



Emotional Health and Wellbeing Support for Children and Young People impacted by the Grenfell Tragedy

You Said, We Will

The legacy from the Grenfell tragedy continues to be challenging for the communities affected, and we recognise the importance of taking time to understand existing and potential future needs, and how best to work with partners and commissioned services in order to meet the needs of children and young people for the remaining three years of the Grenfell Recovery programme.

The Council was keen to hear views about proposals for the provision of emotional health and wellbeing services for children and young people in the wider Grenfell-affected community.

An online consultation was launched on 27 January 2021, and ran until 26 March 2021.



131 Total surveys returned



17 Children and young people attended focus group sessions

16

responses from schools



27 responses from wider community.



88 parents and pupils responded to the survey



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“You Said”

The feedback from the consultation included:

- ➔ A strong feeling that despite some improvements in emotional health and wellbeing that there was a clear ongoing need for these services
- ➔ Strong positive feedback on the provision for those currently receiving support
- ➔ A need to better promote awareness of the offer
- ➔ An ask to extend the reach of services and provision to ensure that it reaches as many children and young people as possible
- ➔ Schools are broadly happy with the current offer and there was not a consensus on whether they wanted to directly commission services.

“We Will”

Following on from what we heard from the consultation, the Council’s key recommendations to its Leadership Team for Emotional Health and Wellbeing Support for Children and Young People include:

- 1** Recognising the positive feedback from the consultation on existing provision, **fund existing providers in schools** to deliver refreshed and rescoped emotional health and wellbeing services
- 2** Recognising the positive feedback from the consultation, **fund existing providers in community-based settings** to deliver refreshed and rescoped emotional health and wellbeing services, in line with the consultation themes
- 3** Recognising the feedback on the need for increased and diverse provision in the community, **make new funding available for new community-based initiatives** to support children and young people’s emotional health and wellbeing.

We will work with providers and other stakeholders, the community and young people to:

- Increase reach and impact of services
- Ensure provision is as responsive as possible to changing needs, and that it takes into account significant milestones such as decisions about the future of Grenfell Tower
- Ensure provision is focused on celebrating the voices of children and young people
- Make sure that the proposed new community funding supports initiatives that meets the needs of children and young people, and
- Invite proposals from local community organisations around how they might access and use the new community funding.

Next Steps

In May 2021, the Council’s Leadership Team will formally agree a new set of arrangements for emotional health and wellbeing services for children and young people.

Should you have any queries or wish to discuss the feedback from the consultation and recommendations going forward, please contact Marjana.Tharin@rbkc.gov.uk