



Date: 4 September 2017

Title: TACTIC Update

Purpose of the Report: To update Members of work undertaken at TACTIC During May, June and July 2017

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Corporate Objective/s	LLTC Three Year Plan	
	14	Expand the reach of TACTIC by initiating a "hub & spoke" model across the town.
Implications:		
Financial		
Human Resources		
Operational/Service delivery	√	Whole report
Procedural/Legal		
Risk/Health and Safety		

1. RECOMMENDATION

Should members be minded, the recommendations are to:

1.1 To note the report.

1.2 To endorse the principle of delivering a 'School Offer' scheme providing a paid for service to local schools that addresses Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) subjects and issues through themed workshops as outlined in our development plan as per para. 'e'.

2. BACKGROUND – Youth Work Programme

a. May to July 2017

Over the past three months awareness raising and information at the centre has included the following youth work awareness themes:

- ❖ Stress & Exams in May was discussed over this month as young people aged 16-18yrs were trying to cope with the stresses associated with exams. Info on revision techniques alongside relaxation/ mindful tips were available as well as 121 support for those struggling with exams.
- ❖ Anger Management workshop and info was arranged in June and interesting discussions on what makes young people angry and their trigger points were recognised. This enabled staff to share tips on what to do if and when in certain situations to manage their anger & behaviour.

- ❖ Careers week took place with a guest visitor from Central Bedfordshire College promoting the new engineering and construction courses now available in the town.
- ❖ Cybercrime and social media safety week was held with info and displays on how to stay safe and be more aware when sharing personal details online.
- ❖ Prescription drugs/ecstasy awareness was raised as we go into the summer party season and how to stay safe and make informed choices
- ❖ 4 young people have achieved a AQA accreditation award in Youth Volunteer Training Level one. This took 12 months to complete and is a credit to them all for achieving this with some completing over 100 volunteer hours.
- ❖ The Teenage Needs Group (TANG) group took part in a trip out to Herrings Farm during the May half term thanks to Kids-Out UK for donating a group ticket to TACTIC.
- ❖ The youth forum took part in the Leighton-Linslade Carnival and decorated a TACTIC float with great enthusiasm and fun was had by all. Thanks to the Grounds and Environmental Service team for the vehicle and driver.
- ❖ The Youth Forum were also key in developing the latest TACTIC promotional video which will be used from September at assemblies and on our social media sites – this will be shown at the Committee meeting.
- ❖ TACTIC had a work experience student from Cedars complete 30 hours in July and this experience will help with her studies in Health & Social Care. This Student did particularly well in public speaking for the first time in front of their previous middle school assembly.

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 May to July **72** appointments were held as follows:

- **4YP** (contracted by Central Bedfordshire Council) offer specialist careers, employment and training advice on a weekly basis at TACTIC. **18** appointments for those who are not in education, training or employment (NEET) were supported.
- **Relate** (Provide the 'Talk Time' youth counselling services) and **31** appointments were held. TACTIC has recently had a change in counsellor so there has been a four week gap over summer until the new counsellor starts on the 9th August.
- **Brook** (the young person's specialist sexual health service) were at the centre for **3** appointments 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 for 16-21yr olds (NEET's) supported **20** young people.

c. Individual support

During May to July, 110 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, Relationships, Sexual health and General health. Incoming referrals over the past three months requiring more intensive 121 support are as follows: 31 referrals were received by TACTIC of which 10 were directly from parents, 1 doctors, 2 schools, 4 social care, 5 other agencies and 9 self-referrals.

d. Sandhills Youth Club

The Sandhills youth club session based at Astral Park has been reviewed with a decision to cease the provision due to the low attendance over recent weeks and the reduction in the anti-social behaviour (ASB) concerns in the area. This project was developed in January to meet the need of offering young people a weekly space of their own and divert them away from ASB.

TACTIC will now be looking at alternative group work in the Sandhills area with project ideas targeting smaller groups on short courses such as health/fitness and separate gender workshops looking at life skills, attitudes and self-esteem. We will be looking at planning these new ideas after summer with a view to starting in November.

e. Schools Offer

The TACTIC development plan incorporates an action to develop and deliver a service that collaborates and supports local schools in managing issues and behaviour raised by its students. See action description below:

To develop support work in conjunction with local middle & upper schools.	Deliver planned workshops targeting young people identified at risk. Personal and Social development.	20 per workshop x 2 annually	Knowledge of issues affecting personal health and well-being. Access and use information in making choices and decisions. Positive sense of self-identity.
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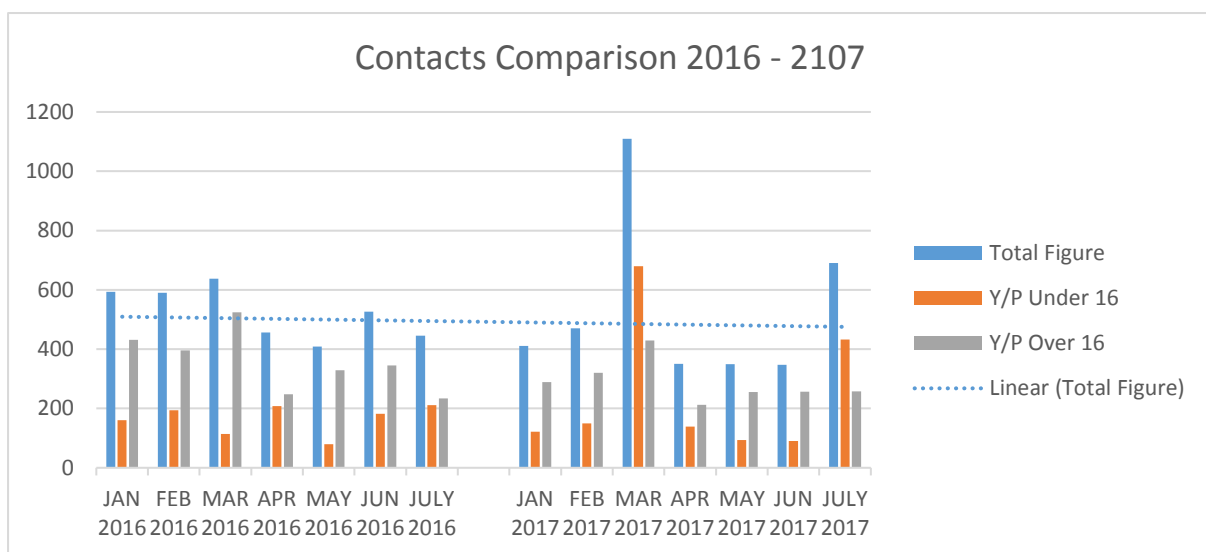
TACTIC has now developed the 'Schools Offer' and proposes it be offered to local middle and upper schools as a paid for service. This offer will consist of six core issue based workshops that can be linked to the schools PSHE curriculum and schools can buy in individual workshops for groups or a six week course.

We are aware that some schools will not have the funds to pay for this type of work but we hope to promote this over the coming months to see what the possible uptake may be. The Schools Offer promotional leaflet and workshops on offer can be found at **Appendix A, (attached)**.

Workshops will be delivered by the TACTIC Youth Workers and it is hoped this will also serve to recruit attendance of students to the TACTIC after school services and generate a small income that recognises the expertise of the TACTIC service.

f. Attendance Graph

Attendance/contact comparisons for January to July 2016 and 2017 can be seen in the below graph. This would show an increase in under 16yrs attending over the summer months and an increase when school assemblies are engaged.



g. Summer Project

TACTIC will provide a verbal update on the August Summer Programme at the committee meeting.

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