



Ark Assembly Report - January 2020

We asked the Ark Assembly 2 questions

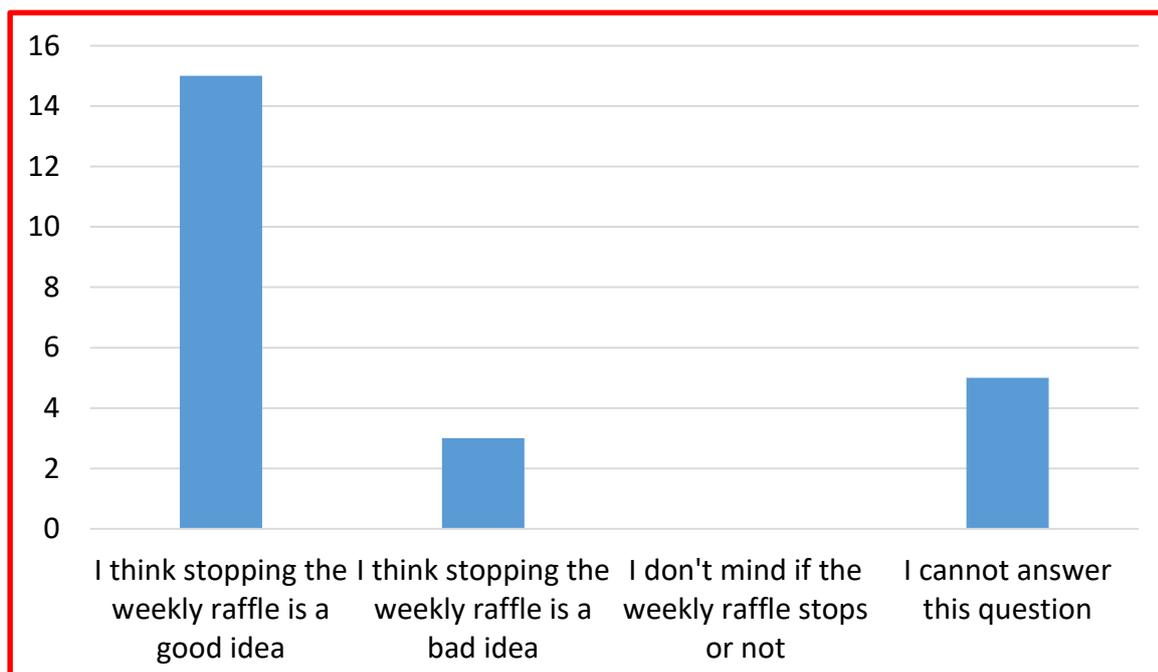
Question 1. Friday Night Project raffle

Friday Night Project is a weekly disco we hold in Wokingham. We aim to hold a fun event where people can buy a drink from the bar, dance and meet their friends – making it like any other disco held in a pub/club. Between 90-100 people attend every week.

At the moment we have a small weekly raffle which only about 15-20 people play. The prizes are usually worth about £1 and a strip of tickets is 50p. Friday Night Project starts at 7pm and finishes at 9pm. Holding the raffle means the music has to stop early (10 minutes).

We asked if we should stop the small weekly raffles and only have them on Party Nights – with bigger prizes. This would also mean that Friday Night Project would not have to stop the music early every week.

The question was sent to all 61 current members of the Ark Assembly. 23 people replied.



The most common reasons people gave, where they felt stopping the raffle was a **good** idea were:

- Bigger/better prizes
- Wanting to be able to dance/socialise for longer
- It would make party nights more special and exciting

The reasons given by the 3 people who thought stopping the raffle was a **bad** idea were:

- A missed opportunity to raise funds
- They liked the raffle (however this person did say it would be okay if the raffle stopped)

The 5 people who felt they couldn't answer the question all said they had never attended Friday Night Project.

Actions to take:

The weekly raffle at Friday Night Project will stop. The first party night, where we will hold a raffle, will be on Friday 14th February – Valentine's Day

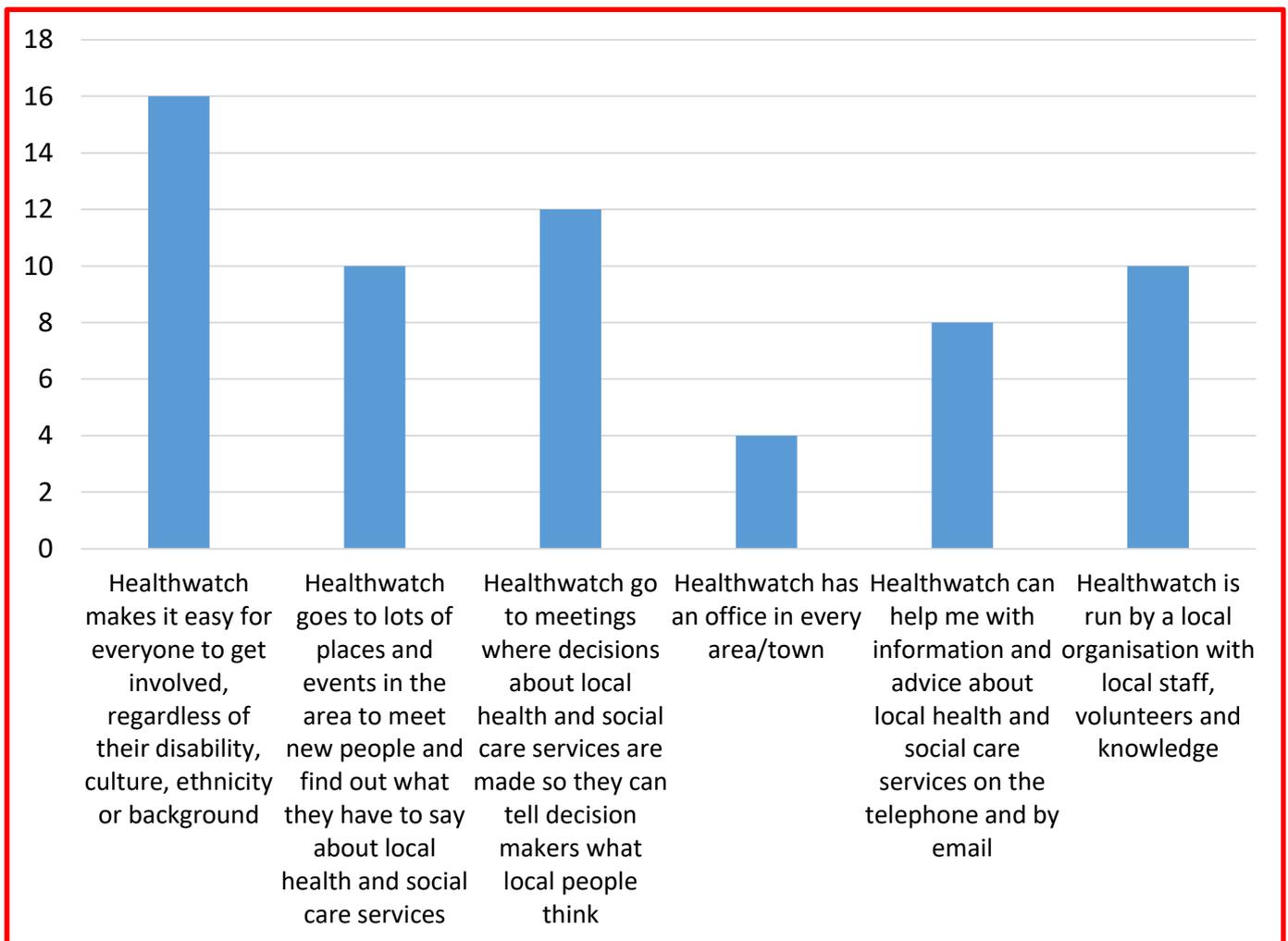
Question 2. Local Healthwatch

Healthwatch collects feedback, shapes services and provides advice, guidance and direction about Health and Social Care services. The Ark currently holds the contracts to provide this service in Bracknell Forest and in the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead. These contracts come to an end in June 2020.

Healthwatch will now be commissioned (arranged and paid for) by Slough council on behalf of East Berkshire: - Bracknell Forest, Windsor & Maidenhead and Slough.

We will be entering a **bid** as we want to be considered to provide the service from the 1st July 2020 - so we wanted to know what **you** think is **important** for a Healthwatch service.

People could choose up to 3 statements



Actions to take:

Further consultation with people to help inform any bid for the new contract by The Ark.

Membership of the Ark Assembly

We would like to get this to 100 - made up of people from all of our activities and projects. To be a member you agree to us sending you a question about every 2 months. All people that reply are entered into a free prize draw as a thank you from the Ark trustees.

January's winner of the prize draw was **Sue**. Congratulations!

Interested? Contact Andrea in the office on 01344 266899 or email: andrea@theark.org.uk



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