

SERVICE UPDATE

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UPDATE:

At the September ECS committee members asked officers to ascertain the work being done with travellers who choose not to the Clinterty Site.

The Community Learning and Development (CLD) Adult Learning team provide learning programmes with the Gypsy Traveller community at the site at Clinterty. This programme includes Literacy/numeracy education, parent and toddler groups, support with completion of benefit forms, cooking on a budget and provision of a food pantry.

In additional to the learning activity, the relational approach of CLD builds trust with a community that can be reluctant to engage with services. Adult learning staff support families to access vital services across health care, communicate with schools and benefit from financial inclusion services. The service works particularly closely with partners at Kinellar school, Social Security Scotland and CFINE, and often have guest speakers from various organisations such as Police Scotland.

Other Gypsy travellers are welcomed and encouraged to access the learning offer at Clinterty. Community Learning and Development do not specifically capture this protected characteristic across the city wide learning offer, from staff experience, individuals may not disclose whether they are from the Gypsy Traveler community when accessing other targeted and universal services, therefore we do not currently hold this data and will look to capture and include this data in our future reporting.

We do know that there are a small number of families from the Gypsy Traveller community who access 1-2-1 or group work through Family Learning and that Family Learning hardship support is accessed by families in need at Clinterty.