

External Witness Biography – 4th February 2014

CXK

CXK Ltd is a charitable organisation delivering a range of services across Kent to support young people and families to maximise their potential. In particular by providing them with advice, guidance, skills and the confidence that will help them to progress into education, employment and training. Services include:

- careers guidance, advice and work related learning for vulnerable young people and adults (including the National Careers Service);
- mental health & wellbeing services (Young Healthy Minds);
- Leadership & Development programmes for young people including the National Citizen Service and the Prince's Trust team programme;
- Management of youth centres and a mobile youth service (Community Activity teams);
- Training Programmes for those not in employment, education and training (European Social Fund);
- Accredited training for adults and professionals working with young people
- Parenting programmes and family workshops

As a charity, any surplus is reinvested into developing new and innovative projects for the benefit of clients.

CXK is a member of Reachfor, which is a new joint venture of eight regional social enterprises delivering services to young people and adults. Its purpose is to work together to deliver high quality services to support young people and adults (particularly those who are vulnerable) through key transitions in their lives, in particular to achieve positive destinations in employment, education and/or training.

Attending the Select Committee today are Sean Kearns, Chief Executive and Stephen Bell, Director of Business Development.