

**Cultural & Economic Services Committee**

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**Date:** 3 June 2019

**Title:** Update on TACTIC

**Purpose of the Report:** To update members of work undertaken at TACTIC in February, March, April 2019

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<b>Corporate Objective/s</b>		VIBRANCY AND VITALITY OF TOWN AND TOWN CENTRE To consider ways to support the increase in leisure and personal development opportunities for youth.
<b>Implications:</b>		
<b>Financial</b>		
<b>Human Resources</b>		
<b>Operational/Service delivery</b>	√	General Update
<b>Procedural/Legal</b>		
<b>Risk/Health and Safety</b>		

**1. RECOMMENDATION**

**Should Members be minded, the recommendation is:**

**1.1 To note the report.**

**2. INTRODUCTION**

**2.1** An introduction to the TACTIC service is found at **Appendix A.**

**3. YOUTH WORK: FEBRUARY 2019 TO APRIL 2019**

- A TACTIC Youth Volunteer won the High Sheriff's Young People's Citizenship Award for her outstanding contribution to volunteering in Leighton Buzzard.
- The Pop Art project was completed with young people displaying their final Art on Canvas in the front windows of TACTIC for a community display.
- TANG group has seen a variety of activities over the months with a visit to Tring Museum and two new youth volunteers have joined the group.
- Awareness themes on eating disorders, county lines, sexual health, gaming addiction and LGBTQ/ sexuality have taken place.

- Easter Project saw week one with a daily play scheme for 8-11yr olds and in week two we held a first aid training day, garden mural art, market stall activities and a special drop-in.
- A basketball v tennis session was held at Pages Park to gauge interest in outdoor sports with basketball being the favoured activity to further explore.
- The centre manager was involved in a multi-agency mapping group to discuss local concerns with traveller boys and sexual exploitation towards girls.

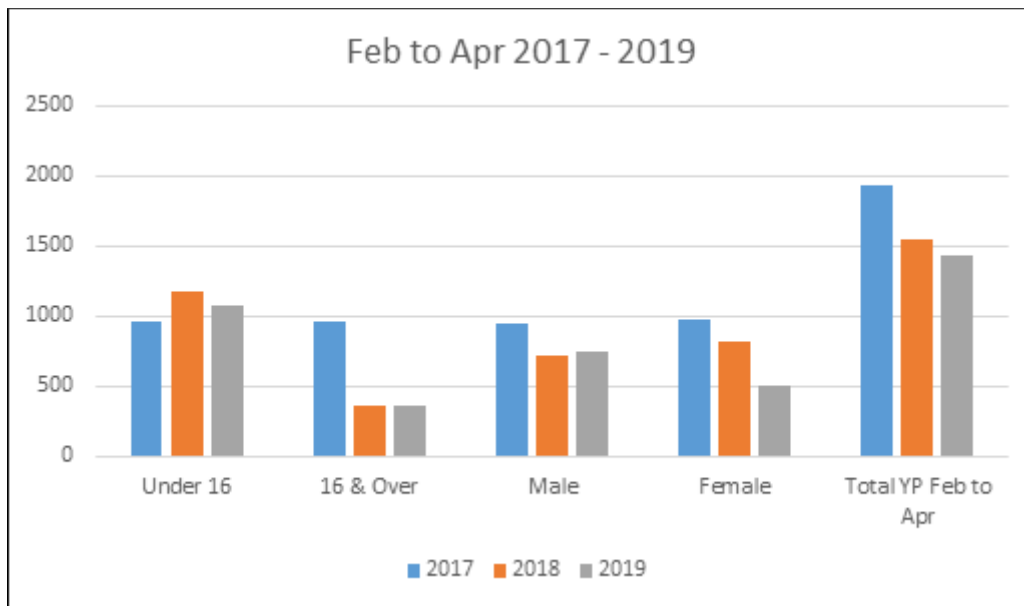
#### **4. Youth Forum**

- 4.1 The current Youth Forum (YF) project has seen the group design a Top Ten Tips mental health handy size booklet for other young people. Training for the new 'Puzzled Minds' peer education project is underway to enable young people to raise awareness on mental health and will commence on 29<sup>th</sup> May.
- 4.2 The YF group membership has now changed. Older members move on and are busy with exams. We now have four new young people involved. This natural change cycle will have an impact on the group's work over the year ahead until the group is re-established and formed.

#### **5. Staffing Update**

- 5.1 One of our part-time youth support workers has left to develop opportunities with the town council at Astral Park. We hope to recruit to this vacancy over the coming months.
- 5.2 The Centre Manager and some staff will be attending training to update on drugs awareness, cyber online safety and adolescent brain development. Training is free and available to professionals across Bedfordshire.

#### **6. Statistics and Attendance**



There has been a slight drop in attendance with less girls attending in this period. There have been some concerns in town with Traveller boys bullying other young people and intimidating others, so some young people have chosen not to come into the town centre or drop-in at TACTIC as a result.

6.1 There have been 57 appointments held with specialist agencies:

	4YP	Talk-Space	Work Club	Totals
<b>Feb</b>	4	12	2	<b>19</b>
<b>Mar</b>	9	16	3	<b>28</b>
<b>Apr</b>	4	3	3	<b>10</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>57</b>

6.2 Individual one-to-one (121) support with a TACTIC Youth Workers during February 2019 – April 2019 saw **61** undertaken, either via mentoring support or drop-in. The order of most presenting issues were - School, Mental Health, Family, and Sexual Health. Mentoring referrals over this period have seen a total of 10 Young People.

## 7. Future Project Work over the coming months include:

- Basketball satellite sport project.
- Puzzled Minds mental health training.
- Summer Play scheme for 8 – 11yr olds.
- Summer Project for 12-19yr olds.

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