

APPENDIX 2

Case Studies: Poverty, Deprivation, Economy, Housing Projects

T6 Improving access to employment for the people of the county and responding to barriers

The Panel discusses individual cases in order to identify and monitor whether the right support or provision are in place. Young Person A was referred to the panel by their Social Worker. The individual has a range of complex and challenging factors, and has worked with a range of local agencies - but by the time they reach the panel, can only access the authority's statutory services.

Young Person A has been in care, has not completed their secondary education, has no qualifications and has very severe learning needs, significant family problems and lives a chaotic life. He was also facing the possibility of having to move out of the home due to family and financial situations. The panel's first aim was to re-engage with the individual in order to get the 'hook' to support them to get to grips with some of the specific factors. However, it was not easy to persuade agencies to work with the individual. The case was discussed in the panel, to prioritise their needs and decided that developing a relationship was the first step. GISDA (though not a client) agreed to undertake the role of Key Worker and to work closely with the individual.

The Panel monitors progress on a monthly basis and Young Person A has engaged with GISDA and now works part time in the Porthmadog area with support from GISDA. The panel is an effective way of sharing resources, identifying expertise and ensuring that there is a co-ordinated approach with the young person.