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## Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership

Bute and Cowal  
Area Community Planning Group

9 August 2016



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### Briefing Note:

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This briefing relates to activities which fall under SOA Outcome FOUR. The activities are due to be completed by: ONGOING

The briefing is for noting **and** discussion

Befrienders continue to offer support to vulnerable children and young people across the whole of Argyll and Bute.

Our Director's salary (full time) is covered by a grant from BBC Children in Need. (3 year funding), we also have a grant from Argyll and Bute Council. We have also had grant aid from Lloyds TSB Foundation which covered our Support Worker in the Helensburgh/Lomond area. (10 hours/week). We have a Project Worker (20hours/week) who covers the area in its entirety. We are looking to recruit more volunteers in Cowal and Bute to support referrals.

Further information is available on [www.befriendersforchildren.com](http://www.befriendersforchildren.com)

### Key Points for Consideration

Please provide the key points you would like to bring to the attention of the group here

Befrienders is now in its 29<sup>th</sup> year, over this period we have had periods of having a strong group of volunteers both in Cowal and Bute.

At the moment however we are having difficulties in recruiting, I understand this is not only a difficulty for us but also for other voluntary organisations who offer 1:1 support to vulnerable people.

### Key Points for Discussion

Please provide the key points you would like the group to discuss here

- Any ideas as to new recruitment methods?
- Are there any contacts/organisations who could assist in the Bute and Cowal area?

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