**No.5 has not received any core funding (to fund salaries or overheads) for the last 5 years. Despite this challenge we have remained open and increased our offer to young people and those around them.**

**Highlights and Achievements in 2015/16**

Won Charity of the Year at the Pride of Reading Awards 2015

Continue to offer more counselling sessions and Continued Professional Development, including our popular ‘Certificate in Counselling Young People’.

Waiting list increased by 55% on the previous year

Contacts increased by 78% on the previous year

Responded to national press releases on Radio Berkshire (Ann Diamond Show) twice

Retained and increased our pool of committed and loyal volunteer counsellors

Increased our work in Reading schools (Counsellors working in 4 schools)

**Highlights and Achievements in 2016/17 so far**

Nominated for Charity of the Year 2016 with Pride of Reading Awards

Funded two new posts;

* Fundraising Officer – Self Funding Post
* Outreach and Social Media Coordinator – Funded by No.5 in agreement with First Growth so they would fund our Clinical Manager post and our Early Response Project (First Growth will fund the Outreach and Social Media post in 2017/18)

Developed working relationships with Reading Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service

Recruitment of new Young Ambassadors (8)

Our Outreach and Social Media Coordinator went on the Ann Diamond show to discuss winning Charity of the Year Award

6 Videos made including 3 with the National Citizens Service

Increase in contacts and waiting list on last year

**Still to come…**

45th Anniversary Event

Rebrand and new web site – working with Reading Uni final year students

**To do this work we rely heavily on fundraising in the local community and a small number of corporates. We have also received some funding from the Thames Valley PCC.**