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MESSAGE

Patricia

- These are a few brief points on
Youth Service ie info in Review Document
of some thoughts on where it should sit
in the future

I would be happy to discuss this in
more depth with anyone when I had more
time - which unfortunately is not at the
minute.

I will be in Brussels 23-25th Nov
back on 26th Nov.

I have also laid out a list of budget headings
- would you look at these before I start costing
it out

Thanks June.

FROM JUNE TRIMBLE - NORTH DOWN CONSTITUENCY TEAM.
Re Departmental Structures

KATE

- Currently on the table is the Youth Service Policy Review Document, instigated by Tony Worthington.

The key areas are:-

1. Inclusion of young people
2. Volunteering
3. Human Resource Strategy
4. Facilities and Support Services
5. Monitoring and Evaluation

There is nothing particularly interesting or radical in this document, except section 4.

- The emphasis behind section 4 is very orientated towards the statutory sector and takes little account of the vibrant community youth sector which has emerged. Also the independent, clear voice of the Voluntary Sector would be lost in the new proposed structure.
- It is important to be note that it has been the Voluntary Sector who has been the most developmental, and able to adapt and respond to the changing needs and environment of young people.
- The policy review also recommends the Youth Sector remains in DENI.
- I see the future of the Youth Sector outside DENI. But it is important that Youth Work is recognised as structured, non formal education and that there would be quality assurance of this, if it is moved out of DENI.
- The breadth and diversity of the Youth Sector would sit more comfortably in a wider department e.g. "Children, Young People, Families and Social Inclusion."
- There are a range of departments who are responsible for young people (not just DENI)
- I would suggest a Junior Minister for Youth Affairs, with a cross departmental brief, responsible for Youth Policy.
- Age range of Youth is "5 - 25 years" in current policy. It is imperative that the 18-25 year olds remains in Youth (there is currently some debate about this). Young People 17-25 year olds are frequently neglected by statutory Youth Service at the minute. It would be the Voluntary Sector who pick up this age group.