



Date: 12 June 2017

Title: TACTIC Update

Purpose of the Report: To update Members of work undertaken at TACTIC during March and April 2017

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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:		
Operational/Service delivery	√	

## 1. RECOMMENDATION

### 1.1 To note the report

## 2. BACKGROUND – Youth Work Programme

### a. March to April 2017

During the past two months awareness raising and information at the centre has included the following youth work themes and Easter spring activity programme:

- ❖ Racism and Sexism awareness to enable group discussions on attitudes and understanding of others took place.
- ❖ Bullying and suicide awareness info and where young people can go for help and support.
- ❖ The youth forum took part in a focus group around domestic violence.
- ❖ A play scheme for 8-11yr olds was held over Easter and was attended by 50 children over the three days. Positive comments from parents were received and the children took part in many fun play activities.
- ❖ An Arts week for 13-18yrs also took place over Easter with street art, contemporary dance, animation and spoken word in the afternoons. 23 Teenagers attended over the three day project and the daily drop-in was open as normal.

### b. Agencies

TACTIC has the following specialist agencies onsite, offering their service and using TACTIC as a key town centre base for young people. During March and April the following appointments were held:

- **4YP** (contracted by Central Bedfordshire Council) offer specialist careers, employment and training advice on a weekly basis at TACTIC. **12**

appointments for those who are not in education, training or employment (NEET) were supported.

- **Relate** (Provide the 'Talk Time' youth counselling services) and **29** appointments were held. TACTIC has also been involved in CAMH reviews at both the upper schools and referral links have improved.
- **Brook** (the young person's specialist sexual health service) were at the centre for **1** appointment (nurse on leave) and we also referred **3** young people to the Brook clinic at the Ridgeway Court surgery.
- **Work Club** run by TACTIC in partnership with Amicus Trust/Stepping Stones project for 16-21yr olds (NEET's) supported **9** young people.

### c. Individual support

In March 30 and in April 23 young people engaged in one-to-one work with the TACTIC Youth Workers giving advice & support. The order of most presenting issues were family, mental health, jobs and relationships.

We have been logging incoming referrals from December 2016. Referrals are for TACTIC provided 121 (one to one) support. These referrals are allocated to the TACTIC Youth Workers to mentor young people on a 121 basis for support and advice on various issues. We have had **22** referrals which **12** are directly from parents, **3** from schools, **5** from other agencies and **2** self-referrals.

### d. Sandhill's Youth Club

The Sandhills youth club session based at Astral Park has been extended to take place on a weekly basis up to August. We are planning a soccer/sports project during one part of August as part of the summer project.

A weekly programme of activities is offered with games, sports/arts & crafts available. Aldwyck Housing Association and Groundwork, who run the CBC Youth Contract, have now agreed to input some staff support and this is planned to start from May 2017. This support has been inconsistent over recent weeks so it is hoped a joint team will be in place soon.

The Center Manager continues to attend multi agency meetings with the CBC Community Safety team and other agencies to target the concerns and behavior of some young people identified and to share intelligence.

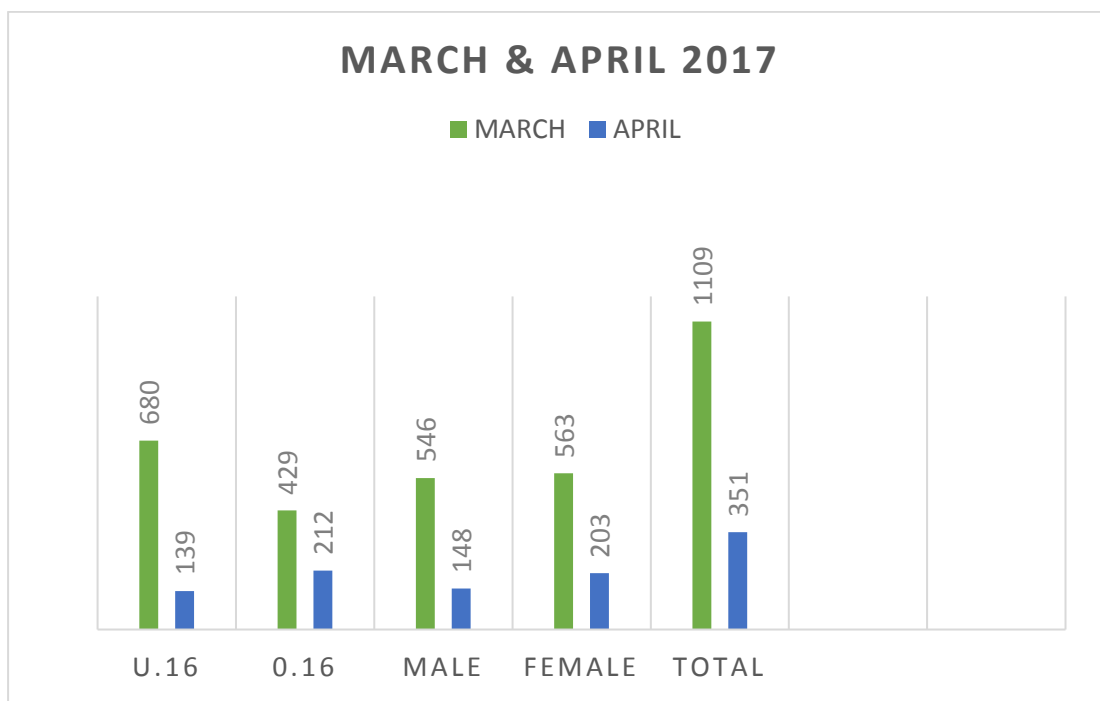
### e. Staffing

Linda Farmer our new youth worker has now joined the TACTIC team and will be responsible for key projects over the coming months as well as supporting young people.

TACTIC has also recruited to the part time youth support worker vacancy and this person will support the two satellite groups at TANG (Teenagers with Additional Needs) and Sandhill's.

A Staff team briefing has been given on the Early Help Assessments (EHA) system with the CBC Early Intervention team in order to develop links with other agencies who support 0-19yrs.

**f. Attendance Graph**



The average daily user attendance at the drop in is between 20 – 30 young people and March attendance is higher due to the school assembly promotion activity.

**g. Summary**

TACTIC continues to actively work with young people from across the town inclusive of the developing satellite work.

- Summer project (3 weeks) for 13-18yr olds
- Play- Scheme – Summer week at Astral Park for 8-11yr olds
- Carnival Float
- TANG group visit to Herring Green Activity Farm/Bird of Prey Centre

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