## **Workforce Development Training 2019-21**

Mindful Sport: mental health + physical health as one

August 2019 - March 2021







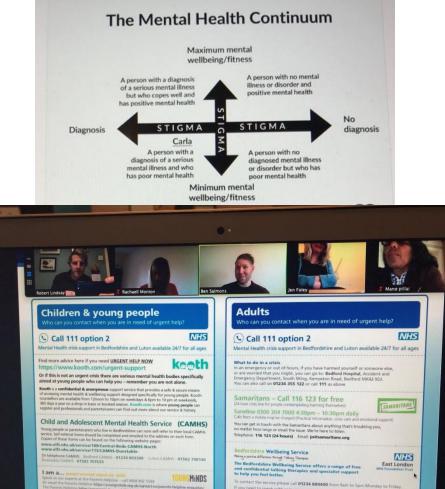
### Project Begins September 2019

### Aim and objectives

To work with clubs, coaches and employers to establish a highly skilled and competent workforce.

Physical activity has been shown to reduce the symptoms of mental health conditions such as Anxiety and Depression. With the right approach; coaches, staff and volunteers can support people with Anxiety and Depression to access physical activity.

Coaches are also uniquely positioned to be able to and raise awareness of where people can access support from local and national mental health services and charities.



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## A Range of Courses

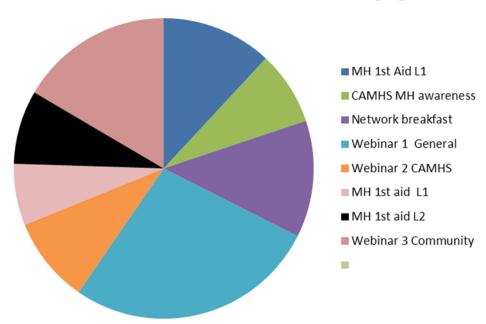
### **Delivered**

The programme, which, during a 6 month period of growth, posed challenges upon trying new things and adjusting to a "new normal".

The webinars, were very popular, well received and the online Mental Health First Aid delivery worked very well.

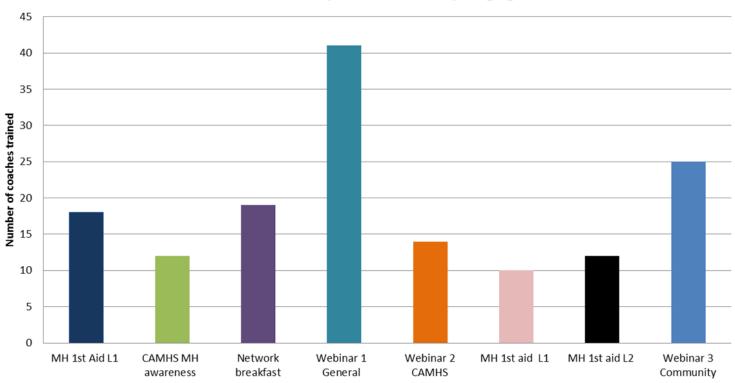
The data, (right), demonstrates course attendances over a 2 year period.

### **Distribution of engagements**



Course #	Course 1	Course 2	Course 3	Network events
Type of course	Level One Mental Health First Aid	Mental Health Awareness for coaching children	Network breakfast	Sharing information via events

### The workforce (staff/coaches) engaged

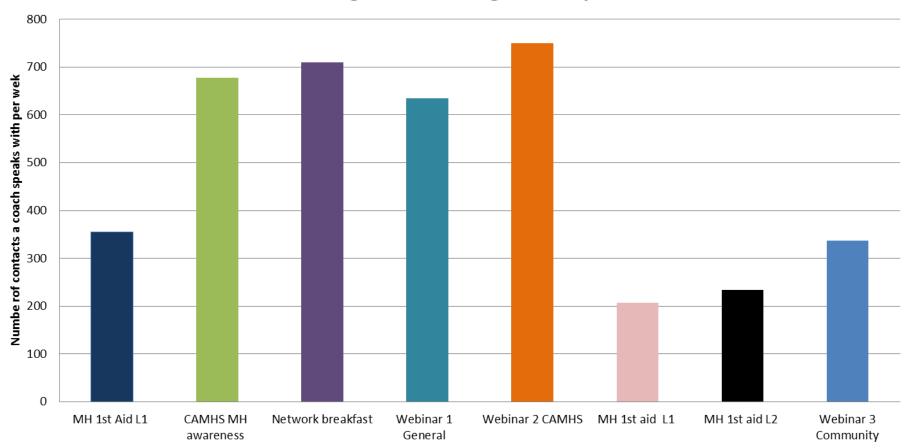


Course #	Course 4	Course 5	Course 6	Course 7
Type of course	Online Webinar for General Mental Health awareness	Online Webinar for Children's Mental Health awareness	Level Two Mental Health First Aid	Level One Mental Health First Aid (A new cohort)

## The coaches who were trained have lots of conversations with members of the public each week

Coaches who have attended the training have on average, interaction with 3000 members of the public in a week. This means, that if 10% of these interactions touch on mental health and wellbeing, 300 people receive informal support and sign posting.

#### Cascading the knowledge to the public



### We welcomed a wide range of attendees



### 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021 Webinar

This webinar aimed to provide guidance and support to our local communities, clubs, coaches, school staff and volunteers. This grows their knowledge base and empowers a confident approach in supporting people & helping them to maintain good mental health through physical activity

25

people attended the course

They interact with over



people per week on average.







### **Evaluation From Feedback**

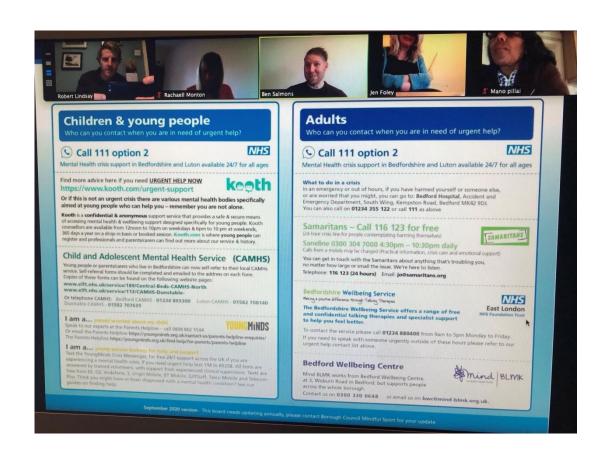
The post course evaluations were very positive and the participants particularly liked the presentations from local people working in their communities.

- Sophie Social prescriber Beds Rural Communities Charity –
- "Really interesting, and inspiring speakers"
- Karen Social prescriber Beds Rural Communities Charity
- "Really enjoyed the workshop and is was really valuable to learn more about the various organisations and what they have been doing and hoping/planning to do going forwards. Fantastic speakers and great content"
- Marianne Wesley Dance Tutor
- "It was great to hear about other groups around Bedford leading on the campaign or promoting mental health and opening up about it all."
- Julia Weatherill Early Help Family support Bedford Borough Council "Very helpful workshop. It is always good to have up to date information what services are available at the moment"
- Abid Hussain Faith in Queens Park / Cricket Coach "Very informative"

## Further engagement

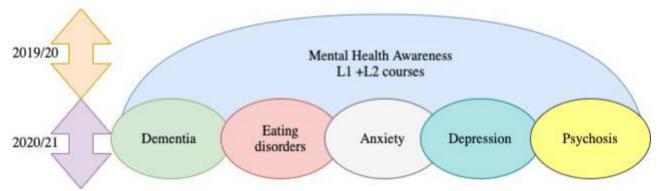
- The Mental Health Awareness boards with information for adults and Children + Young People migrated to digital format.
- Distribution of this free resource was completed online, in poster format and A5 handouts to all those trained.
- The future extension of this is to share the information via QR code at venues and update the site with the latest support info.





# Continuation of the workforce development

As a Sports Development Unit we would like to further build upon the foundation of mental health awareness training which has been delivered successfully to clubs, coaches and volunteers between 2019-2021. Moving forward, we endeavour to provide a more tailored approach, accounting for specific areas of mental health and wellbeing with a view to inspire a culture against stigma within our sporting community.



We would like to provide a deeper understanding into some conditions commonly known to effect people in our community so that the leisure sector is armed with knowledge and skills to provide a confident and inclusive service. We are keen to do so by offering specific courses.

The next upcoming course is L1 MH first aid for coaches working with young people.