Northern Ireland Coaching Workforce Survey 2010

Presentation of Priorities for Actions

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Rationale

1. Limited attempts to gather information on coaching and coaches over the last 15 years

- 2. Need for accurate and up-to-date information on coaching:
 - size and profile of the coaching workforce
 - its skills and capacity
 - extent to which supply meets demand (on both a sport by sport and geographical basis)



Next Steps

- Launch Sept 2011
- Follow up GB's and 11 Consortia Oct 11
- Coach Development Network (2009)
 - Excellent forum to share information, discuss challenges & begin to build systems.
- Findings not unexpected!!
- Progress being made...but how do we work moving forward?



Key findings - Focus Group

"I think all of them across the board have poor communication with the coaches, I don't think any of them have cracked it. I came into the office today and sat beside a coach who received an e-mail. He got the email and I didn't because I'm not on the database."



What is happening?

- Maintenance of good quality coaching data
 - Recommended data fields produced (sports coach UK)
 - Rationale for each field
 - Consistency of approach
 - Improve information transfer
- Best practice emerging within GB's & LA's
 - Ulster Rugby Coach Management system
 - Coach-mark scheme



Key Findings - Other Roles for Coaches

- 50% are participants in sport;
- 37% are match / event officials;
- 30% are parents / helpers;
- Less than 10% have no other role besides coaching; and
- Some variations by sport.



What's happening?

SSP Coach Academy Programme

- Young coaches, majority still participating
- Support transition from participant to coach
- Training Needs Analysis
- Establish Personal Development Plan
- Supported and managed through:
 - generic Coach Academy provision
 - specific opportunities for each individual



Key Findings - Coaching Level

- More than 80% coach at club level;
- 66% coach at beginners level;
- 46% coach at recreational level;
- Less than 10% coach at elite level;
- More than 30% coaching for schools / colleges; and
- More than 20% coaching for NGBs.



What's happening?

- Club Coaching Coordinators
 - Pilot schemes & sport specific work
 - Focused support towards clubs:
 - ✓ Needs-led education programmes
 - ✓ Direct link to governing body staff
 - ✓ Networking opportunities
 - √'Light touch' mentoring



Key findings - Future Progress

- 88% committed to continuing to coach;
- 77% would like work towards a qualification
- However, only 25% actively working towards another qualification
- Gap between the two figures suggests that there are constraints to progress.



What's happening?

- Mentoring support
 - Training provision / models of best practice
 - Cross Sport pilot project
 - Coach Educator Networks
- Coach Development Programmes
 - TNA/PDP service provision
 - Group and Individual development programmes
 - SSP and North West projects



High Performance Coach Development Pathway



