

Overview of Responses and Recommendations

Budget Proposals 16/17: The Edge		Lesley Wyman – Head of Public Health and Wellbeing	19 January 2016 Version 2 (Exec)
Proposal:	To reduce the contribution made to The Edge by £42,900.		
Total budget 15/16:	£168,000	Recommended officer saving 16/17:	£14,000 (8%)
Initial proposed saving 16/17:	£42,900 (25%)	Final recommendation to Executive 16/17:	To continue to fund this service with the proposed reduction.
Nos of responses:	17 in total.		
Key issues raised:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern that there will be an increase risk to vulnerable young people who misuse drugs or alcohol or both, their families and the wider community. If the service is cut by 25% those in need of substance misuse services will not be able to access appropriate help and support. • There may also be an adverse effect on young people with mental health issues and other high risk groups such as Looked After Children. This may lead to the need for more expensive and longer term interventions from social care and the NHS. • Losing a member of staff may mean the drop-in facility would not be able to function and outreach work would not be available. • PSHE in Pupil referral Units will be at risk • Suggestion that carefully thought out joint working with adult substance misuse service, Swanswell, may work, ensuring that specific needs of young people are taken into consideration. • If The Edge has to decrease staff, Integrated Youth Support Service (IYSS) and The Edge can support each other to offer a drop-in facility to all young people in need. • Closer working with other services such as the police, CCG and Housing services could improve outcomes for young people who attend the Edge 		
Equality issues:	Young people with complex needs who have substance misuse problems would not be able to access services if the Edge drop-in facility was not available.		
Suggestions for reducing the impact on service users:	Suggestion	Council response	
	Carefully thought out joint working with adult substance misuse service, Swanswell, may work, ensuring that specific needs of young people are taken into consideration.	We already commissions adult substance misuse services and could work with them and the Edge to bring the 2 services closer together.	

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	Integrated Youth Service and The Edge can support each other to offer a drop-in facility to all young people in need.	Both these services are commissioned and run in house by the Council. A closer working relationship could ensure a more cost effective model without loss of service for any young people, whatever their issues.	
	Closer working with other services such as the police, CCG and Housing services could improve outcomes for young people who attend the Edge	Greater integration of services and closer partnership working could ensure that all outcomes are improved for young people attending the Edge.	
Alternative options for applying the saving in this area:	Suggestion	Council response	
	None received.		
Suggestions for how others may help contribute:	Opportunities for closer working between the Edge and IYSS will be encouraged. Innovative ways of bringing together other partners involved in the health and well being of young people with substance misuse issues will be explored		
Officer conclusion as a result of the responses:	It has been decided that the whole saving of 25% will not be taken, but only a smaller amount of 8%. This will be achieved through efficiency savings and encouraging greater integration of the service with other services.		
Officer recommendation as a result of responses:	Decrease the savings to be taken from The Edge service to £14,000 (8%).		

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