
| MVDA – HEALTHY LIVING | £ 15,000 | - |
| MIDDLESBROUGH PCT | £ 15,000 | £ 15,720 |
| HEALTH – IN KIND | £ 13,155 | £ 13,155 |
| CHILDREN FAMILIES & LEARNING | £ 5,000 | £ 5,000 |
| CONNEXIONS | - | £ 30,556 |
| Total | £456,520 | £420,090 |

ADMINISTRATION/ HOUSEKEEPING

Tracy Weedall – Administrator

I have worked at SECOS now for over 3 years and really enjoy incorporating the administration side of the work with the caring nature of the project. I strive to provide the team with the financial resources required for service users but I am also aware of the budget limits.

Marguerite O'Flynn – Secretarial Assistant

As Secretarial Assistant I assist the Administrator in the general administration of the SECOS project and provide secretarial support. Having joined SECOS in January 2005 I am enjoying what is for me a completely different environment and getting to know the young people who visit the project.

Jean Marron – Domestic

As the Domestic for the SECOS project I keep the building clean and tidy as well as assist in creating a safe haven and a nurturing environment for the young people who access the project. I help with the Adult Drop-in on a Thursday afternoon when the smell of freshly baked cakes or the spicy aroma of a home-made curry coming from the SECOS kitchen often greets young service users. I like to think of myself as a friend to all the people who access the service.

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