# The Abingdon Bridge



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32 years of commitment to young people

# Progress update (November 2024 - April 2025)

#### 28/04/2025

### FAO Katherine Doughty Fda, FSLCC Town Clerk Faringdon Town Council

Dear Katerine, I hope this update report finds you in good spirits and good health. I would like to take this opportunity in thanking you and the Town councillors for your support. Your funding has contributed to ensuring we can support the most vulnerable young people from across Faringdon. Please do pass on our appreciation to the Town Councillors. We are delighted to have the opportunity to send a brief report showcasing the impact our work has had on the young people of Faringdon.

We have used the grant towards staff costs, to support **8** young people through our counselling programme along with **11** young people through our Workshops and Groups. We also supported **4** parents through our parent support workshops. We expect to support over **30** different individuals by the end of the year.

## **Delivery outcomes and differences**

Monitoring, evaluation, and learning:

We have devised three outcomes that we can measure and evaluate to track progress and impact of our work. TAB use effective methods not only to track the quantitative activity data but also get the qualitative evidence that shows our grass roots impact. We do this by using a system called SUBSTANCE – VIEWS. Much of our work is measured through pre and post assessments. Each young person completes a pre and post evaluation. This enables us to measure the progress and impact.

Collecting data enables us to learn from it. Part of our regular staff and trustee meetings are used to analyse the data and impact. We will ensure we have tracking meetings to ensure we deliver on each outcome. We are thrilled to report that we have seen and observed progress with Most clients.

## Outcomes: We have monitored three outcomes:

| Project outcome (1)   | Indicators  | Status   |
|---|---|--|
| Young people show increased<br>resilience and are less likely to<br>participate in risky behaviours | 70% of our clients report they have reduced levels of self-harm                 | 76% improvement -<br>a further 91% of the<br>group participants<br>reported to better<br>understand the<br>online triggers that<br>lead to risky<br>behaviours |
|   | 70% of our clients are more<br>informed of the risks around<br>Substance misuse |  |
|   | 70% of our clients feel more able to keep themselves safe when in crisis        |  |





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|  | ents are more<br>the negative aspects<br>as on their wellbeing. |
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| Project outcome (2)   | Indicators  | Status          |
|---|---|-----------------|
| Young people will have improved<br>aspirations and report to be more<br>confident about their futures | 70% of our clients report they are<br>enjoying and feeling motivated with<br>my work/study                          | 72% improvement |
|   | Our clients have a greater<br>understanding of what was holding<br>them back from reaching their full<br>potential. |                 |
|   | 70% of our clients increase participation with hobbies/social activities  |                 |

| Project outcome (3)  | Indicators  | Status   |
|--|---|--|
| Young people will have a<br>greater sense of their<br>emotional wellbeing. And will<br>be less anxious and stressed. | 70% of our clients report they<br>are more able to talk to<br>somebody about their<br>thoughts and feelings | 78% improvement –<br>86% also reported to<br>have a greater<br>understanding of how<br>Social media impacts<br>their wellbeing |
|  | 70% of our clients have felt<br>able to cope when things go<br>wrong  |  |
|  | 70% of our clients feel more<br>connected to friends, family,<br>and community                              |  |

"I would like to pass on my thanks to the councillors who funded the work of TAB. They have supported my family through some of the darkest of days. We all felt totally hopeless, My granddaughter has responded very well to their counselling support. We can now see some light at the end of the tunnel. We appreciate that there is still away to go but we can see and feel a noticeable difference". Faringdon Resident

Please do let us know if you require any further information at this point. For the end of year report, we will also include some client testimonials and further impact progress.

Yours sincerely Gary Hibbins



