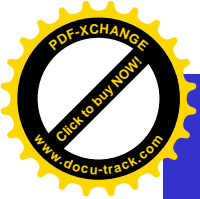


Sexual Health and Wellbeing in North and West Belfast

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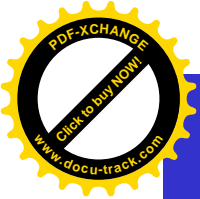
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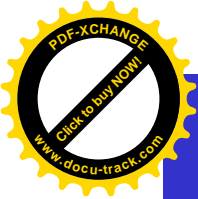
Sexual Health and Wellbeing in Northern Ireland

- The sexual health of the population of N & W Belfast is relatively poor.
- This is reflected in the number of unintended pregnancies as well as the increase in the number of STIs, including HIV/AIDS.
- Teenage Births (2004) – 13.6% of all births in N&W, compared to 8.2% in EHSSB area.



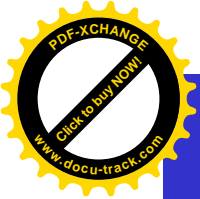
Strategic Context

- Priorities for Action 2005/6
- Investing for Health
- Myths and Realities
- Section 75 N.I. Act (1998)



Strategic Context

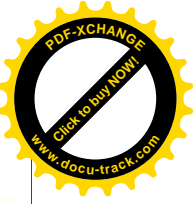
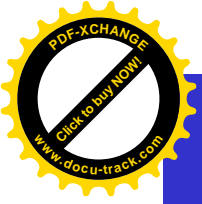
- New Targeting Social Need Policy Document
- Teenage Pregnancy & Parenting: Strategy & Action Plan (2002-2007)
- HAZ Strategy to Promote the Sexual Health & Well-being of Young People in N & W Belfast



HAZ Sexual Health and Well-being Strategy

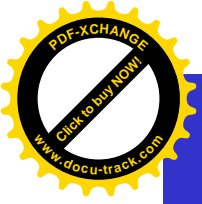


- Recurring theme in HAZ
- Cross-sectoral group (May 2000)
- Multi-agency writing group
- Final Draft accepted (October 2002)



Process of Developing Strategy

- Not "re-inventing the wheel"
- Consultation: Various views represented
- Sensitive Manner:
 - Writing → Implementation
- Project Board/Sub-groups



Aim and Purpose of the Strategy

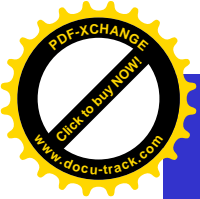


Aim:

To Promote Positive Sexual Health and Wellbeing of Young People in North and West Belfast

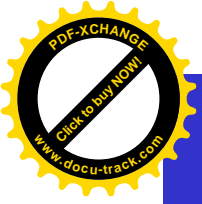
Purpose:

- Knowledge and skill
- Informed decisions & choices
- Personal relationships & sexual health



Objectives

1. To ensure that all young people have access to high quality RSE appropriate to their age & needs.
2. To increase the availability and accessibility of sexual health services which meet the needs of young people.
3. To ensure that young people have access to accurate information through existing and innovative methods of information dissemination.



Objectives (cont'd)



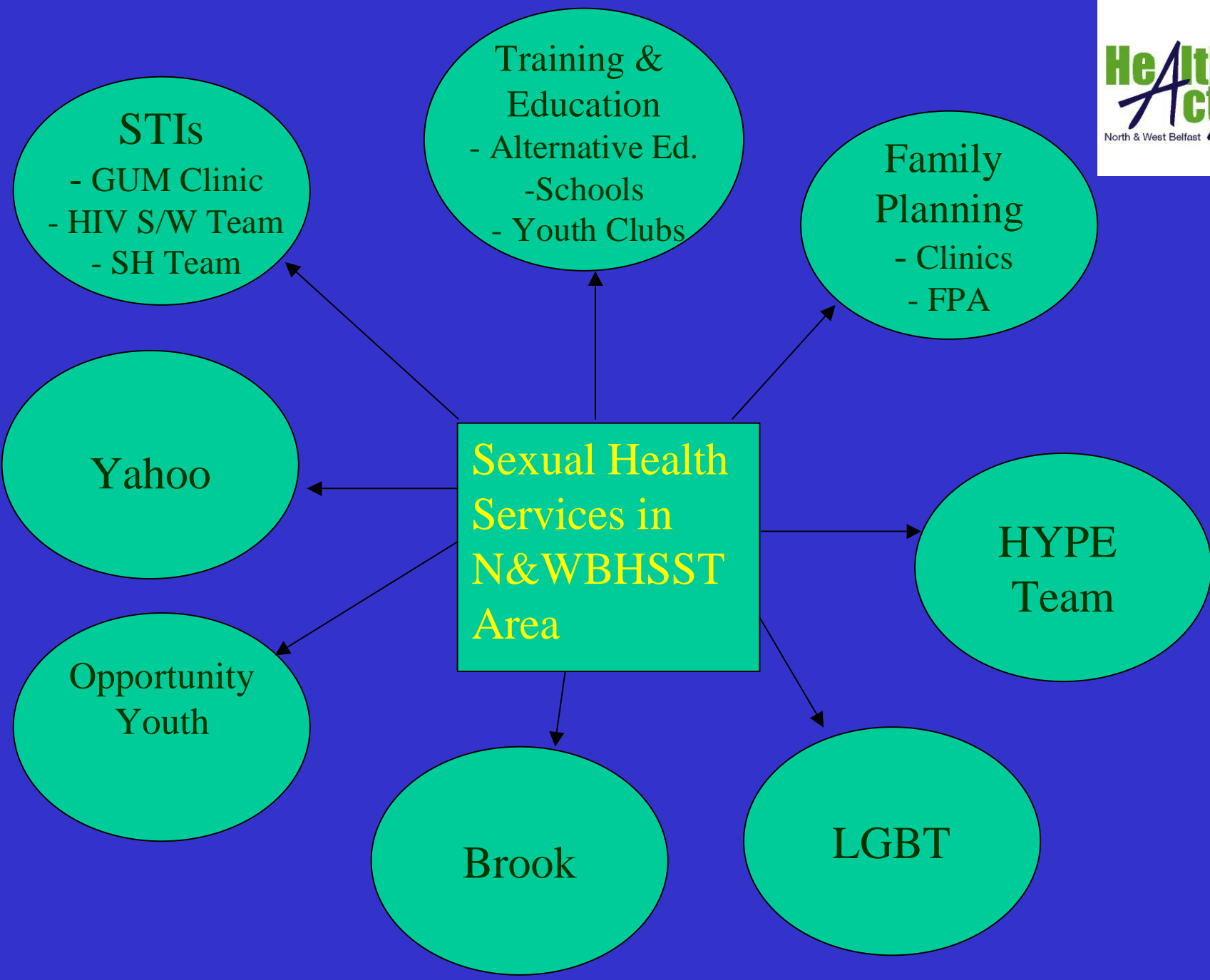
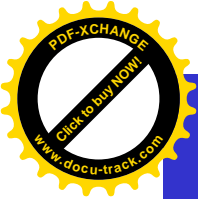
4. To promote a social climate which is supportive of young people and their sexual needs.
5. To encourage research on sexual health services and education initiatives aimed at young people.
6. To encourage evaluation and promote good practice in the field.

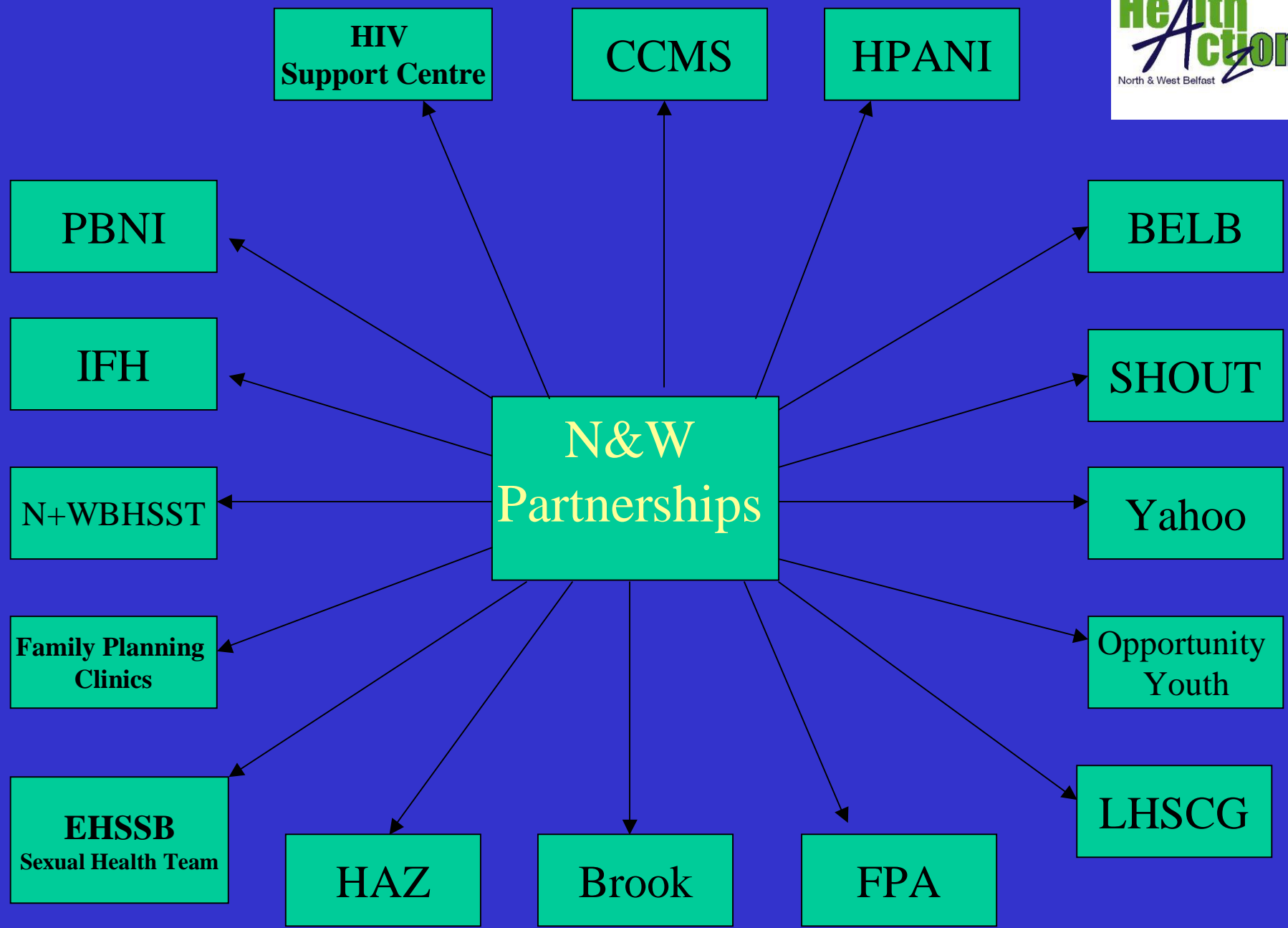
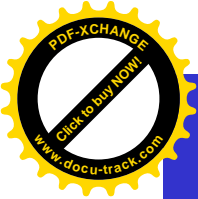


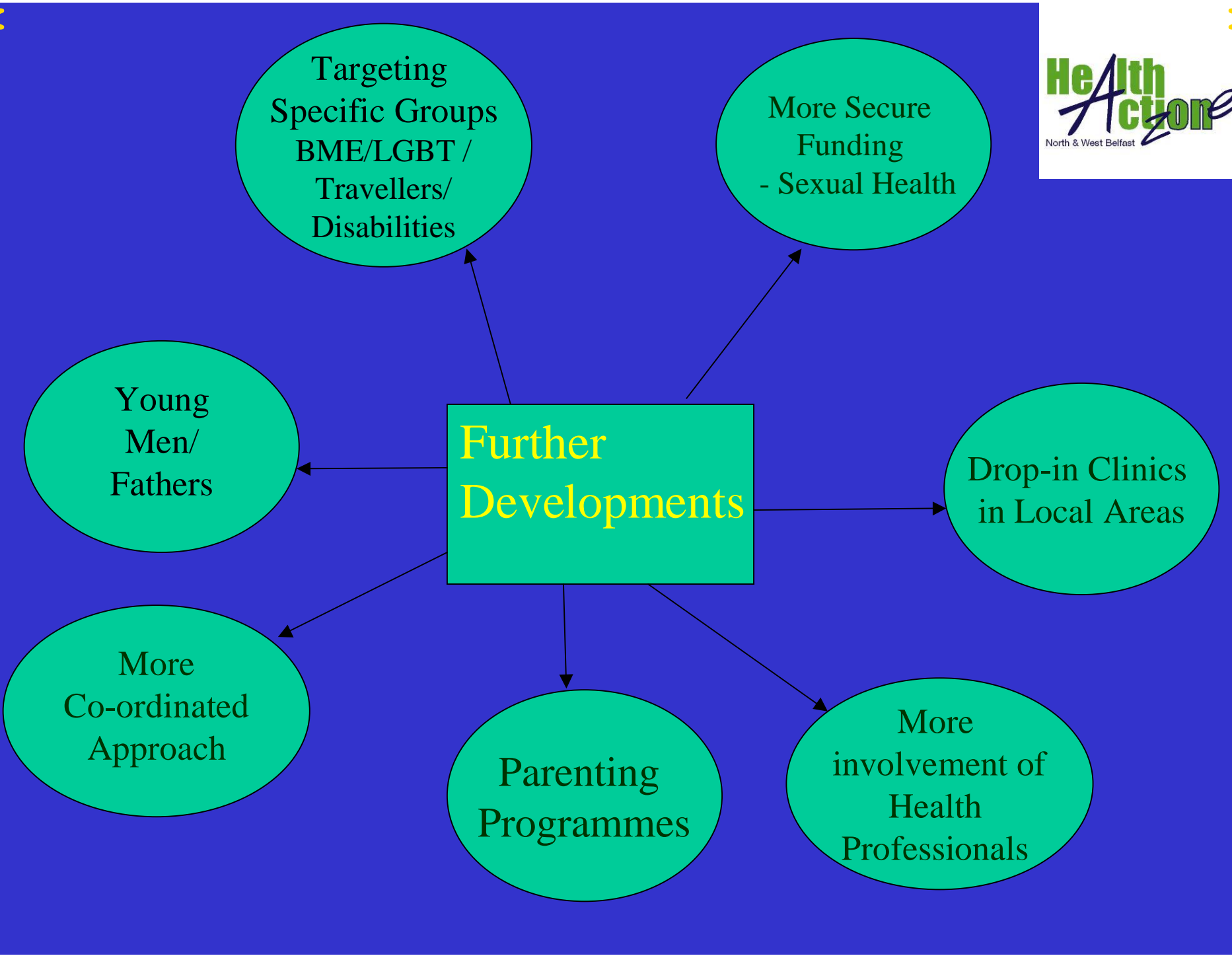
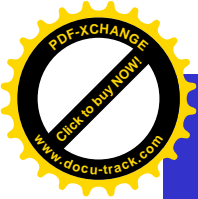
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Moving Forward







Targeting Specific Groups
BME/LGBT /
Travellers/
Disabilities

More Secure Funding
- Sexual Health

Young Men/
Fathers

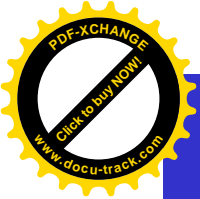
Drop-in Clinics
in Local Areas

Further
Developments

More Co-ordinated
Approach

Parenting
Programmes

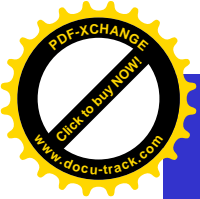
More involvement of
Health Professionals



Summary: Development Opportunities



- A co-ordinated central reference point of all S.H. Services within N & W Belfast would prevent duplication & promote access of existing services
- Additional funding from Dept. of Health to ensure access to GUM Clinics & necessary support services



Summary: Development Opportunities



- Partnership working with all agencies to ensure high quality best practice & user friendly services
- Ensure needs of Section 75 are fulfilled as pertaining to S.H.P. Strategy
- Men's Health – encourage co-ordination across initiatives.