



Young People's Feedback

March 2024

Notes

- A total of **148 respondents have been received from young people.**
- No question was mandatory, as a result not all questions were completed by all respondents. Supported by a range of focus groups
- Hard copies received were uploaded onto the consultation portal.
- Survey responses have been completed individually, in groups and during focus sessions.

Young People's Profile

How old are you?	Actual Numbers	%
Under 11	0	0.0%
11 to 12	67	48.0%
13 to 14	47	34.0%
15 to 16	20	14.0%
17 to 18	5	4.0%
19 to 20	1	0.0%
Over 20	0	0.0%
Total	140	100.0%

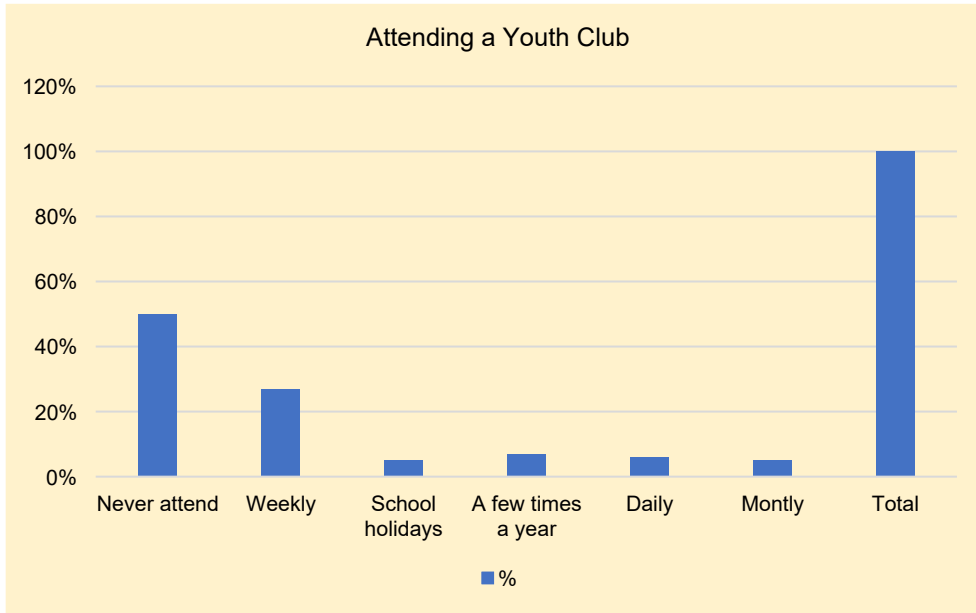
Do you consider yourself to have a health problem or disability?	Actual Numbers	%
Yes	17	13.0%
No	104	76.0%
Prefer Not to Say	15	11.0%
Total	136	100.0%

Ethnicity	Actual Numbers	%
White: English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British	111	75%
White: Gypsy/Irish Traveller	0	0%
White: Irish	0	0%
White: Any other white background	9	5%
Mixed: White & Asian	2	1%
Mixed: White & Black Caribbean	1	1%
Mixed: White & Black Caribbean	1	1%
Mixed: Any other mixed background	4	3%
Black or Black British: Caribbean	1	1%
Black or Black British: African	4	3%
Asian or Asian British: Filipino	1	1%
Asian or Asian British: Chinese	2	1%
Asian or Asian British: Bangladeshi	1	1%
Asian or Asian British: Nepali	0	0%
Asian or Asian British: Pakistani	0	0%
Asian or Asian British: Indian	2	1%
Asian or Asian British: Any other Asian background	2	1%
Arab and Other Ethnic Group: Arab	1	1%
Arab and Other Ethnic Group: Any other ethnic group	0	0%
Other ethnicity	3	2%
Prefer not to say	3	2%
Total	148	100%

Which ward do you live in?	Actual Number	%
I live outside of Bracknell	10	7.7%
Winkfield & Warfield East	5	3.8%
Whitegrove	0	0.0%
Town Centre & The Parks	1	1.0%
Swinley Forest	3	2.3%
Sandhurst	9	7.0%
Priest Wood & Garth	2	1.6%
Owlsmoor & College Town	0	0.0%
Harmans Water & Crown Wood	3	2.3%
Hanworth	11	8.3%
Great Hollands	40	30.1%
Easthampstead & Wildridings	6	4.6%
Crowthorne	25	19.0%
Bullbrook	3	2.3%
Binfield North & Warfield West	3	2.3%
Binfield South & Jennett's Park	10	7.7%
Total	131	100.0%

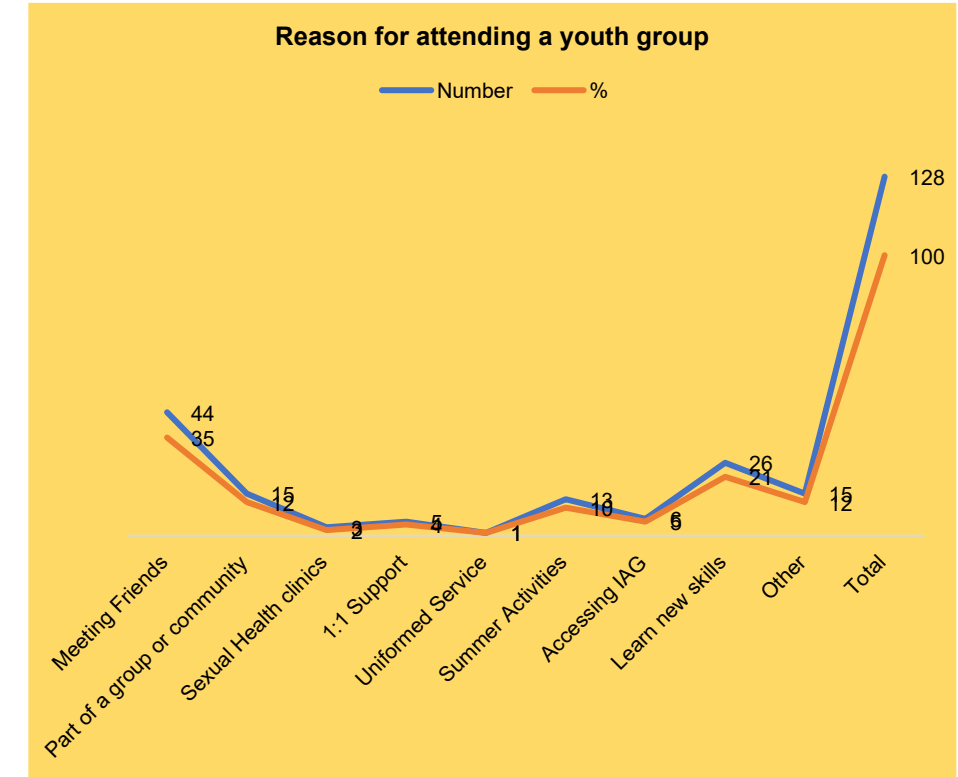
Gender	Actual Numbers	%
Male	87	62.0%
Female	46	33.0%
Other	6	4.0%
Prefer not to say	1	1.0%
Total	140	100.0%

Accessing youth work provision



Attending a youth club

There was an even split of young people who completed the survey, who had attended a youth club and those who have never attended. For those young people who have attended a youth club, the majority (27%) attended a youth club every week.



How often do you attend a youth group?	Actual Number	%
I have never attended a youth group	68	50.0%
Weekly	35	27.0%
During school holidays	7	5.0%
A few times a year	10	7.0%
Daily	8	6.0%
Monthly	7	5.0%
Total	135	100.0%

Reason for attending a youth club

Most young people attend a youth club to meet their friends. This was supported during focus group sessions where young people outlined that having access to a warm and safe building to meet their friends was important to them and made them feel safe. Young people also wish to learn new skills when attending a groups and clubs.

Reasons for attending a youth group	Actual Number	%
Meeting friends	44	35.0%
To be part of a group / community	15	12.0%
Access sexual health clinics	3	2.0%
One to one support	5	4.0%
Part of a uniformed service	1	1.0%
Summer activities	13	10.0%
Accessing information, advice and guidance	6	5.0%
Learn new skills	26	21.0%
Other	15	12.0%
Total	128	100.0%

Views of young people on accessing youth provision

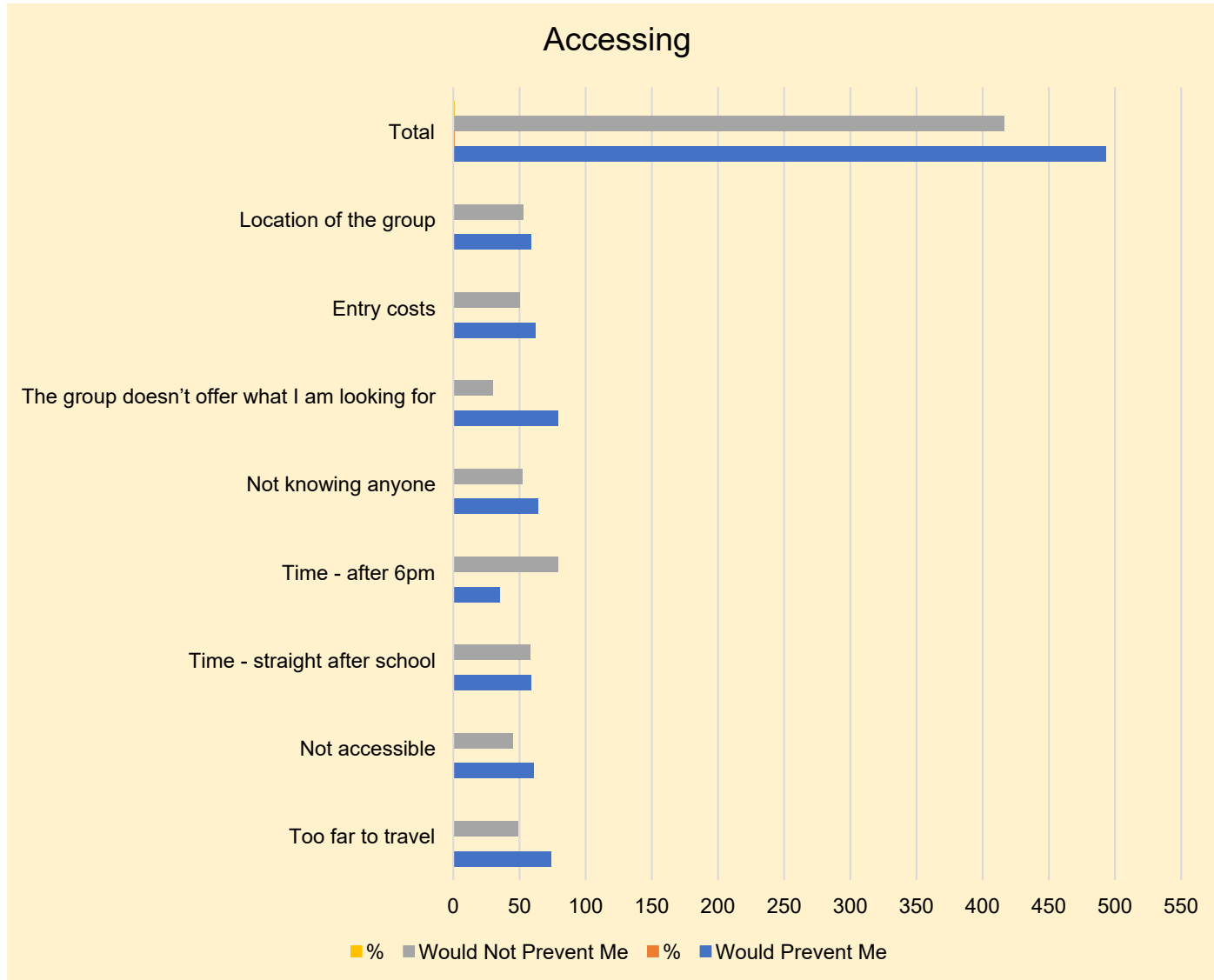
Young person comments	Comments on Strategy
Youth activities and groups should always be accessible for wheelchairs.	<p>Inclusion of a priority and specific actions to explore the potential to increase the number of free youth work clubs across the borough.</p> <p>Bracknell Forest Council will continue to support young people through group activities for all young people.</p>
Youth activities should be in more locations so more young people can access.	
The cost, the different locations and times of day make it harder or easier to attend.	
Activities should be cheap to attend and should be close to house. More youth work groups are needed and there is not much going on Bracknell.	<p>The action plan will introduce a single branding for the youth offer activity and will be promoted across the borough, in schools as requested by young people.</p>
Please could you could talk more about youth groups, and it will maybe make more young people to go.	
You need to advertise to encourage more people to join and have more areas for them to be held, like more football leagues and more football pitches	<p>Youth engagement and participation activities will support young people to champion open space and parks, this includes working with council officers to ensure development of parks particularly when new housing is being approved.</p>
Make parks better, improve green hill and other parks.	
Please make sure there's no bullying or intimidation in Bracknell and with young people.	<p>Support to schools through assemblies, peer support activities to be developed.</p>

“Perhaps make them in a closer area/comfortable environment.”

“Make sure more people know about them and have a wide variety.”

“Make youth groups locally and allow all people or a certain group of people i.e. sexuality, disability, to join them. I also think there should be clubs for people to join, chess, football, basketball”.

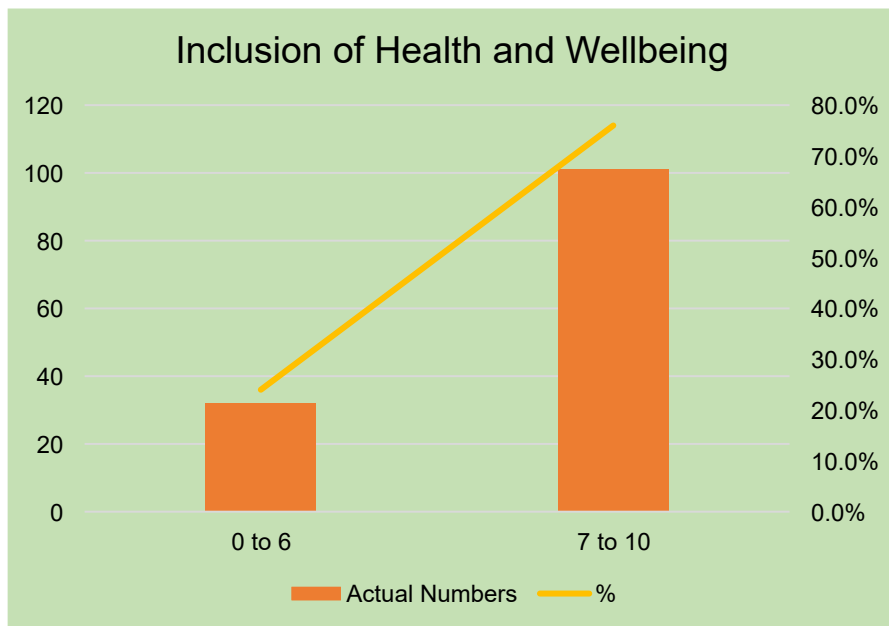
Access youth work provision



When considering what would and would not prevent a young person accessing the youth offer provision, responses outline that all the areas would prevent but also support a young person from attending a youth offer activity. In summary, having activities after 6pm and immediately after school would support young people to attend activities, ensuring the all provision is accessible and that young people do not have to travel significant distance would ensure more young people can attend groups and clubs.

Accessing youth groups	Would Prevent Me	%	Would Not Prevent Me	%
Too far to travel	74	15.0%	49	12.0%
Not accessible	61	12.0%	45	11.0%
Time - straight after school	59	12.0%	58	14.0%
Time - after 6pm	35	7.0%	79	19.0%
Not knowing anyone	64	13.0%	52	13.0%
The group doesn't offer what I am looking for	79	16.0%	30	7.0%
Entry costs	62	13.0%	50	12.0%
Location of the group	59	12.0%	53	12.0%
Total	493	100.0%	416	100.0%

Health and Wellbeing



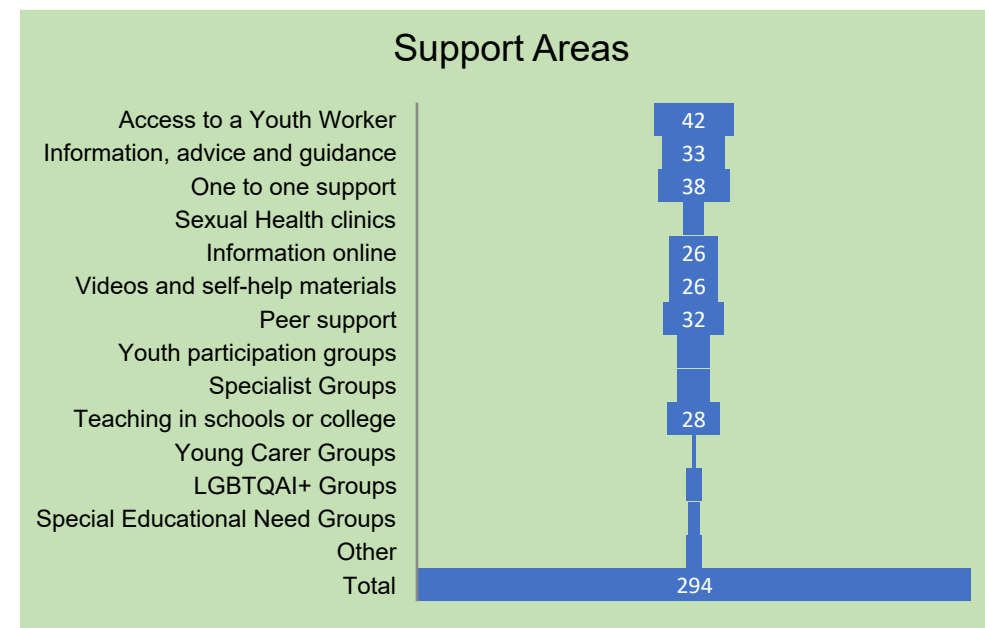
Health and Wellbeing

Most young people (76%) scored the inclusion of health and wellbeing from 7 to 10 (10 being essential to include). The strategy has the inclusion of health and wellbeing as a key priority. The implementation plan includes specific activities around sexual health, emotional wellbeing and sporting activities.

How important is it that your health and wellbeing is considered within the youth proposed strategy?	Actual Numbers	%
0 to 6	32	24.0%
7 to 10	101	76.0%
Total	133	100.0%

Support on Health and Wellbeing

Young people felt that having access to a youth worker, providing either one-to-one or group peer support would have the biggest impact on their health and wellbeing. This was followed by having access to up-to-date and accessible information on matters that are important to them.



Do you think that accessing any of the following youth provision, would support your health and wellbeing needs?	Actual Numbers	%
Access to a Youth Worker	42	14.0%
Information, advice and guidance	33	11.0%
One to one support	38	13.0%
Sexual Health clinics	11	4.0%
Information online	26	9.0%
Videos and self-help materials	26	9.0%
Peer support	32	11.0%
Youth participation groups	17	6.0%
Specialist Groups	17	6.0%
Teaching in schools or college	28	9.0%
Young Carer Groups	2	0.0%
LGBTQAI+ Groups	8	3.0%
Special Educational Need Groups	6	2.0%
Other	8	3.0%
Total	294	100.0%

Views of young people on health and wellbeing

Young person comments	Strategy
We need to be able to get condoms and we usually get them from a youth worker.	Youth workers will continue to provide sexual health support/services to young people, including the C-Card. The strategy will ensure that youth workers have access to regular training.
Bike riding. If they don't know how to ride a bike the bike riding lessons as it is good for your mental wellbeing.	We will establish a bike project to support young people to upcycle old bikes and we will seek the support of businesses to donate resources and time.
Practice jobs and doing real life activities.	Develop volunteering pathways for young people to provide them with opportunities to gain practical experiences. A young person's management committee will also be introduced and will provide opportunities on budget management and business skills.
Provide emotional support groups for young people.	Work with partners to explore access to specialist resource within young groups.
We would like a drama, acting and singing group that we don't have to pay for.	We will work with existing musical theatre youth groups and if required establish a free group at Braccan Walk Youth Centre.

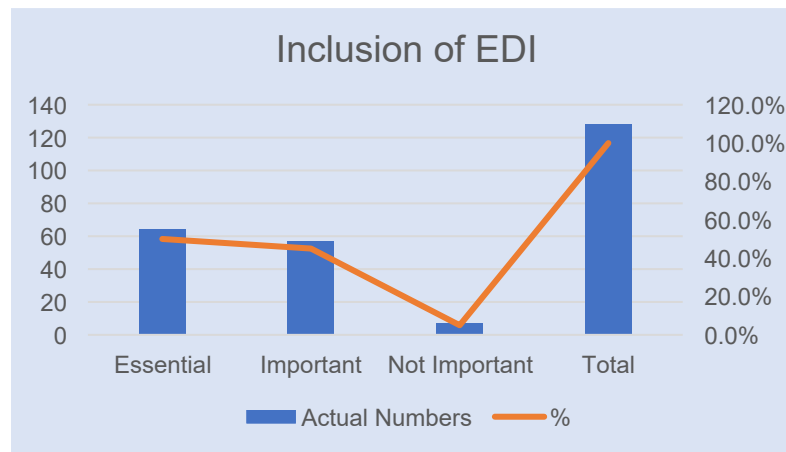
“Helping people with their tests or exams withing school.”

“Access to one-on-one sessions / talks.”

“Fun activities, games that everyone that has a disability, problems etc can play.”

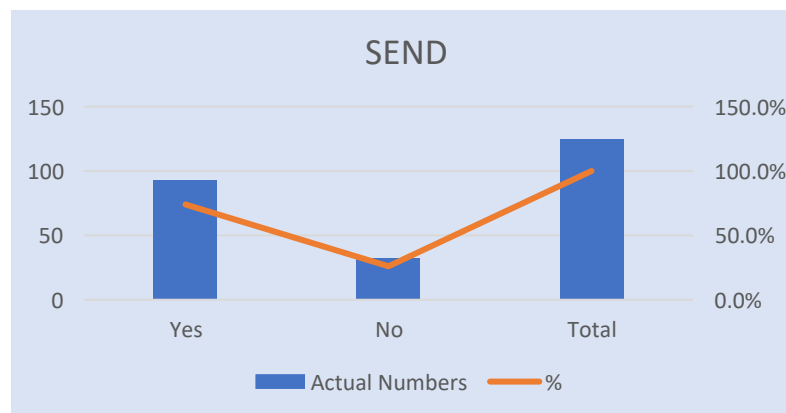
Equality and diversity

How important is it to you, that the proposed youth strategy addresses equality and diversity amongst young people?	Actual Numbers	%
Essential	64	50.0%
Important	57	45.0%
Not Important	7	5.0%
Total	128	100.0%



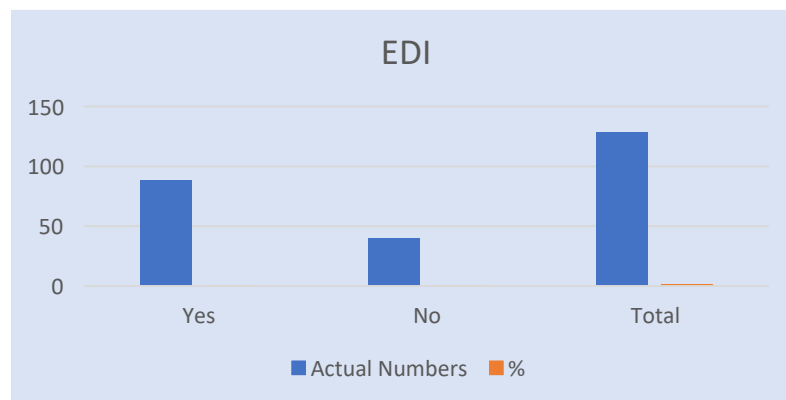
Inclusion of EDI
 95% of young people felt that equality, diversity and inclusion within the strategy was either important or essential. During focused sessions, young people wanted more opportunities through events to learn more and celebrate the rich diversity within the borough. Some young people felt that they were not able to be who are there are due to the fear of bullying or comments being made towards them.

Do you agree that there should be dedicated youth work sessions for young people with Special Education Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) ?	Actual Numbers	%
Yes	93	74.0%
No	32	26.0%
Total	125	100.0%



SEND
 74% of young people felt that specific youth sessions/activities for young people with special educational needs and disabilities was important but most young people shared that all activities should be inclusive and accessible, to ensure everyone can take part in activities in the borough.

Would you like to see more events in Bracknell Forest to promote equality and diversity?	Actual Numbers	%
Yes	88	69.0%
No	40	31.0%
Total	128	100.0%



EDI
 Just under 70% of young people would like more events to promote diversity. Young people spoke about inclusion of a specific day to celebrate the contributions young people make to the borough and support during exam season.

Views of young people on equality and diversity

Young person comments	Strategy
There's not many places for young people to go (there's only really town and fields), we should have more events.	Targeted Youth Support Service will support young people in all groups to attend events, and where possible have stands and banners to promote the offer.
There is lots of racism.	Support to young people through one-to-one and peer groups. Youth workers attendance in school and education settings.
There needs to be more promotion of equality and diversity.	Targeted Youth Support Service will review performance data to ensure service is accessible for all young people in the borough. Specific activities to support young people to promote equality and diversity, including attending PRIDE and organising a young person's day in the borough.

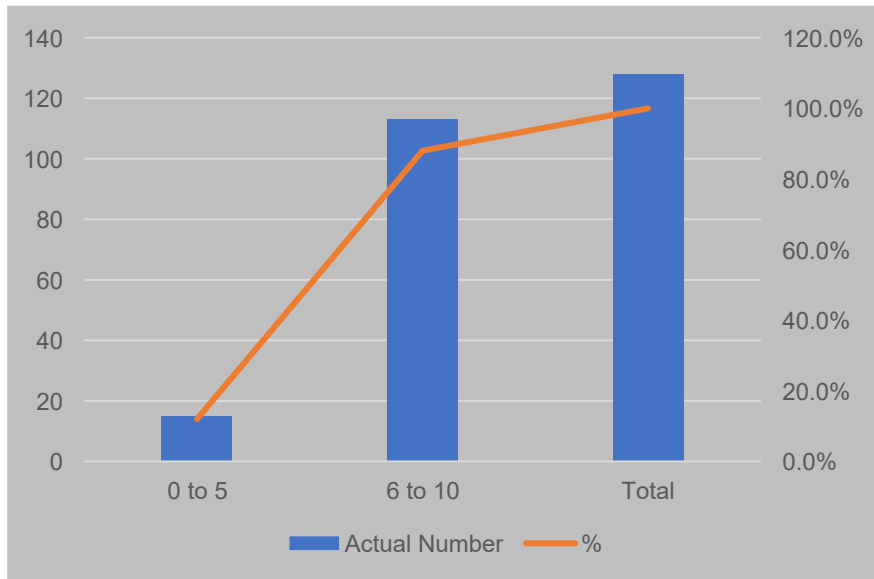
“You get to learn new backgrounds of how people grew up.”

“To share differences, share cultures – celebrate.”

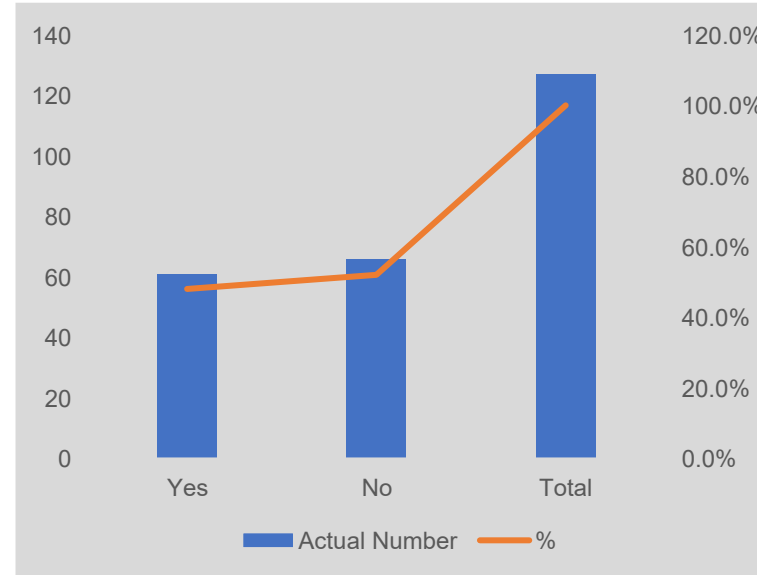
“It opens to new possibilities and helps understand different cultures.”

Safety and Support

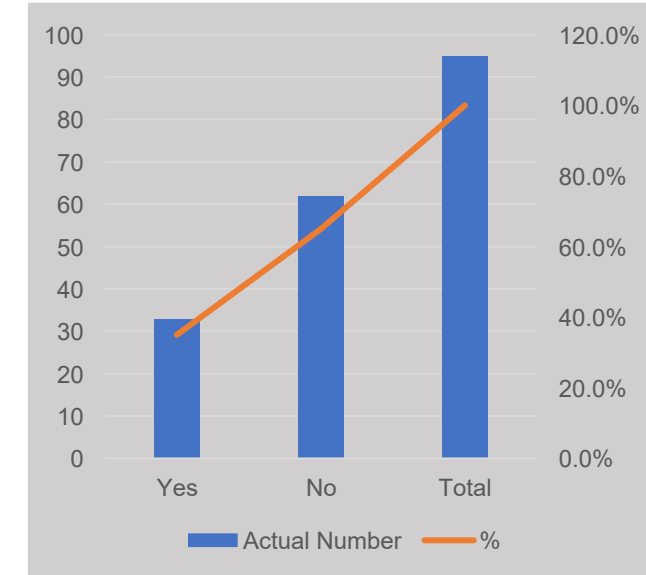
How important is it that your safety and the support you receive is considered within the youth strategy?	Actual Number	%
0 to 5	15	12.0%
6 to 10	113	88.0%
Total	128	100.0%



Have you been a victim of bullying?	Actual Number	%
Yes	61	48.0%
No	66	52.0%
Total	127	100.0%



Support - If you have been a victim of bullying, did you receive support?	Actual Number	%
Yes	33	35.0%
No	62	65.0%
Total	95	100.0%



Bullying and Support

48% of young people have experienced bullying but only 35% of young people felt that they have not received the right support.

Views of young people on safety and support

Young person comments	Strategy
We need more streetlights in Bracknell Forest, particularly near the underpasses.	<p>Support to be provided to young people through participation activities to work with police and council officers on matters relating to safety, this will include use of CCTV, painting underpasses and providing safety advice.</p> <p>Support through one-to-one and group work activities to support young people with a range of concerns.</p>
Abuse, bullying, discrimination, out in the dark, substances, neglect, self-harm, mental health and crime make young people worried.	
I would like to see more police around Bracknell Forest as we don't see many anymore.	Strategy emphasis the need to work with all partners to support young people. Police will be invited to attend the subgroup for the implementation of the strategy and ask to be part of the bike project.
More people need to explain things that can be dangerous to other young people, so they do not get involved in unsafe things.	Support through one-to-one and group work activities to support young people with a range of concerns.
It's not just physical bullying, mental and cyber bullying are also problems and need to be considered.	Promotion of support for young people who are victims of bullying. Expert by experience peer support group to be created. Information and guidance to be designed by young people.

“Maybe more cameras in places and more brighter streetlights and maybe even some shorter / lower streetlights.”

“No lights and underpasses particularly in the dark make it feel unsafe.”

“I don't get bullied but some of my mates struggle with other young people being horrible to them.”

Places to go and things to do

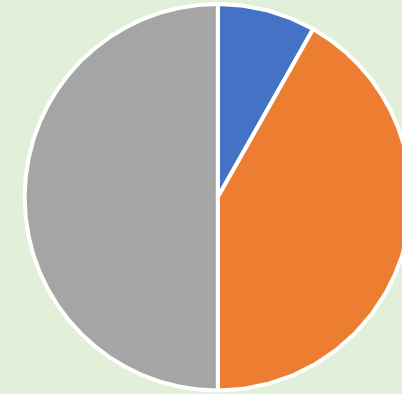
84% of young people felt that 'places to go and things to do' were important to be included in the final strategy and this is supported by 78% wishing for more things to do and places to go in the borough.

Linking this across to safety and accessing youth work provision, young people feel safer when there are clubs and groups to take part in.

Young people have also shared that attending a warm and safe group will also enable them to meet their friends and learn new skills

How important is it that you have places to go and things to do within Bracknell Forest Council?	Actual Numbers	%
0 to 5	21	16.0%
5 to 10	107	84.0%
Total	128	100.0%

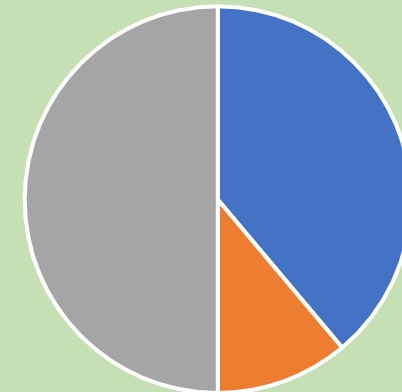
How important are places to go and things to do?



■ 0 to 5 ■ 5 to 10 ■ Total

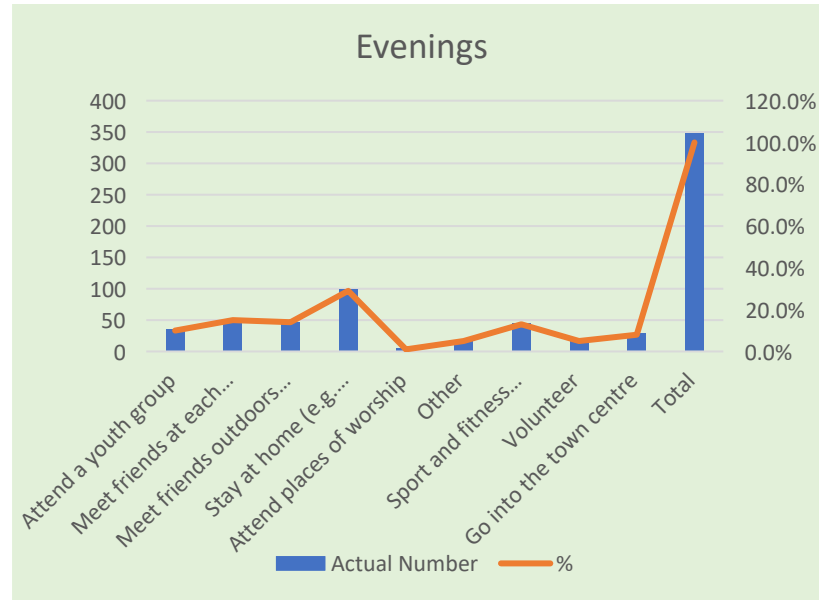
Do you believe there should be more activities and places to go for young people in Bracknell Forest?	Actual Number	%
Yes	98	78.0%
No	28	22.0%
Total	126	100.0%

More activities in BF?



■ Yes ■ No ■ Total

What do you do currently in the evenings?	Actual Number	%
Attend a youth group	36	10.0%
Meet friends at each others house	50	15.0%
Meet friends outdoors (e.g. in a park)	47	14.0%
Stay at home (e.g. spend time with family, homework, family events)	100	29.0%
Attend places of worship	5	1.0%
Other	18	5.0%
Sport and fitness activities	46	13.0%
Volunteer	17	5.0%
Go into the town centre	29	8.0%
Total	348	100.0%



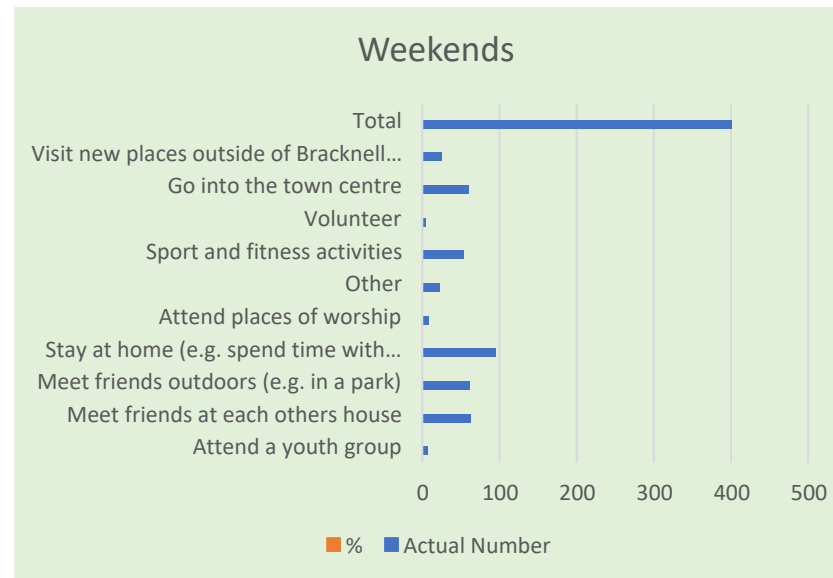
Evening and weekends

29% of young people spend time at home with their families during the evenings, with a further 15% spending time at their friends' houses. There is a slight decrease over young people spending time at home during the weekends, with more young people attending the town centre with their friends.

Most young people volunteer during the evenings, with a reduction in the weekends. Sports and leisure activities remain consistent both at the weekends and evening, although there is slight increase in the actual numbers at the weekends.

Young people continue to meet friends outdoors both in the evenings and weekends, and there are opportunities detached work to take place.

What do you currently do at the weekends	Actual Number	%
Attend a youth group	7	2.0%
Meet friends at each others house	63	16.0%
Meet friends outdoors (e.g. in a park)	62	15.0%
Stay at home (e.g. spend time with family, homework, family events)	95	24.0%
Attend places of worship	8	2.0%
Other	23	6.0%
Sport and fitness activities	54	13.0%
Volunteer	4	1.0%
Go into the town centre	60	15.0%
Visit new places outside of Bracknell Forest	25	6.0%
Total	401	100.0%



Views of young people on places to go and things to do

“Youth groups and tournaments.”

“More football activities. More transport to other places outside of Bracknell Go Karting.”

“Maybe more sport clubs that are closer to people.”

“More parks and different types of leisure centres.”

“More astros so we can be active”

“Youth groups and tournaments.”