GCE Physical Education – Exemplar Materials

Unit 2: The Critical Sports Performer (6PE02)

Task 2.2 – Local Study (Netball)

*Mark band four (10-12):*
“The student has demonstrated a high level of knowledge and understanding of the local provision in their chosen physical activity”

**General comments**
This work is quite well researched and covers the majority of the key areas required in good detail, including club and schools and issues relating to gender and disability.
A number of points made are supported with a reference point in the appendix which allows the reader to develop their understanding of the provision in the local area.

**Word limit**
The word limit is adhered to although it is perfectly reasonable for candidates to include case studies and tables to illustrate or develop points providing they are properly contextualised, add relevant depth to the work and are not simply additional words conveniently ‘boxed’.

**Marking guide grid - to be considered in conjunction with descriptors in the specification**

| Primary areas required for consideration in the specification | Role of local governing body | Funding | Additional agencies | Performing officiating | Leading | Schools | Clubs | Public | Private | Voluntary | Gender | Opportunities for disabled | Analysis of additional detail | Mark |
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| Student marks | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 11 |

**Content**
The opening sections outline aspects of the local provision. There are references to schools, clubs and a brief overview of coaching and umpiring opportunities. However, these areas lacked a little detail and the reader is not, for example, informed about the number of affiliated umpires or coaches in the local area, nor whether there are associations for these groups of people providing direction and support in these aspects of the sport.
The next section considers the roles and responsibilities of the governing bodies in sufficient detail to warrant credit.
The section on funding provides some basic details but lacks depth in terms of how local clubs might raise funds to support their activities and there is little in the text on how the sport links with additional agencies (although it has the benefit of some detail in the appendix).

The section on schools gives an overview of the organisation and competition arrangements but would have benefited from a short case study to illustrate and develop certain points made in the text.

The study gives an insight into opportunities provided for boys and reveals that there are no arrangements to support the inclusion of those players with disabilities. Reference to the development plans of the local governing body here might have added a useful insight into this aspect of local provision.

There is a good conclusion which identifies a number of areas for further development in the locality, including opportunities for those players with disabilities.

**Areas for improvement**

The study has several helpful examples but a number of words are lost to describing aspects of the national game which are not relevant to the local study. In particular, there are sections given to the role of the National Governing Body and of opportunities for players with disabilities in the national context which would have been better utilised by providing additional detail on several sections of the study where the detail is thin; most notably, the role of the public and private sectors, links with additional agencies and coaching and officiating. Had the candidate addressed these issues in more detail the work would have attracted additional marks.
Introduction
I have decided to examine the steps that are taken from my local borough of Barnet so that I can develop a wider and broader range of understanding and knowledge of the provision of netball.

Grass roots
Netball is played in local clubs, which cater for recreational participation and for more serious players wishing to play at a high level club, county and national competitions. The average participation figures for netball in clubs in Barnet there are about 1200 people see appendix A. Many people don’t know how to access the sport due to poor advertising, lack of information. Some people may feel they are not of a good enough standard or too old, however leagues are set up for different age groups and ability’s.
There are Level 1 Coaching courses running in Barnet for age 16+ and also Umpire Courses for 16+ too the age range is a restriction for those who are interested in Netball. There are Level 1 Coaching courses running in Barnet for age 16+ and also Umpire Courses for 16+ too the age range is a restriction for those who are interested in Netball. The junior section of the netball clubs in the borough only have a few clubs and they are far in distance between them- hence why School have started up a community club which is charged at £2 per session, this provides opportunities for people who do not want to play competitively. For further details on age groups see appendix A.
The North London Netball League is an established women’s league that has been running for over 50 years. The 11/12 Senior League is made up of 6 divisions this allows players of all standards to participate and hosts approximately 48 teams from about 20 clubs you would normally trial for these clubs or you are selected by teachers or coaches if you excel in this sport to trial for a club or even county and regional . Additionally the Junior League is thriving. The NLNL winter season runs from September to May, with matches played on alternate Saturdays. There are 6 clubs in Barnet they fall under the voluntary sector because although you pay a fee each year sometimes this can stop individuals playing due to the fees being so high refer to appendix B for fees of Minchenden Netball Club for further information on my club and other see Appendix A and B .

National Governing Body
The national governing body for netball in England, is ‘England Netball’ England Netball has aims and goals set in place, in order to achieve maximum success. Barnet is part of Middlesex County, the regional body ensures that directives from England Netball are enforced and developed in the region, including affiliation of all players and umpires.
Both Palmers green and Minchenden have been accredited with silver CAPS Oakwood – accredited with Club mark, these schemes will help players in the borough develop into first level elite players for more information see appendix E.
**Funding and Sponsorship**
All players have to affiliate to England Netball to be able to play. A contribution of this fee is redirected to both county and regional associations so they can undertake their role. Affiliation is currently £31.50 for a senior member and £18.50 for a junior. Players will also pay club fees to cover the cost of facility hire and entry into competitions these costs are affordable (see appendix B). Clubs can access additional funding via the lottery and awards for all bids for more information use this link http://www.londonandsoutheastnetball.co.uk/#/funding/4521682885.

**Schools Section**
It is for schools to choose how they organise their school curriculum to include the programmes of study for physical education. Netball is taught in both Primary and Secondary schools across Barnet. The school teams will then have the opportunity to compete in local such as their local league and also national competitions. The national curriculum is listed on this web link http://curriculum.qcda.gov.uk/key-stages-3-and-4/subjects/key-stage-3/physical-education/programme-of-study/index.aspx?tab=3 in years 10 and 11 you are given the choice to do JSLA (junior sports leader award) and during in sixth form you have CSLA (community sports leader award).

High five netball is the next stage for children aged 9-11 and is often played in primary schools. A High fives Netball tournament will feature in this year's Partnership Youth Games for boys and girls in school years 5&6. For more information on High 5 netball use this web link http://www.englandnetball.co.uk/my-game/High_5/high-5-in-schools. By starting at an early age with the fundamentals schools help players move up the LTAD see appendix C.

**Gender and disability**
Netball is predominantly played by females although males are not precluded. There is a mixed netball league tournament which happens every year in May via the North London Netball League which includes males playing with females against other teams. I play in the tournament every year. Boys are able to play for their school teams up until the age of 11 and this is common in primary schools, England netball say It is unacceptable to exclude either boys or girls aged 11 and under from any competitive or non-competitive activity. http://www.englandnetball.co.uk/get-involved/equality-in-netball/male-participationNetball. Netball is not usually played but girls at club level under the age of 9 see appendix A.

National Disability Development, the disability discrimination act was launched in 1995. The plan now looks at the issues of accessibility for disabled people to the Netball court for more information see appendix D. This summer the National Netball Championships for People with Learning disabilities held a tournament run by England netball and the English Sports Association. http://www.englandnetball.co.uk/news-and-media/latest-news/the-marion-smith-netball-championship-for-people-with-a-learning-disability-results_idb06331b2-e293-4114-b794-6b334fb8ee9b

There were two age categories for those U17 and those over, the aim of this event is to encourage more people to play who struggle from disabilities. Unfortunately there doesn’t seem to be any local provisions for disabled netball they all seem to be on a national scheme. There are competitions that these clubs could enter but they have failed to even create a team for disabled players.
In conclusion there are lots of provisions and chances to excel in the sport and gain a wider range of skills and coaching background. However it shows that more should be done to involve those who have a disability and are less able to participate as frequently as those with no disabilities. Websites for school leagues and other leagues should be updated more often and they should introduce more opportunities for male participation.

Appendix A

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<tr>
<th>Club Name</th>
<th>Ages</th>
<th>Training Venue and Time</th>
<th>NL League and extra information</th>
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<td>INGLIS NC</td>
<td>15+</td>
<td>Barnet Burnt Oak sports centre</td>
<td>They have 2 teams in the North London League, The A team is in division 1 and B team is in 3.</td>
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<td>MINCHENDEN NC</td>
<td>9+</td>
<td>East Barnet School Juniors – Wed: 6.00-7.30pm Seniors – Wed: 7.30-10.00pm</td>
<td>They have 6 teams in the NL league which is A-F. They also have 2 teams in the Middlesex County league where the A team is in the premier division and the B team is division 2. They also compete in the London and SE regional league div 1. Furthermore they have 3 junior squads in the NL league.</td>
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<td>OAKWOOD NC</td>
<td>10+</td>
<td>Winchmore School Seniors – Thurs: 8.00-10.00pm Juniors - Year 6+7 6.15-7.15pm Juniors – Year 8+9 7.15-8.15pm</td>
<td>They have 4 senior squads who compete in Middlesex county; Essex met county and NL leagues. They also have 3 junior squads in NL league.</td>
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<td>PALMERS GREEN NC</td>
<td>9+</td>
<td>Southbury Leisure Centre Thurs: 8.00-10.00pm</td>
<td>They have 4 teams in the NL league and also 3 junior squads in the same league.</td>
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<td>SPARKS NC</td>
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<td>Dame Alice Owens’ School Mon: 8.30-9.30pm</td>
<td>They have 2 teams in the NL league. The A team in division 2 and B team in div 4.</td>
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<td>OLD FINCUNIANS NC</td>
<td>16+</td>
<td>Woodhouse College Mon: 8.00-10.00pm</td>
<td>They have 3 teams in the NL league; the A and B team are in division 1 and C is in division 4.</td>
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### Appendix B (MINCHENDEN NETBALL CLUB)

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<th>Member</th>
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<td>Junior Member and Senior Student North London League Only</td>
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<td>Reserves</td>
<td>£30 fee upfront for registration with AENA and £5 pay per play fee with training and matches</td>
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### Appendix C

**Player Pathway**

- **CORE SERVICES** - Facilities, Workforce Development (Coaching, Officiating, Volunteering) Competition, Sport Science, Commercial
  - National Athletes
  - Participation
  - LTAD
  - Core Services for all
  - Talent Development

- **Development Pathway**
  - U13-18 Open England
  - Academy
  - Talent 1 & 2 Squads
  - Superleague
  - Regional & Premier Leagues for clubs

- **Festivals/local and district school/field/competition in age groups**
  - Local & District Leagues, Social and feeder leagues

- **Affiliated Clubs, Home of Netball Development**
  - Schools Netball Multi Skills Festival, H/F Festivals, Yr 7, Yr 8, 9, 10, 11, Level 1, 2, 3 Competition

- **Training to Compete**
  - Learning to Train (Part 1)
  - Learning to Train (Part 2)

- **Training to Win**
  - Training to Win

- **Retention**
  - 4. Training to Train

**Age**
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Appendix D

A version of 7-a-side netball has been formed for those in wheelchairs (but with adaptations to 4 and 5-a-side), although obviously the rules have been modified covering travelling and playing the ball.

Appendix E

Club Mark was developed in 2002 and involves partners such as National Governing Bodies (NGBs), Sport England, and ScUK. Working towards CAPS (club action planning scheme) enables the club to develop in a wide range of areas such as increasing membership and retaining members, developing coaches, umpires and volunteers, developing links with schools, raising the profile of your club and adopting good practice with regards to duty of care and sports equity.