Northumberland

Impact 25 is part of the £12 million secured from Sport England to the RFU to ensure there is a legacy from the 2025 World Cup. As part of this we have identified "hotspots" around host cities for games that should feel a significant boost from the event.
As part of the Stadium of Light hosting the opening game for the tournament we have created a list of clubs that make up the Sunderland Hotspot. These clubs have been identified as we believe they have potential to see growth, have engaged with RFU projects across 23/24 and already have an existing female rugby offer. There are some clubs not on this list with a female rugby offer in your county who are doing some great work, these clubs will still get RFU support and access to certain Impact 2025 Projects that are relevant to them.

The clubs in Northumberland that are in the Sunderland Hotspot;

- Novo's
- Ashington
- North Shields
- Northern

The main aim of this hotspot is to create a development plan with each club around their female rugby offer. Liam Nicholls will be reaching out to the clubs and starting this process. From the development plan we will then be able to signpost the club to some projects that might help them achieve what they outline in that process.
An example of some of the support being offered Northumberland clubs as part of Impact 25 are;

- Free coaching and match official courses; these were offered to clubs over the summer, across the 4 clubs 8 vouchers have been allocated.
- Clubs will be offered the chance to nominate an Impact Champion and get support around coach and match official recruitment
- Toilet upgrade grants (3 of the clubs have accessed this)
- The Rugby School Manager role hosted by the Royal Grammar school
- The proposed Rugby School Manager role to be hosted by North Shields/Northern and Wallsend
- An Our Parks partnership with the club and weekley sessions held as part of this (Ashington)

There will be more to come and this will all be linked to the plans that Liam creates with the clubs. We will aim to keep you updated via this format on a regular basis going forward. As mentioned above there will be several Impact 25 projects that are open to all clubs in Northumberland and this will be reported via your normal meetings with Andrew Soutar.

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HOTSPOT UPDATE

DECEMBER

The hotspot is a boosted focus on a limited amount of clubs that we think will benefit from the opening game of the world cup at the stadium of light now announced as England v USA

General Update;

- The Schools Rugby Manager post with Wallsend, Northern and North Shields has been appointed and Jack should be delivering in local schools in January.
- We lost the option to offer Our Parks sessions to Ashington as the company couldn't find a deliverer in the area to take the sessions on.

Novo's	Focus is on U12 and U14 girls numbers. Facility development is the main focus, followed by player recruitment.	Facility development- Social Space Grant, and Changing Room Grant. Player recruitment- School Rugby Manager post at the RGS. Other support; linking with the WI, they are receiving 2 coaching vouchers.
Total number of girls registered 23/24 season= 67, total currently registered= 32 (none registered at U14 or U16 girls. 3 registered at U12 girls)		
Ashington	Focus is on U12, U14 and U16 girls numbers. Player recruitment is main focus, followed by volunteer support/development	Player Recruitment- Joining Coastal Partnership, Volunteer support- TBC Other support; Small grant for social space upgrades.
Total number of girls registered 23/24 season= 33, total currently registered = 28		
Northern	Focus is on U12. Player recruitment is the main focus with volunteer recruitment to set up a womens team next.	Player recruitment- Clubs School Rugby Manager Volunteer recruitment;receiving 6 coaching vouchers. Other support- small grant for changing room upgrades.
total number of girls registered 23/24 season = 61, total currently registered= 96		
North Shields	Focus is U12,U16 and adult player numbers. Play recruitment is the main focus, followed by facility development and volunteer recruitment.	Player recruitment- Clubs School Rugby Manager Facility Development; Social Space Grant and Small Grant for signage, Club House Wins. Volunteer Recruitment- TBC
total number of girls registered 23/24 season = 17, total currently registered 42		

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HOTSPOT UPDATE

JANUARY

GREEN STARS INDICATE CHANGE/PROGRESS

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Total number of girls registered 23/24 season= 67, total currently registered= 32 (none registered at U14 or U16 girls. 3 registered at U12 girls) no change since Dec		
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Northern	Focus is on U12. Player recruitment is the main focus with volunteer recruitment to set up a womens team next.	Player recruitment- Clubs School Rugby Manager Volunteer recruitment;using 2 of the 6 coaching vouchers allocated. Receiving the volunteer recruitment grant Other support- small grant for changing room upgrades.
total number of girls registered 23/24 season = 61, total currently registered= 97 grown by 1 since Dec		
North Shields	Focus is U12,U16 and adult player numbers. Play recruitment is the main focus, followed by facility development and volunteer recruitment.	Player recruitment- Clubs School Rugby Manager Facility Development; Social Space Grant and Small Grant for signage, Club House Wins.
total number of girls registered 23/24 season = 17, total currently registered 44 grown by 2 since Dec		

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HOTSPOT UPDATE
APRIL

- A Joint bid between Northumberland, Durham and Falcons to the North East Authority has been successful and will fund activity such as beach festivals across the summer. Penny has lead on this and will take the projects forward with her group.
- We held an open call on 3rd March to cover all things Impact 25, it was well attended by clubs from the North East and we plan to host the next one on the 14th May.
- We have offered T1 Rugby training and a kit package to a limited number of clubs to help support clubs have this offer for transition players from school recruitment to club.
- Things coming up in the next few months- Girl Guides partnership, Summer Coaching Conferences, Vouchers for females in coaching or match official roles.

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Total number of girls registered 23/24 season= 67, total **currently registered= 34 a drop of 33** players. 104 women registered.		
Ashington	Focus is on U12, U14 and U16 girls numbers. Player recruitment is main focus, followed by volunteer support/development	Player Recruitment- Joint Coastal Partnership, Volunteer support- receiving volunteer recruitment grant. Other support; Small grant for social space upgrades.
Total number of girls registered 23/24 season= 33, total **currently registered = 27 a drop of 6** players		
Northern	Focus is on U12. Player recruitment is the main focus with volunteer recruitment to set up a womens team next.	Player recruitment- Clubs School Rugby Manager Volunteer recruitment;using 2 of the 6 coaching vouchers allocated. Receiving the volunteer recruitment grant Other support- small grant for changing room upgrades.
total number of girls registered 23/24 season = 61, total **currently registered= 99 grown by 38** players		
North Shields	Focus is U12,U16 and adult player numbers. Play recruitment is the main focus, followed by facility development and volunteer recruitment.	Player recruitment- Clubs School Rugby Manager Facility Development; Social Space Grant and Small Grant for signage, Club House Wins.
total number of girls registered 23/24 season = 17, total **currently registered 55 grown by 38** players. Also started a women's team.		