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Annual Review

2021/22

Changing Futures for Families and Young People.

Infobuzz offers therapeutic and practical support for families and young people with complex needs.

Our Vision

Is for families and young people to have the strength to cope with life's challenges and the ability to change their future.



2021/22 Finances

£541,397

Income

1% donations

99% charitable activities

£515,861

Expenditure

97% spent on charitable activities

£25,536

Surplus

Our Mission

- To support families and young people to address their mental and emotional needs through a range of specialist, counselling and therapeutic services.
- To work with schools and community groups to provide young people with life skills to support a positive future.
- To provide innovative intervention work with offenders and their families to break the cycle of crime.

Infobuzz's work is made up of a mixture of projects. Some projects are funded by external sources meaning we can support families at their time of need with no additional charges. Other services are available for commission by individuals and groups, in the community, who are looking to broaden their services.

In 2021 / 22

 **814**

individuals supported.

 **11,698**

sessions delivered.

 **8,449**

hours of work with families and young people.

2021/22 Funders

Abingdon and Witney College
BBC Children in Need
Charles Hayward Foundation
Cheltenham Borough Council
Ethical Giving
Gloucester Lottery
Gloucestershire Community Foundation
Gloucestershire County Council
Gloucestershire Youth Mini Bike Project
H M Prison Eastwood Park
Kelly Family Charitable Trust

Masonic Charitable Foundation
Newby Trust
St James's Place
Swire Charitable Trust
The Henry Smith Charity
The National Lottery Awards for All
The Summerfield Charitable Trust
UK Youth
Virgin Money
Waite and Hayward

Criminal Justice

The criminal justice system is a large and complex web of organisations. Being part of the system, as an offender or the family of an offender, can be a daunting and overwhelming experience.

Infobuzz is committed to helping break the cycle of crime through innovative support programmes for offenders and their families.

Hidden Victims of Crime


The families and children of those that offend can be massively affected by their crimes. They are often considered the hidden victims of crime. Dealing with the absence of family members who are serving time in prison, having to navigate the complex criminal justice system and coping with the stigma of crime can be a difficult time for many.

The Hidden Victims of Crime project provides families with practical support to cope with the impact of a family member going to prison or going through the criminal justice system. Families are allocated a therapeutic caseworker who will discuss the family's needs and put together a plan of support. The project can provide advice and guidance, mediation and advocacy for all family members.

In 2021 / 22

 277

individuals supported.

 4,411

sessions delivered.

 1,784

hours of support given.

Work in Prisons

Infobuzz work with the family on the outside of prison, but we also work with serving offenders.

Infobuzz offers therapeutic and enrichment sessions for serving prisoners. The sessions are designed to offer personal development whilst providing the opportunity to deal with difficult emotions. We pride ourselves on our ability to connect with offenders and enable them to reflect and plan for their future.

During 2021/22 COVID-19 restrictions we were unable to deliver face-to-face sessions in prisons. Instead, we delivered monthly art and craft packs for the prisoners to complete in their cells. The craft packs provided the prisoners with the opportunity to learn new skills and provided meaningful enrichment activities during the time that the prison was under lockdown restrictions.

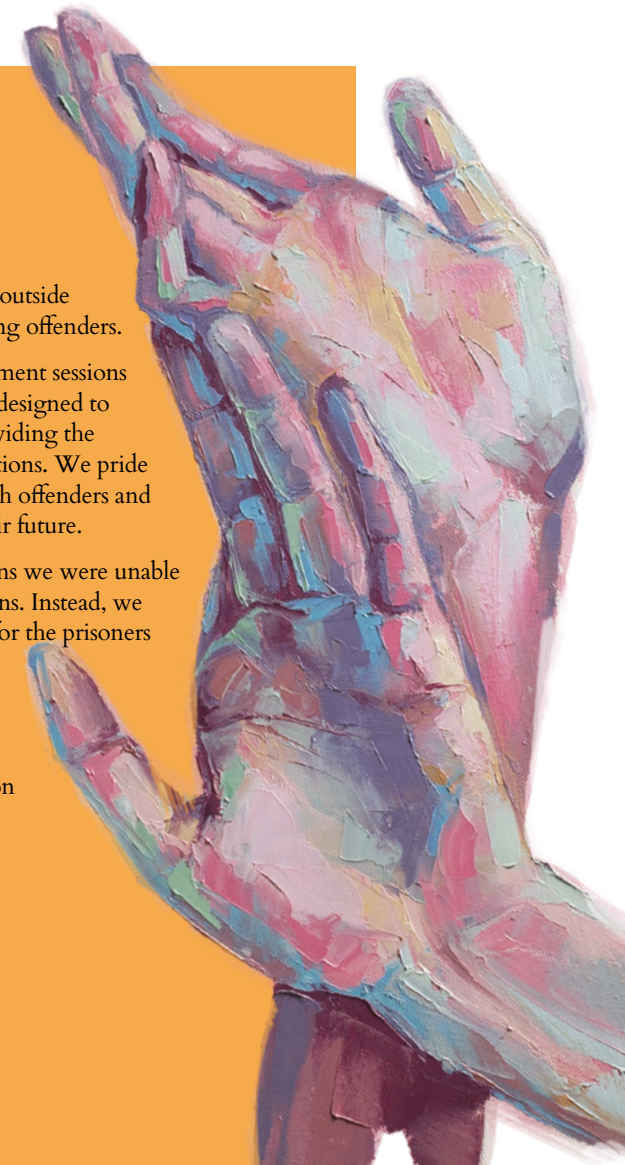
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craft packs delivered.

Our Hidden Victims project is fully funded.

Our work in prisons is available to be commissioned.

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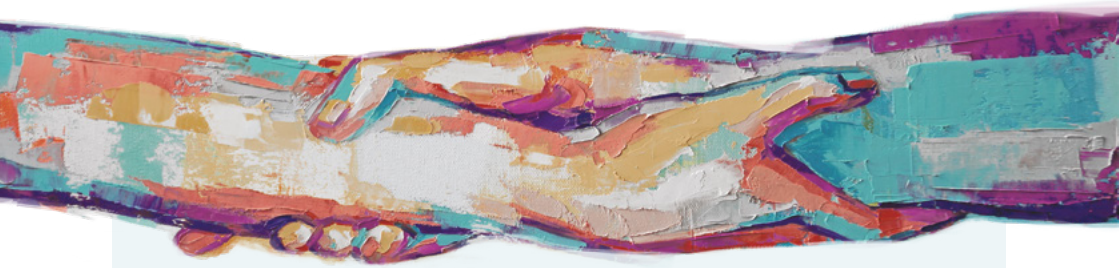


Wellbeing

Wellbeing is at the heart of all of Infobuzz's work.

Whilst mental health difficulties can affect anyone at any time in life, there are certain groups of individuals who are more vulnerable to having mental health challenges.

Our wellbeing work supports individuals and their families who are identified as at high risk for developing mental health challenges and offers a holistic solution.



Transgender Support

The Arcus project is for parents and carers where a child within the family is transgender or exploring their gender identity. The project helps to build the family's knowledge and confidence to be able to support their child. All families will be assigned an Infobuzz worker who will help discuss your needs and provide a programme of bespoke one-to-one therapeutic mentoring.

In 2021 / 22



22

families were supported.



371

sessions delivered.

Parental Mental Health

It can be overwhelming to experience mental health difficulties. It can be just as awful to watch someone you love go through it and not know how to help. Infobuzz are here to support the families of young people who are experiencing mental health difficulties.

A mental health family support worker works with the family to identify and understand their challenges and will put in place practical support to help overcome them. Infobuzz will advocate for the family, explore coping mechanisms, support the family to access additional appropriate support and explore the wider impact on family life.

In 2021 / 22



84

individuals and their families were supported.



505

sessions delivered.



Our wellbeing projects are fully funded.

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Work In Schools

Infobuzz's staff team are drawn from a range of education, youth work and specialist health disciplines and provide a wealth of learning opportunities. Our diverse skill base enables us to address complex needs with a range of approaches suitable for groups and individuals of all ages. Sessions can be combined to form a series of workshops suitable for whole-class groups or smaller needs based groups.

Secondary School Services

Infobuzz provides a range of sessions designed to support the personal, social and health education of young people in schools and colleges.

- Alcohol Awareness
- Online Safety
- Bullying
- Drugs
- Equality & Diversity
- Adolescence
- Managing Anger
- Relationships & Consent
- Self-Harm
- Sex and Relationships
- Sex and Substances
- Sex, Self and Society
- Stress
- Teenage Body Image
- Teenage Pregnancy
- Violence and Crime



Primary School Services

Infobuzz offer workshops designed specifically to prepare year six students for some of the challenges that come with moving up to secondary school.

- Sexting
- Cyberbullying
- Drugs and Alcohol
- Grooming
- Gaming Safely
- Feeling Safe in My Community.

Therapeutic Mentoring

Me and My - Therapeutic Art and Photography Programme

This six week programme helps children to explore their identity and their emotions. This programme uses art or photography to support children and young people to reflect more deeply about their lives and to feel empowered to support themselves and others.



In 2021 / 22

 473

Me and My programmes delivered.

Our work in schools is available to be commissioned.

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Community Work

Training for Professionals

Infobuzz's staff team bring together a range of qualifications from a broad spectrum of disciplines. Along with their hands-on experience of working with families with complex needs they are equipped to deliver insightful and innovative training. We offer short training courses for people working or volunteering with families and young people in the community.

Topics include:

- Mental Health and Risk Taking Behaviour
- Mental Health and Substance Mis-use
- Mental Health and Self-harm
- Gender Diversity
- Hidden Victims and Criminal Justice.

Training for Parents

Infobuzz are here to support the families of young people who are experiencing mental health difficulties. As well as offering one-to-one bespoke support to families we offer short training courses that give practical advice and coping strategies for the most common challenges faced by young people including:

- Substance Misuse
- Self-harm
- Risky Behaviour
- The Online World.

In 2021 / 22



9

sessions delivered.



133

people attended training.

Qualifications for Adults

Infobuzz provides a range of short qualifications that can be used as a stepping stone to further your career and improve your CV. These courses are centred on building self-esteem and confidence for anyone who has found themselves out of the workplace for a period of time, for whatever reason.

Infobuzz offers NOCN accredited short courses in:

- Nail Art
- Creative Arts
- Creative Cosmetics

In 2021 / 22



74

individuals completed qualifications.



353

sessions delivered.



656

hours of training.

Our community training programmes are available to be commissioned.

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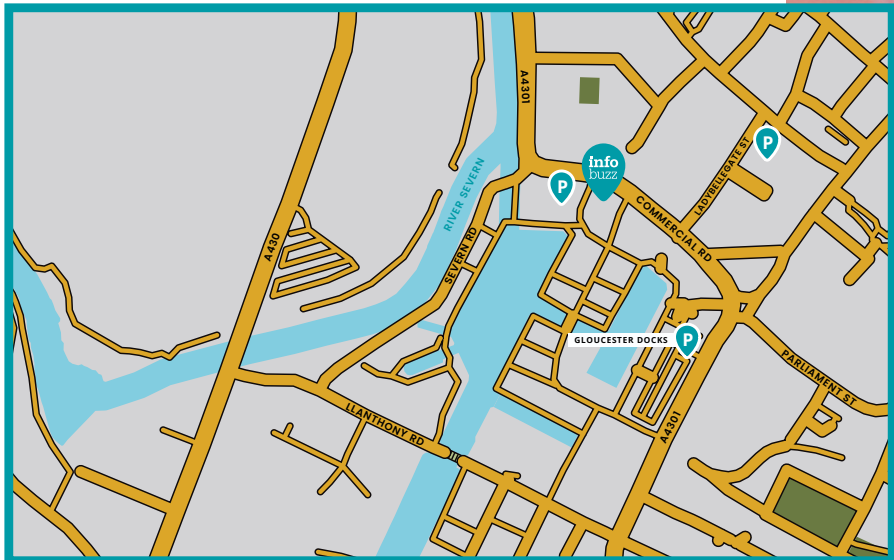
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