

Place2Be primary outcomes: Key findings 2014-15





Who uses 1:1 counselling?



Primary school children

- Provided 1:1 counselling to 3,497 children in primary schools
- Place2Be continues to work with children with risk factors – more likely to be receiving FSM and have SEN
- 11% subject to Child Protection Plan and 7% Looked After in primary

SEN categories



Primary school children



- Most common SEN in the Social, Emotional and Mental Health category for primary school
- Sensory and/ or physical needs less common in both primary and secondary

What is children's mental health (like when they start?



- Around half in severe difficulties category on SDQ
- A notable minority have no difficulties

What is children's mental health like when they start?

Primary school children



 Hyperactivity and conduct subscales with the highest percentage of severe difficulties (based on teachers' SDQ)

What difference did counselling make?



We look at change over time in three different ways:

- Improvement defined as one point positive change in SDQ
- Clinical improvement or deterioration defined as positive or negative change from one clinical category to another
- Reliable improvement or deterioration a calculation based on the standard deviation of the reflects a positive or negative change that is not related to measurement variability in the SDQ

Did children in primary schools improve?





- Slightly lower rates of improvement than last year
- Also lower rates of improvement than the average

Did primary school children recover clinically?



	Teacher	Parent
Stay in no/moderate	44%	45%
Stay in severe	25%	23%
Deteriorated	8%	5%
Recovered	23%	27%
N=	2078	1571

- A notable minority of children recover from severe to no or moderate difficulties, but a similar proportion remain high risk
- 47% of children with severe difficulties recovered clinically according to their teacher

Did primary school children change reliably?



Reliable change	Teachers		Parents	
	14/15	13/14	14/15	13/14
Reliably improved	18%	19%	23%	24%
Unchanged	77%	77%	75%	74%
Reliably deteriorated	5%	4%	2%	2%
N=	2078	2002	1571	1564

- Parents are more likely to perceive a reliable improvement than teachers
- Similar proportion of children improved reliably in 2014/15 and in 2013/14

What was the impact on primary school children?



- 67%* of teachers and 85%^ of parents thought that children were better after coming to Place2Be
- 62% (65%-2013/14) of children, whose difficulties interfered with their classroom learning, improved so this was less the case, according to their teachers

*70% in 2013/2014 and 2012/13 ^84 in 2013/14 and 86% in 2012/13

Fixed point pilot study



- Pilot study of a sample of 45 children:
- Teacher SDQ completed before at 11 sessions at end of counselling
- Difference not significantly different

