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## **APPENDIX J**

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## Context:

Enfield Voluntary Association (EVA) were categorised as a trusted partner and invested in to identify and manage multiple Satellite Clubs across the borough. Enfield was one of the six boroughs selected as a focus area due to being a funding 'cold-spot' in the preceding two years and having high levels of inactivity and deprivation.

## Activity:

Enfield Voluntary Association received £25,000 of funding to establish 10 clubs. They focused the investment around areas of high youth violence and poverty in the borough as this meant the funding had the possibility of creating a positive impact the young people and reducing the likelihood of criminal activities taking place.

## Impact and Success:

The EVA wanted projects to meet resident and audience needs so they developed a grants panel with representation from the local community, identified through their work with four different youth groups. This grants panel reviewed projects and approved final organisations to fund.

Enfield worked with between 20-30 different youth groups to help tackle youth violence through their Satellite Club delivery. As the projects deliver the EVA are providing additional support to the cohort of Satellite Clubs in the form of 'Meet the Funder' sessions.

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## Challenges and Missed Opportunities:

Due to Satellite Clubs being connected to a violence and crime reduction outcome, the EVA found that many of the clubs struggle to collect the monitoring required and felt that if clubs knew initially what was required that they may have not applied for the funding.

Collecting sensitive information was particularly hard once sessions moved online as they felt not all of the young people wanted to share their age, gender or ethnicity when collected digitally due to it being less discreet. Funders who are able to accommodate flexibility on data collection and recognise alternative evidence of impact would be more favourably received by organisations attempting to deliver in sensitive settings where trust is hard won and easily lost. The EVA felt that £2,000 was a limited amount of money for each club to run successfully and sustainably when tackling a challenging issue such as violence and crime reduction. Working collaboratively with other organisations that have the same target audience as the Satellite Clubs programme needs to continue due to the increased benefits for both the organisations and participants.

## Reflections for the future:

To test the idea that issue-based delivery requires a higher investment London Sport removed the cap on the Addressing Youth Isolation fund which opened in January 2021.