SLA Bath & North East Somerset

Work for Bath is divided into 2 sections

1. Advisory Teacher
2. Welfare Liaison

Agreement of the SLA equates to 200 hours per year. Part of that 200 hours is preparation for training and includes meeting times, data collection and reporting.

Advisory Teacher is responsible for the following:

* School capacity building using the Gypsy Roma Traveller audit toolkit, developing an action plan with senior school managers and monitoring outcomes;
* Training that emerges from the audit, plus specific input for schools/groups of schools/settings and HE establishments regarding, for example, successful induction; self-ascription; attendance regulations (which are different for Travellers); curriculum development and cultural awareness;
* Outreach support to visiting Fairground families to support distance learning, where necessary.

Welfare Liaison role to include:

* Support for pupil tracking and Children Missing Education, linking with B&NES CME and providing any reports required by officers;
* Support for access and attendance to include home and school liaison visits;
* Provision of information/reports to inform LA decisions regarding sites

During the academic year 12/13 EMTAS were aware of 19 children attending 8 different schools. Groups worked with include English Gypsies/Irish Travellers/New Travellers/Bargee families.

Site Locations:

* Lower Bristol Road site – New Travellers.
* Queen Charlton x 2 – 1 Irish site and 1 English Gypsy site
* Bargee Families near Bathampton
* Visiting Fairground sites, which varies in location and numbers

Work we have been involved with this year:

* Support Elective Home Education visits
* Request for Welfare Report for Planning from family
* Presentation to South West Elective Home Education meeting
* Early College Placement
* Support CME Officer with school placement with non-engaging family
* Multi-Agency Meetings
* Providing food vouchers to vulnerable families
* Visit unauthorised encampment
* Offer of GRT audit to schools, but not really taken up due to low numbers.
* GRT Pupil Monitoring x3 over the academic year, plus advice and guidance (Twerton School)
* Training at Local Authority level at Fry Conference Centre, September 12, and Bath College.