

# GCE Physical Education - Exemplar Material

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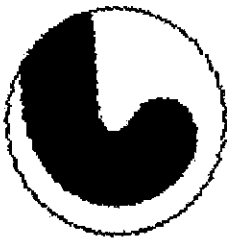
## **Task 2.2 – Local Study (Hockey)**

### **Commentary**

This is a very good attempt to complete the local task and cover all the associated areas. The candidate has focused on the local club and schools provisions but the depth of this area could have been improved including the candidates own school and the competitions open to her. There is some information on funding, the disabled and umpiring but no coverage of coaching routes and provisions. There is strong evidence of research in the informative appendixes.

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## 2.2- The Local Study- Hockey



INTRODUCTION:  ENGLAND HOCKEY  
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This presentation offers an overview of the hockey provision in my local area. Hockey is a well-developed sport at grass root level in Oxfordshire. There are local clubs, a strong inter school structure with organised fixture, annual school county tournaments, school regional tournaments and national level competitions. The National Governing Body, 'England Hockey' and the Local Governing Body 'Oxfordshire Hockey Association' is dedicated to supporting the development of hockey clubs in the county and encourages the development at school level (see appendix 1).

### SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES:

Hockey is encouraged in schools and is played in most secondary and primary schools. The under 11age group play an adapted version (Mini hockey) which offers a safer introduction for younger participants.

Most secondary schools organise weekly fixtures against each other to help develop the player's game. The West Oxfordshire Schools Sport Partnership (WOSSP) is responsible for 6 schools in west Oxfordshire. This government initiative helps improve school sport across England. WOSSP organises tournaments amongst schools to encourage participation and gives students the opportunity to play at competitive level.



### CLUB:

Witney Hockey Club, a local well-established club, has over 200 members; this includes juniors, men and women. There are 5 men's teams, 3 ladies teams 1 mixed team and Under 9's through to Under 18's. This is a typical hockey club that encourages local people to join for competition hockey, recreational hockey and fitness. There are two Astroturf pitches close to town for convenience. Junior training is on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. There are 19 other Local clubs in Oxfordshire that encourage players of all abilities and are accessible for all ages and gender. These clubs play in different leagues with both junior, mixed and senior teams (see Appendix 2).



### ORGANISATION AND FUNDING:

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## 1) Public Funding

Hockey has become a popular sport in England and Oxfordshire and receives funding from a number of organisations (See Appendix 3 and 4). Sport England invests money into grass root level hockey. This is to help develop players for Olympic level and National level. Sport England also invests money into the National Governing Body, England Hockey (See appendix 4) Local hockey clubs have committees to manage their finances, they are self-funding and rely on members to raise money and to pay annual subscriptions. A typical annual subscription is £40-£80.

## 2) Private Funding:

District councils within Oxfordshire, provide grants to potentially talented athletes and those who are interested in coaching hockey. These grants and award monies can vary depending on the athlete's ability, from £50 - £1,500 for higher achievers. Players often need to be playing at international level to receive individual sponsorship from top named brands (see appendix 5). Local sponsorship can be sort from private companies and individual sponsors, but this relies on players to find the sponsorship.

## FACILITIES AND OPPORTUINIIES:

There are many different facilities for hockey; school facilities, local sport centres or individual hockey centres and these can be used by local teams or schools and for league fixtures and training. However, these facilities are not available across every school so students may have to rely on local clubs to participate in hockey.

The majority of hockey pitches are in the public sector and are provided and managed by Oxfordshire District and City Councils. There are some schools that open up their facilities to county team events and local teams on a regular basis for payment.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISABLED:



There are no hockey teams purely for participants who have disabilities, but people with physical and learning disabilities are not excluded from playing hockey in Oxfordshire. Participants can play at school, club and county level. Facilities are adapted for access, however the uptake is low, this might indicate that there is not enough provision and easy access or that participation is not encouraged.

Oxfordshire Sports Partnership offers a wide range of sports for the disabled, however there are no listings for hockey. England hockey offer an adapted version of hockey called 'Zone Hockey', but this is not available in Oxfordshire.



## GENDRE ISSUES:

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Hockey is a good example where there are opportunities for both men and women to play single sex games or mixed hockey games in Oxfordshire. (See appendix 2 ) There are mixed sex league games and friendly mixed league games. Whilst this helps unite both sections together, men's hockey is generally more dominant in terms of the numbers that participate.



#### VOLUNTARY SECTOR:

There are many opportunities for hockey players to voluntarily help with coaching, leading and umpiring (see appendix 6 and 7). England Hockey provides courses to improve leadership skills, for example, Foundation, Coaching and Umpiring Awards. Many schools offer programs such as, Junior Sports Leader Award (JSLA) and Community Sports Leader Award (CSLA). There are always opportunities for people to get involved with the development of hockey and the players, either by helping coaching or organising events. (See Appendix 6 and 7)

#### UMPIRING

Two umpiring awards for grass root level awarded by England Hockey:

- **Foundation award** – can be delivered in schools and clubs. This is good for encouraging local umpiring and is easily accessible. It is designed for inexperienced players, which means that ability will not affect an individual's opportunity.
- **Level 1 award** – This award can be used for local and county level competitions, which benefits and improves local provision as it gives more individuals the qualification to umpire at grass root and first level elite hockey. Most counties have an Hockey Umpiring Association (HUA) so the award can be undertaken locally so travelling will not affect an individuals opportunity.

#### IMPROVMENTS AND COMPARISON:

I think that the opportunities for hockey in my local area offer a varied range of activities. There are some excellent facilities, well-established clubs and leagues. However, one improvement that could be made is the opportunities for disabled players and information about how to involve more volunteers. The England hockey association could help this by offering more information to local grass roots to enable local clubs and sport organisations to advertise and promote these provisions. Oxfordshire as a county, produces excellent players which demonstrates the opportunities for grass root level performers. I feel that this study gives an in depth and varied investigation into the opportunities and provision within Oxfordshire. The Internet is the main source for accessing information.

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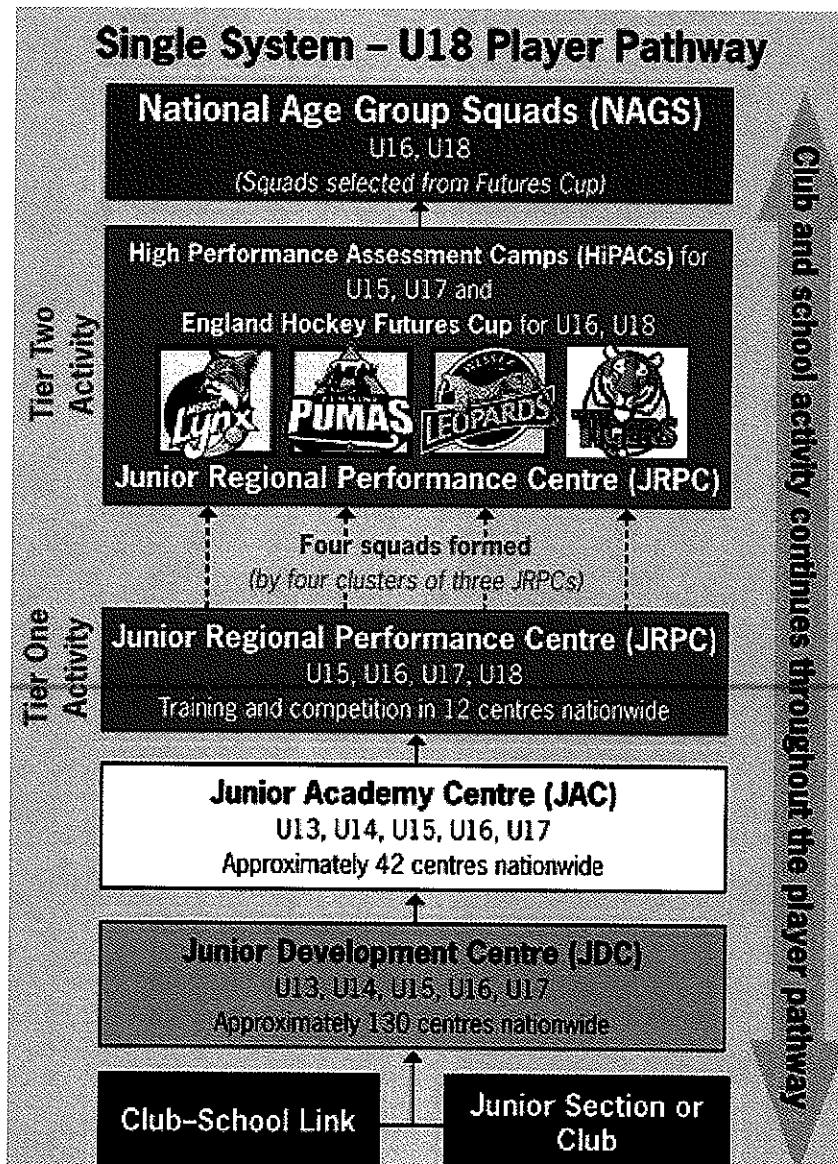
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- *Edexcel AS PE*, by Mike Hill, Colin Maskery and Gavin Roberts

- Student Unit Guide, Edexcel AS Unit 1, Physical Education, Participation in sport and recreation by Mike Hill and Gavin Roberts.
- England Hockey, volunteer for hockey, leadership awards
- Mini Hockey – Rules and Information (2008) England Hockey

## Appendices

### Appendix 1



## Appendix 2

Club	Men's	Ladies	Mixed	Juniors
West Witney		Yes		Yes
Wychwood		Yes		
Banbury	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Oxford Hawks	Yes	Yes		Yes
Rover Oxford	Yes	Yes		Yes
City of Oxford	Yes	Yes		Yes
Wallingford	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Henley	Yes	Yes		Yes
Oxford University	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Bicester	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Abingdon	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Witney	Yes			Yes
Abingdon Pilgrims		Yes		
Chipping Norton				Yes
Kidlington		Yes		
Adastral			Yes	
Gladiators			Yes	
Great Milton			Yes	
Thame	Yes	Yes	Yes	

## Appendix 3

### About Oxfordshire Sports Partnership

The Oxfordshire Sports Partnership is the collective term used to describe the network of agencies, groups and individuals who are committed to achieving the shared vision for Oxfordshire, which is:

**'Everyone in Oxfordshire enjoying a more active lifestyle and achieving personal success through sport'**

The purpose of the Partnership is to be :

**'The strategic partnership for sport in Oxfordshire that delivers local, regional and national priorities in such a way that brings added value to all partners'**



The Partnership came into its fully formed structure with the start of a core team in October 2006 and launched its strategy 'Our Sporting Future' in November 2006.

The Oxfordshire Sports Partnership is one of the 49 County Sports Partnerships within England, which was instigated and funded by Sport England.

Sport England are the main funder but additional funding also comes from the five District Authorities, National Governing Bodies of Sport and the Youth Sport Trust.

<http://www.oxfordshiresport.org/landingpage.asp?section=20&sectionTitle=About>

## Appendix 4

Sport England announced an investment of £480 million for the period 2009-2013 to deliver grassroots sporting opportunities ( accessed December 2009 :[http://www.sportengland.org/funding/ngb\\_investment.aspx](http://www.sportengland.org/funding/ngb_investment.aspx))

## Appendix 5

### **Player and Team Sponsorship**

TK offer sponsorship to individual players and teams competing in the English Hockey League and at International level only. If you meet this criteria please email us your details and a brief playing history (required for individuals only)

[http://www.tkhockey.co.uk/TK\\_and\\_you/index.php](http://www.tkhockey.co.uk/TK_and_you/index.php)

## Appendix 6

Sports Leaders UK provides nationally recognised leadership qualifications and awards that help people develop essential life skills such as organisation, motivation, communication and working with others. All of the qualifications and awards are practical - candidates learn by doing rather than through written work. And, we don't do exams - assessment is made upon a candidate's ability to lead and demonstrate their leadership skills for a certain period of time, within a specific setting.

*Sport Leadership Awards (level 2) -*<http://www.sportsleaders.org/our-awardsqualifications/level-2-award-in-community-sports-leadership.aspx>

*Sports Leadership Award (Level 1) -* <http://www.sportsleaders.org/our-awardsqualifications/level-1-award-in-sports-leadership.aspx>

## Appendix 7

In hockey, volunteers can participate in literally hundreds of roles from club or school right through to the very top of the international programme. Those of us who volunteer may be coaches or umpires, we may be club officials or the bar-keeper, the tea maker, a member of the ball patrol team, the pitch setter-upper, the pitch supervisor at a major event, the junior team manager, the club web-master, the fixture secretary, the welfare officer, the membership secretary, the social secretary, the match official...the list is endless.

There are two very important facts that can't escape us...

- **Number 1** is that volunteers are the heartbeat of hockey in England and...
- **Number 2** is that volunteers are massively valuable to our sport

Volunteers are the heartbeat of most sports and it is because of the role they play, the size of the responsibilities they undertake and the value of their actions, that sports governing bodies, sports clubs and organisations seriously value volunteers and volunteering.