

Adapt (North East) Added Value

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Introduction

- Adapt (North East) formerly A.D.A.P.T.- Action by Differently Abled People in Tynedale is a registered charity and company limited by guarantee.
- Established in 1991.
- Aim – To improve the quality of life of disabled and disadvantaged people

Background

- 1996 developed a community transport brokerage project supported by NCC Community Transport Officer
- Project developed using volunteers and paid drivers
- 2000 asked by NCC to undertake SEN home to school route

Adapt - Transport Site



European Funding

- Awarded funding from December 2003 – November 2005
- Develop Transport Brokerage model
- Difficult as reliance on volunteers and the effects of the mileage charge

Sustainability ?

- Unequal balance between contracts and adhoc work
- 2004 tendering unsuccessful
- Job Centre Training Contract
- Opportunity to review and develop a new model

Contracts

- 2005 – Re-tendered for Home to School SEN Transport
- Successful
- Developed more equitable pricing structure
- Created 8 full time jobs

Added Value -- Transport

- Community Bus service – S22
- Dial a Ride services
- Shopping Trips
- Opportunity for individuals to use transport

Regeneration / Employment

- Driver Training D1 – JCP training contract trainees attaining D1 able to gain employment – 24 trainees
- Adapt have created 9 fulltime posts which are sustained by transport delivery
- Driver Training Centre for MiDAS
- Driver CPC – Training

Health

- Shopping Trips
- Tea Dances linking with Elderberries
- GP appointments
- Specialist appointments / respite
- Dentist appointments

Education / Youth Work

- Vehicle loan to high schools
- Youth service loan vehicles
- VCS groups – Learning Disability
- Flexible Transport –Tynedale Virtual College
- Youth sport groups
- Sure start - Western Tynedale

Environment and Safety

- Training specific- Safed – Safe and efficient driving.
- Glass collection service
- New vehicles – reduced emissions
- Specific training for vulnerable groups

Added Value - NCC

- 2007 tendering round Adapt using new pricing structure were successful and the price was considerably lower than private operators

Partners

- Northumberland County Council
- Tynedale Council – Tynedale LSP
- Northumberland Strategic Partnership
- Castle Morpeth Council
- Removing Barriers to Work
- Job Centre Plus
- Learning Skills Council

Partners

- Tynedale Virtual College
- Social Enterprise Northumberland
- Western Tynedale – Sure start
- Northumberland Community Development Network
- Northumberland VCS – Consortium and Learning Consortium

2007 – New Vehicles



Vehicles 2008



Future

Opportunity to work with partners to develop transport solutions as required which widen access in a sustainable way.