

TOWN CLERK BRIEFING NOTE

**119 RYE RELIEF IN NEED
FINANCE UPDATE**

	10.3.08	18.6.07
Fixed rate bond (14.1.08-14.1.09 5.80% nett)	£60,000	£60,000
Nationwide a/c (to be closed)	£41.44	£41.44
Caf Cash (4.30% nett)	<u>£11,100.35</u>	<u>£8,030.45</u>
	£71,141.79	£68,071.89

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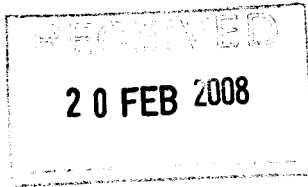
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Mr Richard Farhall
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19th February 2008

Dear Mr Farhall

Relateen Counselling at Thomas Peacocke College, Rye

Thank you very much for your letter of 13th February 2008.

In the past we have been able to help approximately 30/35 children per year in the Thomas Peacocke College, Rye, and are at the moment in the process of recruiting a further counsellor to enable us to sustain this service.

The cost of counselling amounts to £34 per session. Each child averages 4-6 sessions of counselling and therefore in order to help 30 children per year we would need to fund 120-180 sessions amounting to £4,080-£6,120. We have been fortunate in securing £2,500 towards this amount, with other bids pending, and we therefore ask for your Council's help in enabling us to sustain the service to the level of last year in order to help many distressed and troubled children at vulnerable times in their lives.

We hope this is the information you require. If any further details are needed, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Jackie Florey
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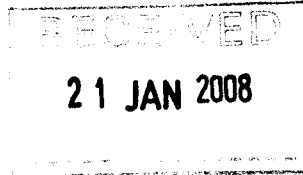
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16th January 2008

Dear Mr Farhall,

**RELATE – Application for Funding to provide further Relateen counselling in
The Thomas Peacocke School, Rye**

It was with much gratitude that we received your most welcome donation towards our Relateen service in 2006, and we now write to ask for your support as we extend our much needed counselling sessions in the Thomas Peacocke School, Rye. The need for the extension to this service, helping 11-18 years olds suffering greatly through the breakdown of their parents' relationship, has been strongly identified in the Thomas Peacocke School, where the school itself, the Local Education Authority, social services and doctors surgeries have requested our help with disturbed and distressed children at very vulnerable times in their lives when their family security is threatened.

Relateen carries out an invaluable service to young people. By giving the young person someone to talk to who will listen exclusively to them without interruption, judgment, authority or conditions, he/she is able to realistically talk through their concerns, learning how to deal with life changes, emotional issues, anger, frustrations and relationship concerns. This in turn improves their physical health as it reduces perceived psychological problems, reducing dangerous or risky behaviour.

Evaluation in the Thomas Peacocke School, together with other local schools, has shown that the young people using our service are benefiting enormously through our counselling. Because of the success of our work and the value put upon its results these schools – despite a very tight budget – are endeavouring to make some contribution towards the cost of this counselling.

The vital need to extend our crucial service is even more strongly identified as it is known through CAF/CASS that in the last year 750,000 children have witnessed domestic violence, accounting for 17% of reported crime. The Police state that for every 1 case of domestic violence, there are 5 or 6 cases which are not reported, but the children of these relationships are still caught up and suffering dreadfully because of their parents' problems. This of course is in addition to the severe problems they are already facing through their parental breakup, which in turn often causes them to have behavioural problems, lack of self confidence, feel undervalued, lose self respect, truant and get into trouble with the police.

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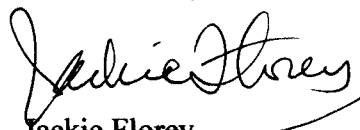
Working closely with Every Child Matters, the Local Authority and the Education Authority, this further school has been strongly identified as benefiting from our help. With secured funding last year RELATEEN has been able to help many children who previously felt miserable and isolated through the experience of their family break up. There are, however, so many more children who could be helped and not left to deal with their problems alone, with the strong possibility of taking the wrong direction. Feedback shows we have been able to help many young people with their emotional problems, strengthening their desire to achieve well at school and understanding more about their own feelings. If we are allowed to extend our work in the Thomas Peacocke School , with another six hours hours counselling per week we would see approximately 90-100 more young people per year, the service taking place independently on school premises and/or in a neutral location and be available to any 11-18 year old; there is no gender, disability or cultural restriction.

Talking confidentially to a trained counsellor about their feelings and anxieties, children are able to express their anger, resentment or frustration and learn life and coping skills through counselling. Factually, visits to the local GP's have decreased by 40% since this work has commenced. By dealing with previously unaddressed problems, so much is saved both emotionally and financially in medical assistance and young people's prescription charges, when someone independent to talk to is sometimes all they really need.

We ask the Rye Town Council to help us extend our service in the Thomas Peacocke School as we aim to help more vulnerable children and very much hope favourable consideration will be given to our appeal. We enclose further details of Relateen, information about the improvements counselling brings to the physical and psychological health of children in this age group and a copy of a relevant article on prescriptions given to young people who "just need to talk".

If there is any further information or a copy of our latest accounts, please do not hesitate to contact us. In the meantime, we very much look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



Jackie Florey
Grants Manager
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