
Community Sport Hub Evaluation

Foreword
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sportscotland commissioned an independent evaluation of the Community Sport Hub programme, which was carried out between April and June 2014. We would like to thank all the Community Sport Hub officers and stakeholders who took part in the evaluation for their contribution.

Introduction

The Community Sport Hub (CSH) programme has been one of **sportscotland's** flagship programmes since 2011 with an annual budget of £1.5 million. The programme has been a key part of our 2011-15 corporate plan that focused on developing a world class sporting system at all levels across schools, clubs and performance.

The initial years of the programme have focused on work with local authority partners to identify suitable locations and create CSHs in local communities. The number of CSHs has grown steadily from 22 in 2011 to 131 in 2014, and we are on track to achieve our target of 150 by 2016. CSHs will continue as a flagship programme as we move into our new corporate plan from April 2015 and the findings from the evaluation will provide us with key learning to develop the programme.

Background to the evaluation

We contracted ODS Consulting to evaluate the Community Sport Hub programme. This evaluation focused on gathering learning to help us and our partners improve the programme, as part of our commitment to continuous improvement.

The evaluation sought the views of the Community Sport Hub officers and wider stakeholders, including club representatives, facility managers, senior school staff, PE staff, Active Schools Network, Sports Development staff and other senior managers in local authorities.

This evaluation supplements the monitoring information collected on an annual basis from each CSH, gathering evidence around the extent to which CSHs have delivered against the principles of the CSH programme.

Our response

We welcome the findings in the evaluation report around how CSHs are working and how we can develop them in the future to ensure they continue to be an important feature of local sports development. We recognise the impact that CSHs are having in local communities

and we will continue to work with partners to develop existing hubs and identify new locations, by working with local communities that want to adopt this approach.

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Stewart Harris

Chief Executive, **sportscotland**