

Befriending in England



The impact of Befriending Networks membership 2017/2018

Befriending Networks is the umbrella body for befriending services operating across the UK and beyond. We currently have 83 English members. From the most recent data collected from English member projects we can illustrate the levels of service provided by members in 2017/18.

9,000

People provided with 1-1, group or telephone befriending

4,800

Volunteer befrienders supported

187,000

Hours of befriending provided

£2.33 million

value in unpaid time *



The response rate for the survey was 20% of English organisation membership. Respondents covered a broad range from small to large with an even spread of sizes and covering both urban and rural areas across England

* Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings 2017 (ASHE) Median hourly rate of £12.49