

Total Craigroyston – Road Map Summary

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Total Craigroyston has been established by the Edinburgh Partnership to improve outcomes for children and families in the neighbourhood around Craigroyston Community High School with a particular focus on those children currently looked after by the public authorities. In the longer term the aim is to reduce the need for children to become looked after.

This document briefly summarises the consultation process that Total Craigroyston has carried out.

What have we done?

With the help of Snook (www.wearesnook.com) we have held a number of events where around 215 members of the local community and local staff including members from the BME community, young people and older people. At these events questions such as “what is good/bad about the area, “what is or is not working”, “how could this change” were asked. All of the comments, suggestions and ideas we received have been brought together into a Road Map.

What is our starting point?

It is clear from what we have been told by people involved in the consultation that there are already a lot of things that are working well and benefiting people within the community. This is good and we want to build on these things. However people have also identified a number of areas where they want to see change.

What is the Road Map?

The Road Map is a document that outlines principles, themes and actions that people think will improve outcomes for children and families in the area. It is a guide rather than a strategy as we expect that as we go forward to try out different ways of doing things we will have to change our ideas.

Where do we go from here?

One of the most important parts of Total Craigroyston is involving the local community in the design and delivery of services and creating a better partnership between local people and service providers. People have asked for more opportunities to work together and participate in the development and delivery of services in the area.

The Road Map is also about learning – for public service providers and for the local community. A number of the actions are designed to try out and identify new ways of working.

Want to know more?

There will be further opportunities to participate in Total Craigroyston. To find out more please keep an eye on the Total Craigroyston Blog (www.totalcraigroyston.co.uk). Alternatively you can contact Christine Mackay (christine.mackay@edinburgh.gov.uk) or Tim Packer (tim.packer@edinburgh.gov.uk) on 0131 529 5050.

Principles



Themes

A Place to Belong	A strong sense of community; Supporting on another; The image of the area; Broader community involvement
A Place to Thrive	Mental health and wellbeing; Employment and training opportunities; Reduced isolation; Increased participation; Investing in children and young people
A Place that You Know	Information reaches people; Information is in a variety of formats; Local people describe services; Staff are able to get to know the area; Community induction for staff
A Place to Bring Up a Family	Everyone needs help and support at some point; Prevention is better than cure; Reaching families that are not currently engaging; Paperwork reducing time for core tasks of staff; Learn by trying a new approach
A Safe Place	Negative impact of violent/anti-social behaviour; Frustration when low consideration of others is shown; Prioritise early intervention in anti-social behaviour; A shared responsibility for the area
A Place to Learn	Achieving education potential is key; Reducing inequalities and improving life chances; Engaging parents and community with schools; Linking between in and out of school learning; Increased adult learning opportunities
A Place to Live	Well housed, influencing decisions about the area; A 'place' to build a life; Maintaining accommodation during welfare reform; Regeneration of the whole of the area; Muirhouse shopping centre!