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REHAB CHARITY BRANCHES OUT

The Suffolk based charity, Focus12, is expanding the services it offers by opening a new therapy centre, which will specialise in non-addiction related counselling services.

The new centre is based at 88 St Johns Street, Bury St Edmunds, and is called "The Annexe". It is open full time and has several qualified counsellors based there offering one to one therapy to clients of all ages and backgrounds, dealing with issues ranging from anxiety, stress and depression to eating disorders and relationship breakdowns. The aim of the new service is to be able to offer counselling with a flexible pricing structure, which will therefore be accessible to all those who need it.

Chip Somers, Focus12 CEO explains: "We have noticed over the past few years that the demand for general counselling has increased significantly, and we therefore believe the time is right to branch out and expand what we offer. We have recently been seeing as many as 25 people a week for counselling for general issues such as stress and anxiety at our existing centre, and demand seems to be steadily growing. This new centre will mean clients can benefit from the Focus12 expertise on a one to one basis, in individual sessions. Our focus at the Risbygate Street centre will still very much be helping people overcome addiction through total abstinence."

The new centre is entirely grant funded for the first two years. Anyone interested in making an appointment with a therapist at The Annexe should contact Focus12 on 01284 701702 in the first instance.

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NOTES TO EDITOR

Focus12 is a drug and alcohol rehabilitation centre, was established in 1997 by Chief Executive, Chip Somers, and counts celebrity Patrons Davina McCall, Boy George and Russell Brand amongst its supporters.

It offers both daycare and residential facilities and is able to offer a full range of treatments, from individual therapy to an intensive 12 week detox programme, based on total abstinence.

A total of 19 rehabilitation facilities have been closed in the past 20 months due to funding pressures and Focus12 faces real funding difficulties following the withdrawal of a £130,000 grant from Suffolk County Council.

The Annexe is open for business now, and we are hoping to have an official opening on Friday 24th February, details to follow.