What we know about

REACHOUT'S IMPACT

ReachOut helps young people who are in distress feel calmer, reduces their negative feelings and gives them strategies to move forward.



study found that using ReachOut helps young people to reduce negative feelings and achieve a calmer mental state.







Young people described gaining new perspectives on their problems and learning strategies to help themselves manage their mental health from ReachOut.

ReachOut can play an important role in preventing downward emotional spirals and supporting young people to build resilience and wellbeing.

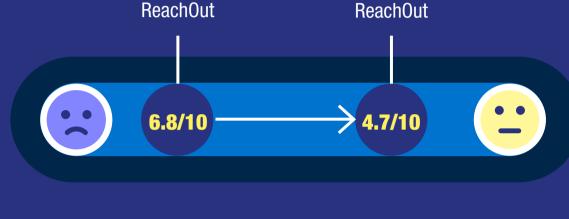
This suggests



VISITING REACHOUT LED TO A SIGNIFICANT DECREASE IN FEELING STRESSED AND DOWN

After using Before using

THE AVERAGE RATING OF FEELING STRESSED OR DOWN



Feeling comforted knowing

AFTER VISITING RO, MANY YOUNG PEOPLE DESCRIBED





Feeling more confident in

opening up to others





AND LESS FELT WORRIED Before using ReachOut, many young people described their

MORE YOUNG PEOPLE FELT CALM,

feelings as:







ANXIOUS confused **Unsure** relieved calmer

YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE STUDY WERE ALSO ASKED TO USE EMOJIS TO DESCRIBE THEIR FEELINGS.

CONFUSED

NEUTRAL

91.1%

ReachOut reported getting ideas

about things that they could do

of young people who used

After visiting ReachOut,

feelings with more people

there was a shift from

negative to neutral

using the words:





35%

44%

23%



63% WORRIED 13%

the frequency of emojis such as 'neutral' and 'calm'.

31% **VERY SAD** 2% **23%**

4%

CALM 31% **BEFORE AFTER REACHOUT HELPS YOUNG PEOPLE HELP THEMSELVES**

to feel better when feeling stressed or down. THE MOST COMMON STRATEGIES LEARNED FROM **REACHOUT WERE:**



Mindfulness techniques such as meditation, breathing and sensory grounding exercises



Adopting a calmer/positive mindset through putting their thoughts into perspective, reframing and positive self talk



Talking to

someone they

91.2%

reported putting these

planned to do so.

strategies into action or had

trust, after learning to see themselves and their problems as help-worthy

ReachOut recently ran a 3 month long study of its users, the Check In study. Participants

week 12.

were asked to complete weekly

ReachOut users participated in

the study and 114 completed

surveys over 12 weeks. 215

ABOUT THE CHECK IN STUDY This was followed by a discussion group with 10 young people. The study aimed to understand how often young people use ReachOut and track their mental health and wellbeing.