

Cultural & Economic Services Committee

Date: 11 March 2019

Title: Update on TACTIC
November 2018 – January 2019

Purpose of the Report: To ratify decision for core funding of Talk Time provision

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Corporate Objective/s	LLTC Three Year Plan – No 14. Expand the reach of TACTIC by initiating a “hub & spoke” model across the town.	
Implications:		
Financial	√	Within existing budget
Human Resources		
Operational/Service delivery	√	General Update
Procedural/Legal		
Risk/Health and Safety		

1. RECOMMENDATION/S

Should members be minded, the proposals is:

1.1 To endorse the continuation of the Talk-Space, contracted emotional wellbeing service for the next financial year, as per 4.4.

2. YOUTH WORK: NOVEMBER 2018 TO JANUARY 2019

- Youth forum members attended the WW1 Remembrance Day event on 11/11/18 and three young people took part in the reading out the names of the fallen. Their WW1 Art Murals were also proudly on display for this public gathering. The works will be installed on the TACTIC garden wall for future display.
- The annual Christmas meal for ‘older’ residents took place at Astral Park and 41 people attended and enjoyed a 3-course meal and social get together. Donations were generously received from local shops toward the food/decorations.
- The youth workers have been promoting the centre via outreach work and have attended three school assemblies and Central Bedfordshire College’s wellbeing fayre. Following these attendances, an increase in the drop-in attendance has increased, mainly with under 16’s.

- Pop Art workshops started in January and has been running for seven weeks. The project is funded through a Central Bedfordshire Council's (CBC) Positive Activity Grant and sessions are well attended.

3. Youth Forum

- 3.1 The current Youth Forum (YF) project has seen the group working on a Top Ten Tips mental health handy size booklet for other young people. The YF also hope to take part in some future training to enable them to deliver peer awareness discussions on mental health.
- 3.2 The YF is also involved in the CBC Children's & Young People board. Representatives are involved in the youth manifesto event on 12th March where young people from across Bedfordshire will be sharing their concerns and discussing on key issues affecting young people.
- 3.3 The YF group membership will be changing over the months ahead as older members move on and new, younger members, get involved. This natural change cycle will have an impact on the group's work over the year until the group is re-established and formed.

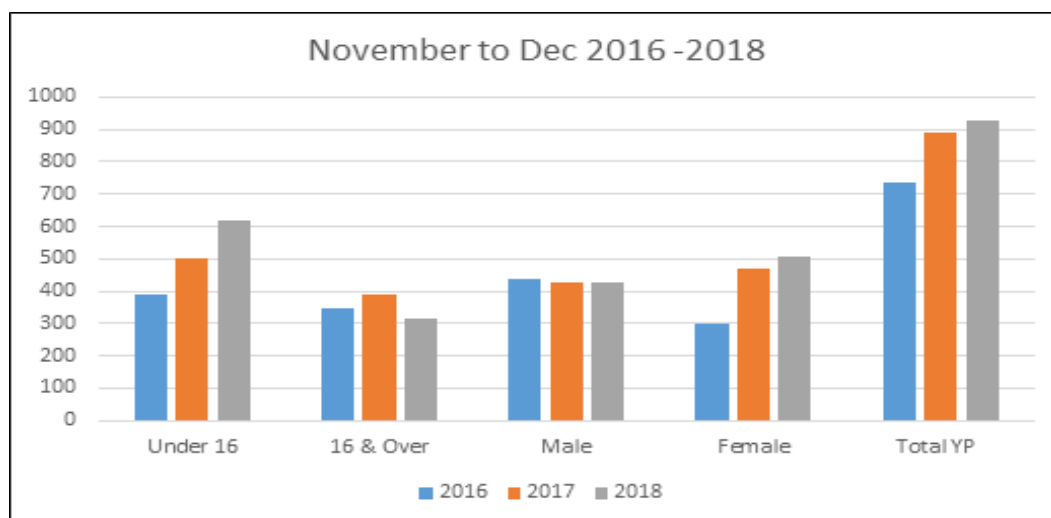
4. Talk-Space (Emotional Well-Being Service)

- 4.1 At its meeting on 03/09/2018, Committee endorsed (Ref. 129/CE) the proposal and use of existing budget to secure a counselling service contract directly with a provider. The Council through TACTIC, subsequently entered into a contract with CHUMs to deliver an emotional wellbeing service as a pilot service ending on 31st March 2019.
- 4.2 A review of current delivery has taken place and the service is working well having experienced full take-up of appointments from the start of the contract. Referrals have mainly come from parents, doctor's and through self-referral. A total of 12 young people will have received intensive support over this 12-week service period.
- 4.4 The proposal is to continue the contract for the next budget year. During the year, officers will continue to seek alternative funding income and the attending of Health funded provision to take place at the centre.
- 4.5 On 26 March 2019, the TACTIC Manager will be attending a county-wide Children and Young People's Mental Health and Wellbeing forum to gain information and participate in a general discussion on service provision locally.

5. Staffing Update

- 5.1 All current staff have been updating their 'safeguarding' training as good practice and key staff have attended: multi-agency 'county lines & gangs' training days, 'mental health first aiders' and 'emergency first aiders' at work.
- 5.2 The Centre Manager has been invited to sit on a BRIF (Building Resilience In Families) professional's early intervention group. This will identify pre-support for families or young people in the Leighton/Linslade area.

6 Statistics and Attendance



- 6.1 There has been an increase of attendance with new under 16 year olds attending the drop-in session after school. Comparison over the three years show there is a changing pattern in age groups attending and males/boys have stayed comparatively similar and an increase in more females/younger girls attending the centre.
- 6.2 There have been 35 appointments held with specialist agencies:

	4YP	Talk-Space	Totals
Nov 18	7	0	7
Dec 18	2	0	2
Jan 19	6	20	26
Total	15	20	35

- 6.3 Individual 121 support with a TACTIC Youth Worker during November 2018 – January 2019 saw **94** undertaken, either via mentoring support or drop-in. The order of most presenting issues were: School, Family, Mental Health and Sexual Health.

7 Future Project Work over the coming months include :

- Monday - Music workshops

- Friday Foody - fun snacks / life skills
- Easter Playscheme for 8 – 11yr olds
- Easter Activity week for 12-19yr olds
- Spring satellite sport project.

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