

Agenda

1. Introductions and Apologies

County Councillor Clarke

To note who is attending and any apologies for absence.

2. Notes of the Meeting and Matters Arising from 21 September 2021 (Pages 1 - 10)

County Councillor Clarke

To agree for accuracy the notes of the meeting and receive any matters arising.

3. Participation Team Update (30 mins) (Pages 11 - 22)

Young People from LINX (Lancashire's Children in Care Council), April Rankin and Adam Riley, Participation Team, Child and Family Wellbeing Service, LCC

To receive information on what the Participation team have been doing and what is their offer.

4. The Rossendale Dental Pilot (15 mins)

Amanda Barbour, Looked After Children and Leaving Care Service, LCC/Caroline Waldron, East Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group

To receive an update on the pilot.

5. Child and Family Wellbeing Service Summer Programme 2021 (15 mins) (Pages 23 - 42)

Young People from LINX (Lancashire's Children in Care Council) Brian Wood, April Rankin and Adam Riley, Child and Family Wellbeing Service, LCC

To receive consultation and evaluation feedback from young people, supported by the Child and Family Wellbeing Service, LCC.

6. How Do We Want to Make a Difference to Our Children and Young People (30 mins)

Andreas Feldhaar, Permanence Service, LCC

To have an open discussion in order to enable the Board to identify and agree, how it can impact and make a difference to the lives of our children and young people.

7. Update on Lancashire's Care Leavers Week (15 mins)

Young People from LINX (Lancashire's Children in Care Council), Brian Wood, Child and Family Wellbeing Service and Andreas Feldhaar, Permanence Service, LCC

To receive a joint update from the Child and Family Wellbeing Service and the Permanence Service.

8. Timetable of Meetings 2022/2023

(Pages 43 - 44)

County Councillor Clarke

To note the schedule of meetings for 2022/2023. Further details can be found in the [link](#).

9. Any Other Business

County Councillor Clarke

To receive any other business.

10. Date and Time of Next Meeting

County Councillor Clarke

Thursday, 13 January 2022 at 6pm, format to be confirmed.

Agenda Item 2

Lancashire County Council

Corporate Parenting Board

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 21st September, 2021 at 6.00 pm
in Zoom Virtual Meeting - Zoom**

Present: Members

County Councillor Stephen Clarke	- Lancashire County Council
County Councillor Ash Sutcliffe	- Lancashire County Council
County Councillor Jeff Couperthwaite	- Lancashire County Council
County Councillor Andrea Kay	- Lancashire County Council
County Councillor Scott Smith	- Lancashire County Council
County Councillor Rupert Swarbrick	- Lancashire County Council
County Councillor Julie Gibson	- Lancashire County Council
Graham Lindley	- Fostering Forum
Lynsey Evans	- Fostering Forum
Georgia	- LINX Representative
Mary	- LINX Representative
Emma	- LINX Representative

Co-opted members

Helen Hargreaves	- Morecambe Bay Clinical Commissioning Group
Audrey Swann	- Vulnerable and Looked After Children, LCC
Andreas Feldhaar	- Permanence Service, LCC
Gina Power	- Permanence Service - Children in Our Care, LCC
Stephen Young	- Corporate Management Team, LCC
Catherine Brooks	- Child and Family Wellbeing Service, LCC
Neil Drummond	- Lancashire Constabulary PPU
Adam Riley	- Child and Family Wellbeing Service
April Rankin	- Child and Family Wellbeing Service
Rebecca McGeown	- Lancs 0-19, Virgin Care Ltd
Maureen Huddleston	- Enhanced CLA Health Teams, UHMB

Other Attendees

County Councillor Cosima Towneley	- Lancashire County Council
Barbara Bath	- Children's Social Care, LCC
Jo Swords	- National Youth Advocacy Service
Sam Gorton	- Democratic Services, LCC

1. Introductions and Apologies

All were welcomed to the meeting and apologies were received from Julie Dawkins, Kirsty Byrne, Moya McKinney, Brian Wood and Hans Mundry.

The Board noted the following permanent membership changes:

New Members:

County Councillor Rupert Swarbrick for County Councillor Joan Burrows, Lancashire County Council.

Co-opted Non-Voting Representatives:

Catherine Brooks for Nighat Parveen, Child and Family Wellbeing Service

The Board also welcomed County Councillor Cosima Towneley, Cabinet Member for Children and Families to the meeting.

2. Notes of the Meeting and Matters Arising from 22 July 2021

Resolved: That the minutes were agreed as an accurate record and there were no matters arising from them.

County Councillor Julie Gibson requested that her apologies be noted for the meeting 22 July 2021.

A request had been made at the July meeting by the Chair to the Elected Members on the Board for four Champions for each of the following objectives:

Placements and Provision
Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health
Safeguarding
Education, Employment and Training

It was noted that County Councillor Rupert Swarbrick had confirmed that he would like to take on the champion role for one of the objectives, therefore leaving three more champions required.

Resolved: that Elected Members inform the Chair, County Councillor Clarke if they wish to become a champion for one of the three remaining objectives as soon as possible.

3. Children in Care - Mental Health Act

Charlotte Hammond, Learning Disabilities, Autism and Mental Health and Mairead Gill-Mullarkey, Adult Social Care, Lancashire County Council gave a presentation on mental health activity and the Mental Health Act. Board members had received the presentation with the agenda prior to the meeting and further information on the following can be found [here](#):

- Purpose
- Mental Health Risks for Children in our Care
- Children and Young People Mental Health Act Detail for the last six months (March-August 2021)
- Corporate Parents as Nearest Relative – Section 27 of the Mental Health Act
- Children and Young People Monthly Reporting (August 21 performance data)
- System challenges
- Action taken by System Partners
- Opportunities for Joint Working/Improving Practice

Following the presentation the following issues were discussed:

The responsibility of highlighting mental health issues, where an assessment is needed, depends on the care and support that is being provided to the child/young person at that time. Some children/young people are involved with Children's Services, Child and Adult Mental Health Services (CAMHS) or Tier 4 and if they have a package of care around them or support in place, the Community Team should be identifying and managing the risk.

It was noted that there had been 113 referrals and assessment in the last six months and a question was raised as to whether this was higher than in previous years due to the impact of COVID-19. The Board were informed that this figure was higher and had seen increases at times when there had been lockdowns and then subsequently lifted.

There was also a query as to the timeliness of the process for the Local Authority to Child and Adult Mental Health Services (CAMHS) and the Board were informed that this was the same process for the Authority as it was for the public. The Board were informed that there was a package being introduced in Wyre to all seven High Schools looking at early interventions and agreed that this was something that should be offered to children in care in Lancashire.

The Board were informed that Health colleagues from Lancashire and South Cumbria Foundation Trust could attend a future meeting of this Board with Charlotte Hammond and Mairead Gill-Mullarkey to provide over-arching information on services and what plans were in place in relation to the system issues that are being seen.

A suggestion was made as to whether children and young people could use the Mind of My Own (MOMO) app to provide feedback on their own mental health which could then be sent through to their Social Worker, who in turn could seek further support for the children/young people if necessary. The Board were informed that there had been lots of digital apps used during COVID-19 and when further discussions take place when Charlotte Hammond and Mairead Gill-Mullarkey return with Health colleagues, this was a further conversation that could be had specifically for children in care.

It was noted that there was a commitment from the Police to helping and that there was a vulnerability app for Samsung devices as well as access to helplines and that these were used a lot. It was clear that whilst the Police were there to safeguard and look after children, children in the care of Police Officers were not where they should be, and the right place was with people who can offer the children/young people the right care. Work that the Violence Reduction Network together with all partners was doing in relation to trauma informed approach training across all agencies to practitioners was a game changer for the future and would change how the Police approach vulnerability of all children including children looked after.

The following suggestions were made to the Board on opportunities for joint working/improving practice:

- Lancashire County Council Approved Mental Health Professional (AMHP) Service to review current practice with joint working with Children Services for children in care.
- An agreement between Services on who will undertake the role of Nearest Relative for Children in Care – this was agreed that through the Scheme of Delegation that this would be either or both the Head of Children Looked After and Leaving Care or the Director of Children's Social Care, Lancashire County Council.
- Approved Mental Health Professionals (AMHPs) to do briefing sessions for staff in Children's Services on the role of the AMHP.

Resolved: The Board agreed:

- i) That this was an area of work that requires a workstream to be set up and would be led by Senior Officers and the Champion for Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health.
- ii) Brendan Lee, Head of Children Looked After and Leaving Care, Lancashire County Council would speak with Mairead Gill-Mullarkey outside of the meeting on the low numbers of children looked after accessing mental health services for August, in the care of Lancashire County Council.

4. Fostering Statement of Purpose 2020-2022

Catherine Gill, Fostering, Adoption- Lancashire, Blackpool Services, Lancashire County Council outlined the report and briefed members on the Fostering Statement of Purpose 2020-2022 as set out in the [agenda](#) and it was:

Resolved: That the Corporate Parenting Board approved the Fostering Statement of Purpose 2020-2022 so that Lancashire Fostering Services were able to comply with Fostering Services England 2011 and meet minimum fostering standards and the Fostering Service can ensure that Lancashire's children and young people feel safe and well care for within their fostering families.

5. Virtual School Annual Report

Audrey Swann, Education Improvement, Lancashire County Council presented a summary of the Virtual School Annual Report 2020-21 to the Board which is attached to these minutes as it was slightly amended to the version that was attached to the agenda.

The presentation outlined further details on the following:

- Context to the Virtual School Annual Report 2020-21
- Attainment
- How do we know how our primary children are doing?
- 2019-2020 - The % of primary pupils who were doing really well or on track
- 2019-2020 - Year 11s of 2020 attainments compared to 2017-2018 and 2018-2019
- How Lancashire compares from the previous year and within the North West, statistical neighbours and nationally
- Early indications for 2021 GCSE cohort
- Post Year 11 young people information
- Education, Employment and Training (EET)
- Planning for progress – the Personal Education Plan (PEP)
- Quality matters – quality of the Personal Education Plan (PEP)
- Funding
- High needs pot/funding and how it helps
- What else is included in the Annual Report
- Priorities 2021-2022

A copy of the full Virtual School Annual Report was circulated to members following the meeting for reference.

Resolved: That the Board noted the summary that was outlined in the presentation.

6. Education, Employment and Training Strategy

Roxanne McAllister, Looked After Children and Leaving Care Service, Lancashire County Council provided the Board with an update on the Education, Employment and Training Strategy and outlined the progress so far:

- Recording options have been amended to include pre-employments activity and volunteering, this has captured 76 young people who were previously thought to be Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET).
- Established communication between the Virtual School and the Permanence Service via Microsoft Teams to ensure better joint working and information sharing.
- Joint working between the Education Department, Inclusion Service and Child and Youth Justice Service has started to improve Education, Employment and Training (EET) outcomes for Children in Our Care (CIOC) and Care Leavers.
- Campus day arranged and attended by Personal Advisors and the Leaving Care Service.
- Empower academy dates set.
- Not in Education, Employment and Training (NEET) young people being tracked as part of the service Performance, Audit, Challenge and Track (PACT) meeting.
- Pathway plans being updated with a focus on Education, Employment and Training (EET) planning.

The Board were informed of what was still needed, which was:

- Gaining consent for information sharing with Further Education (FE) provisions.
- Required changes made to the Personal Education Plan (PEP).
- A focus on placement stability with Education, Employment and Training (EET) outcomes at the forefront of planning.
- Work experience opportunities for Children in Our Care (CIOC) and Care Leavers.
- Employment opportunities within the council and the communities.

Resolved: The Board noted the progress on the Education, Employment and Training Strategy and what work was still needed to be undertaken.

7. Housing Policy

Roxanne McAllister, Looked After Children and Leaving Care Service, Lancashire County Council outlined the Council's Joint Housing Protocol for Care Leavers which would ensure that all Lancashire Care Leavers felt at home. The Protocol had been developed over the last 12 months working jointly with the 12 local District Councils and housing providers. Provided within the presentation which had been circulated to members prior to the meeting were further details on:

- What the aims of the protocol were
- The progress so far

- What the protocol entails:
 - Preparation for independence
 - Pathway to homes
 - Local connection
 - Priority
 - Second chances
 - In the event of homelessness
- Challenges and what can be done to resolve them
 - Inconsistencies within the various Lancashire Districts' allocation policies and possible solutions
 - Housing shortage and possible solutions
- Corporate Parenting Cultures

A request was made to the Elected Member who became the Placement and Provision Champion to liaise with those District Councils who have inconsistencies within the various Lancashire allocation policies to encourage them to afford the highest priority for social housing for Care Leavers in Lancashire. This included most East Districts, West Lancashire Borough Council and Lancaster City Council. Districts have commented that the issues are around demand and stock of housing and also how many care leavers were in that particular District and what it looked like for demand. At the time of the meeting, there were five young people in Bed and Breakfast accommodation, some of which, it was their second time in this sort of accommodation, and over the last six months, it was being used at an increased rate, again, due to a housing shortage. This was a position, that as a Council, was felt not to be acceptable for Care Leavers to be in this type of accommodation, however, due to the situation and shortage of acceptable provision it was either that or nothing. There was also an increased usage of commissioned placements for 18+ young people with 32 in commissioned placements over the last three months, at a cost of £78,991.67 and this figure was relevant as the Council did not have a duty under the Leaving Care Act to house young people, this should be done within the community and not part of the budget from Central Government. However, as an organisation, Lancashire County Council provides commissioned placements for its' young people and which indicated a huge housing deficit in the community for Lancashire's young people. The Board were informed of a number of possible solutions for the housing shortage which were:

- Involve the housing associations directly to create pathways for young people
- The implementation of this protocol to aid smoother transitions and support access to social housing
- Senior executive/cross county discussion about affordable housing stock and availability with help from the Corporate Parenting Board
- Consulting on a guarantor scheme for Care Leavers
- National House Project

There was also another issue with regards to Corporate Parenting cultures where it was not a consistent application and a lack of understanding of Corporate Parenting principles within the Districts. The solution for this would be to outline

the Corporate Parenting responsibilities to the Districts and for it to be imbedded from a Senior level within each District.

Following the presentation, the following points were raised:

Block Contracted Services were the supported accommodation and youth accommodation housing offer that used to be funded through the "Supporting People" budget. Lancashire County Council took this over as part of the Block Contracted services as this was also a good pathway for 16+ years looked after children into social housing. In respect of the supported lodgings offer of the Block Contract, the take up in Lancashire is low compared to other Local Authorities, partly due to where the host families live and the need for improved transition planning in social work. The current contract for supported lodgings is with Barnardo's and M3 and it was noted that further work needed doing in terms of promoting this service.

Further issues that were raised for discussion at future meetings were:

- Who assesses the Bed and Breakfast accommodation when care leavers are placed in them?
- Who were children in care and care leavers competing against for housing?
- In terms of new builds, it was suggested that the Council should be requesting at least one house per 100/200 built and propose this to housing and planning with young people present in the form of a meeting/conference.

Resolved: that the Board noted the update.

8. National Housing Project

Andreas Feldhaar, Permanence Service, Lancashire County Council provided the Board with an update on the National House Project which Lancashire had secured with the support of young people who were involved in the pitch. Lancashire was only one of 13 Projects running nationally.

The Board were informed about what the Project entailed and members had received this [information](#) prior to the meeting. It has four pillars in how it operates and succeeds which are:

- Project bases
- Project lead and two facilitators
- Independent living framework (Autonomy, Competency, Relatedness)
- Access to Social Housing Properties

The Board noted that this was a young person led incentive and approach and it would support approximately 10 young people in care aged 17+ years of age per year. The Project was a very successful pathway from care to independence and it had increased the permanence and achieving permanency and also significantly reduced the risk of homelessness. Since the Project began in 2018 it was reported that it had not had one young person evicted from their property

who were involved with the Project. It also focuses on (re)integration into education, employment or training and was an accredited process.

Also outlined to the Board, was that there were six implementation stages which were:

- i) Feasibility (month 1) – completed
- ii) Project Development (month 2-7) – completed
- iii) Project Set Up (start month 7) – In Progress
 - Establish Steering Group
 - Confirm areas of future social housing (West Lancashire has committed to this and discussions are ongoing with other districts and registered providers to finalise this process over the next few weeks)
 - Identify project base near to where most young people will be living
 - Recruit project lead and facilitators; induction and training
- iv) Project Implementation (first Group of young people) – due to start at end of the first year
- v) Second group of young people – due to start around the middle of the second year
- vi) First group of young people graduate (tenancy transfer) – due to start in the middle of the third year

Resolved: that the Board noted the update.

9. Executive Group for Achieving Children and Young People's Permanence

Andreas Feldhaar, Permanence Service, Lancashire County Council informed the Board that the former 'Permanence Board' had been replaced by an Executive Group for Achieving Children and Young People's Permanence which supported the permanency of Lancashire's young people where there was an effective partnership working with internal and external partners alongside decision makers at senior or head of service level. The Executive Group would support all aspects of permanence and corporate parenting and provide strategic direction and remove barriers beyond the individual organisation. The Board noted that regular updates from the Executive Group would be reported to the Corporate Parenting Board.

The Board were provided with an overview, which was included in the agenda pack, of the four workstreams that the Executive Group would focus on, which were:

- i) Achieving Permanence
- ii) Improving Placements and Provisions
- iii) Improving Health and Wellbeing Support and Outcomes
- iv) Improving Education, Employment and Training Opportunities and Outcomes

Resolved: That the Board noted the update.

10. Actions for Next Meeting

Brendan Lee, Permanence Service, Lancashire County Council summarised the meeting and requested that Elected Members come forward to champion one of the four workstreams in order to support the Executive Group for Achieving Children and Young People's Permanence in enabling those links with District Councils and to drive the work forward. Brendan Lee offered to speak with Elected Members if they wished on the workstreams and how they could support officers in taking this work forward.

- Resolved:**
- i) That Elected Members inform Brendan Lee, Permanence Service, Lancashire County Council of the workstream they would like to lead on.
 - ii) That County Councill Gibson speak with Brendan Lee, Brendan Lee, Permanence Service, Lancashire County Council outside the meeting on the role of the Champion.

11. Any Other Business

There was not any other business received.

12. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday, 24 November 2021 at 6pm, format to be agreed.



Participation Update

What is Participation

- ❖ Participation is the active involvement of children and young people.
- ❖ Participation differs from other activities as children and young people are routinely consulted.
- ❖ The process by which children and young people influence decision making, which brings about change in them, others, their services and their communities.

What are our aims?

- ❖ Our aim is to help children and young people bring about positive change through active participation. We want all services and organisations to listen to the ideas and opinions of young people.
- ❖ To enable a platform for SEND and Care experienced young people to have their voice heard on issues that matter to them and to make positive change.



Meet The Staff Team



Brian Wood - Team Leader
- North Targeted Youth Support and Thematic Lead for Participation



Hans Mundry Professional Range Youth Worker responsible for Lancashire Youth Council



Suli Hussain Professional Range Youth Worker responsible for POWAR - The SEND Forum



April Rankin Professional Range Youth Worker responsible for LINX (Children in Care Council) and Carer Leavers Forum



VACANT Youth Support Worker



Lorna Harris Youth Support Worker



Adam Riley Youth Support Worker

80 Youth council
Session

Engaging 120 young
people

60 young people
taking lead roles on
participation



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Lancashire Youth Council



What has Lancashire Youth Council been up to?

Interviewing senior management recruitment

Interviewing front line youth workers for recruitment

Taking part in Youth Focus North West research work

Taking part in LCC scrutiny meetings

Youth Studies into Mental Health (a young person's view)

Youth studies into Bullying

Forming a youth interview panel

Each district youth council have been working on projects that are important to their district area

Young people have attended Regional youth forum meetings.

Young people have engaged with the British Youth council supporting National projects

Young people have been contacting schools, Councillors, MP's and other agencies to gain information and to promote their projects.

Young people have had meetings with the High Sheriff of Lancashire who was very interested in young people's activities.

Young people are working on food poverty

Plastic recycling.

The Make Your Mark

Member of Youth Parliament Election

Lancashire

County
Council



38 Online Engagements

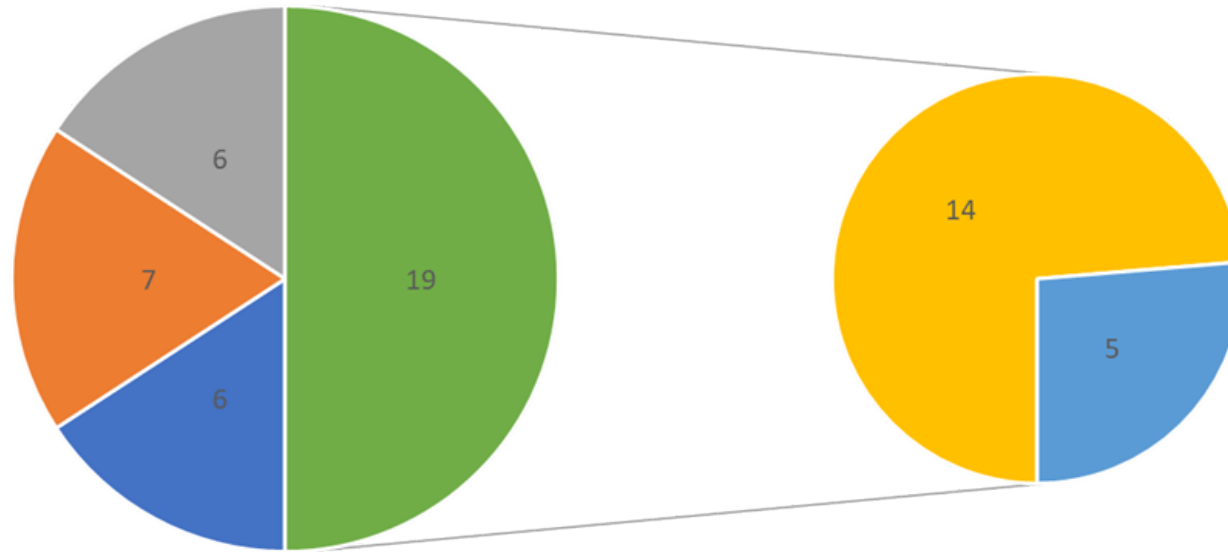
All Together 125
engagements with 12
Unique Young People



POWER

What Has POWAR been up to?

Number of Group engagements



- POWAR Zoom Session
- SEND Executive Boards
- CYP Exec Boards
- Mash and Strategic Leads
- interview Panels

- ❖ Local District Groups
- ❖ Easy Meeting reading agendas
- ❖ New Logo creation
- ❖ Interview Panels
- ❖ Young Inspectors
- ❖ Inclusion on Projects
- ❖ Send Partnership Board

Children in care Council and Care Leavers Forum

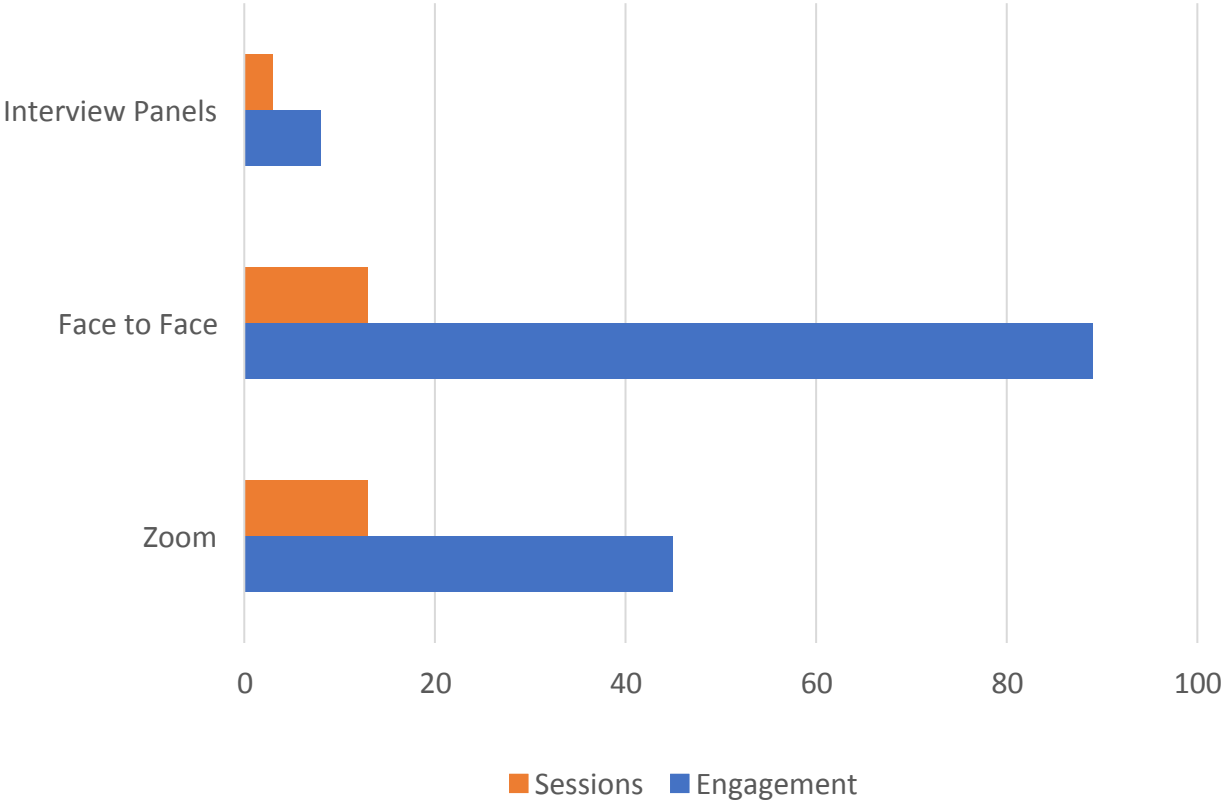
151 Online/Face to
Face Engagements

With 65 Unique
Young people



What has CICC and CLF been up to?

Engagement and sessions



- ❖ Interview Panels
- ❖ Face to Face sessions
- ❖ Corporate parenting Board
- ❖ Consultations
- ❖ Young Inspectors
- ❖ Upskilling

Working Alongside



- ❖ Personal Advisors
- ❖ Social Workers

- ❖ Teams Mangers
- ❖ Councillors
- ❖ Heads of Services





Upskilling

To Teach Additional skills

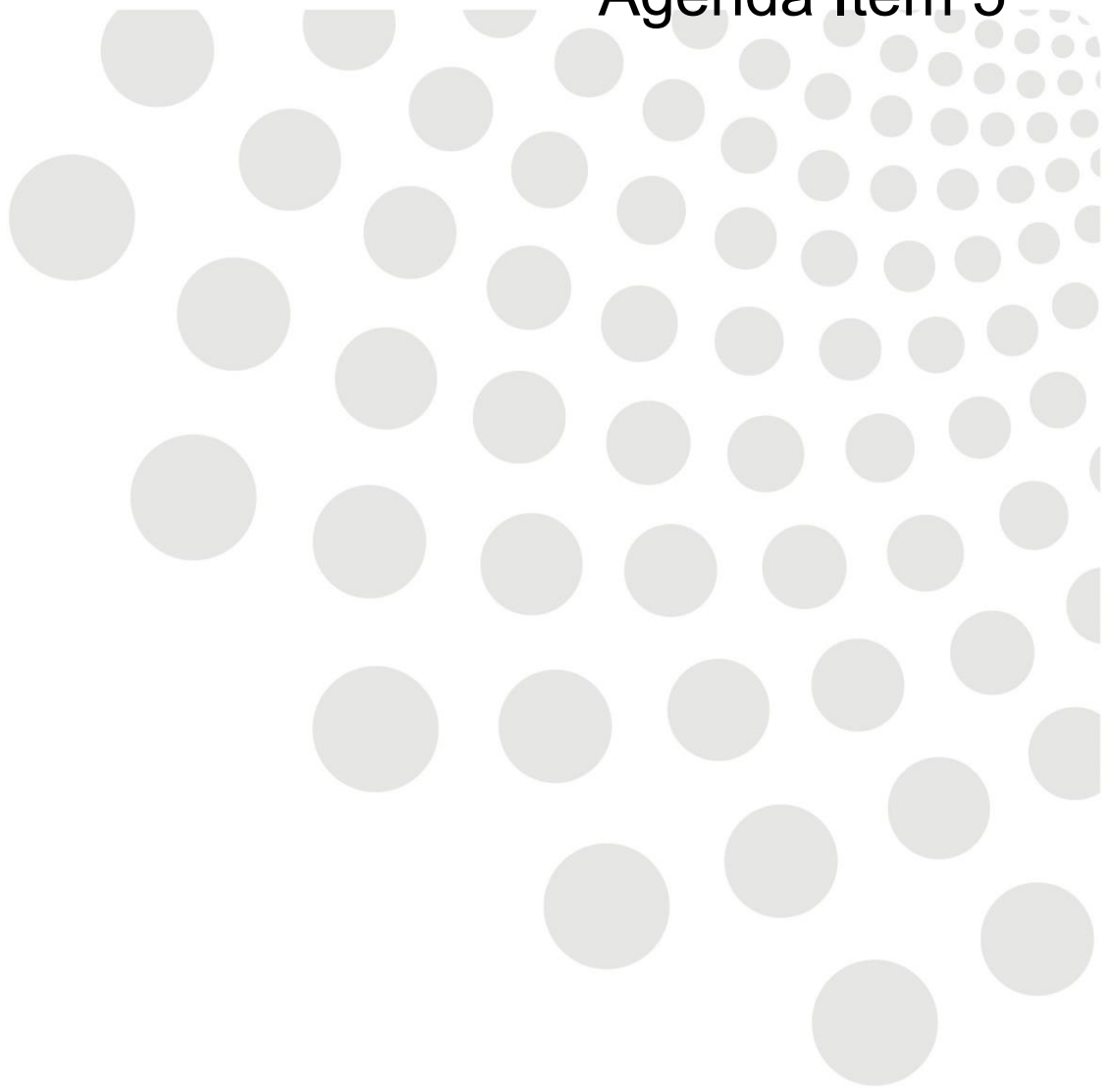
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*“I feel welcome and it gives me the chance to make positive change “
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Locations

- ❖ The Children in care council , Care Leavers Forum and POWAR is made up of 6 local youth voice Groups, located in:
- ❖ South – Skelmersdale & Walton-le-Dale
- ❖ East – Gt Harwood and Colne
- ❖ North – Lytham St Annes & Lancaster
- ❖ Zoom – All Areas





Children in Our Care and Leaving Care Summer Involvement Report 2021

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Summary:

Altogether we had 30 unique CYP attend the sessions, whether that was through zoom or face to face.

From the consultation, there were some varied answers however some similarities that came from CYP sharing how they have their voice heard were, speaking to workers came up the most and young people felt confident to do so, additionally through participation groups and the use of the mind of my own app.

The main outcome from what the CYP would like to get out of group sessions was advice, meeting other young people in care or care experienced, having your own voice and learning new life skills.

CYP were confident to tell us that they would have their say and get involved by speaking up, whether that's to social workers, in a professional meeting or taking part in a group.

A point that was raised several times was around support and payment for bus travel to attend groups, projects, meetings. This mainly came from care leavers.

Through discussions, to run the event next year, participation will be embedded across the service, network and relationship building will continue throughout the year. It has been suggested to combine the day for all ages to make transporting more effective, then we will have the age range groups throughout the activities creating a 'rota' style timetable.

Uptake and Planning



Designed flyer that was Distributed to staff and young people

The Lancashire County Council Participation Team were tasked to recruit and consult with care experienced children and young people over the summer period. A flyer was created which was then distributed amongst CIOC & LC teams, care homes across Lancashire, TYS team & NYAS to gain engagement and share details of the planned activities.

Uptake was not as predicted at first, but this slowly started to build. We gained some feedback from staff regarding the timeline for the events as notice was short for the first dates and getting this information to the young people as social workers at this point had booked leave throughout the summer period.

The plan for the summer event was to meet the CYP on a zoom session and a face to face activity session. We were flexible and accommodating to the CYP needs if there was a date that suited them best so they could attend a session.

Below is the information taken from both zoom and face to face sessions, we used a number of methods to get to know the CYP, deliver the CYP consultation, share our offer and gather feedback.

Zoom

Altogether we had 20 attendees at the zoom sessions.

We began the session with icebreakers to share names and allow the young people to settle into the session and begin to feel comfortable.

The consultation questions were delivered through discussion and talking points were noted down by staff members. These are the questions asked below:

Q1 How do you get involved in services for you? How do you have your say?

Take part in extra opportunities that are given such as young inspectors, Barnardo's, train social workers, Corporate Parenting Board. Meeting CYP face to face. Take part in meetings, groups.

Q1.2 What can we do to help you?

To support CYP with transport/ free bus passes/ reimburse fares. To have both online & face to face to allow for if CYP cannot not get there.

Q2 What would you like to get out of group sessions?

Campaigns, pack for new cyp in care- advice, support, groups, information etc.

To tackle the issues, CYP are passionate about. Build on confidence, meet new people, make new friends, not feel so lonely.

Passionate about: mental health, LGBTQ+, community in care, Care file for yp- write with more consideration, experience of not getting the yp's opinions and views across correctly –has this now changed. Considering what is helpful for the YP in placement, Social workers seeing the 'real' side to carers, Not sharing all the story if it's not necessary, More support for LGBTQ+ yp and staff training, change of name/ use of preferred names etc. change on systems/ paperwork/ legalities.

BBC Involvement: On two of the sessions representatives from the BBC came and delivered an hour's session centred around Fake News. The focus of the session was to raise awareness to CYP about real news articles and spotting the fake ones. The BBC representatives also shared employment and competition opportunities for young people. Young people engaged well in this activity and it sparked detailed conversations about news real or fake, social media, incites and future careers.

Evaluation: The young people engaged and took part in every activity during these online sessions. Some young people found talking over zoom difficult due to low confidence. We approached this during the face to face sessions.

Borwick

Numbers of CYP: 15+ = 7



The young people were offered choices on which activities they would like to do, the group were keen to try their skills at Archery, once they found their rhythm, they used the points to determine a place of travel and holiday destination, career and salary and pizza creation, all for fun of course!

Young people worked in small groups to answer questions on flip charts, the flipcharts were then passed around to each table for all to answer and work on, staff were available for additional support.

How do you have your say/Voice Heard?

- Speak Up
- Listen to Others
- Role model to talk too who are mature
- leaders and Representatives
- Target Audience- Make sure it applies to the
- Worded in a certain way because of how certain people interpret things.
- Speak to workers
- Being open to people
- Meetings/feedback
- Planning Project
- Online APP that people can install /forms.

How can we help/ support you into having your say?

- Getting involved
- 1-1 Support
- Different activities to choose from
- Different people comfortable in different situations
- Being able to talk to people
- Social workers being open
- Online Platforms
- Reliable and continuous Platforms
- People to be available
- Good stable set of friends to help you
- Regular Meetings
- Structure of information
- Speaking to care leavers about experience in care
- Active listening

What would you like to get out of group sessions?

- Build confidence
- Build social skills
- Meeting people our age or older
- Opportunity to expand on our CV
- Build on our knowledge
- Learning about the opportunities you have in life
- Ability to learn new things
- Learning life skills
- Better Training for care workers
- Better support for care workers
- More housing opportunities
- Choices for care leavers
- Interview training
- More activity choices
- Happiness
- Increase of confidence in a group environment
- Therapy

How do you get involved in services for you?

- Internet/Online
- Newspaper
- Friends
- Carers
- Magazines
- Social media
- Youth Clubs
- Actively Search
- Step out of comfort zone
- Ask PA- Find out what's available
- School/College and notice boards

Evaluation:

Young people expressed that less writing would be better however they enjoyed the activities that were put on for the session. It was suggested to have more interactive consultation. Young people worked well in their groups for the activities and consultation. There were some young people who began the sessions reserved and nervous, however by the end of the sessions we observed they had opened up more and felt comfortable to engage with other young people in social conversation.

Hothersall

Again, the staff at Hothersall were accommodating and allowed for us to ask the CYP what they would like to do for their activities. The younger group were excited about being physical and active, and the rain did not stop them working together on the Low Ropes and Orienteering. The older group shown us their skills and strengths with Archery and Low Rope challenges.

From the feedback we had from the previous session, we pushed to create a Mentimeter account for the team to use going forward. We were able to achieve this and then created the presentations ready to use for the consultation and evaluation elements of the sessions. However, the building we were situated in had no WIFI, so we reverted to delivering the consultation again on flipchart in small groups.

During the sessions we had additional inputs from Future U and NYAS. Future U delivered a session focusing on Positive Mindset, where the young people engaged in looking at statements and how they approached marshmallow and spaghetti tower building task. NYAS shared their offer for example Independent Visitor and had resources available for young people to take away.

Numbers of CYP: 12-14= 4 / 15+ 4

Consultation group 1: 12-14's

Young people worked in small groups to answer questions on flip charts, the flipcharts were then passed around to each table for all to answer and work on, staff were available for additional support.

How do you get involved in services for you?

- Ask workers
- Ask youth workers
- Independent visitor
- Get information from family/carers
- Internet
- Social media

How do you have your say?

- Tell an adult/ say at meeting
- Youth zones
- Tell social worker
- Join a youth council
- Mind of my own app
- Make a poster

- Raise awareness on things that matter to us

How could we help you/more CYP?

- Make a pack for young people with information i.e. mind of my own app, services, support.
- Website for young people
- Sharing information

What would you like to get from group sessions?

- Advice
- New people to talk to
- Have your own voice/opinion
- Young inspectors
- Making change
- LINX Listen, involve, negotiate, xpress
- Advertising/ spreading the word
- Having a pack – when you are new in care

Consultation group 2: 15+

How do you get involved in services for you?

- Website
- Social media
- Complaints
- Services going into school/college
- Ask social worker
- Attend group sessions
- Leaving care worker
- Leaflets
- Booklets
- Through supported accommodation

What would you like to get from group sessions?

- Food
- Trips
- Fun
- Feeling of achievement
- Activities
- money
- Teamwork
- Art/graffiti
- Life skills

How can we help/support you?

- Free food
- Incentives
- Trips
- Show what we achieve
- Pay for travel
- Resources
- Organise travel

How do you have your say?

- By speaking up
- Talk to different professionals – different language methods, sign language
- Emails
- Surveys
- Post on the internet

Evaluation group 1: 12-14s

Each young person was given two post-it notes to give some short feedback. They were asked what you enjoyed and what are you taking away from the session.

What did you enjoy?

- Meeting new people, not being on my own all day, number chase game, dinner, low ropes activity
- Being outdoors, number chase game
- Activities, number chase game, running outdoors for orienteering
- Meeting other foster kids

What are you taking away from today?

- Balancing skills on the climbing activity
- Orienteering skills, teamwork, creativity, memories
- Interacting with new people, learning new skills
- Teamwork, free fruit

Evaluation group 2: 15+

Each young person was given two post-it notes to give some short feedback. They were asked what you enjoyed and what are you taking away from the session.

What did you enjoy?

- All of it
- All of it
- Food

What are you taking away from today?

- Problem solving, free pen
- Architecture skills
- What a fixed and growth mind set is



Anderton Centre

At this centre the CYP were again given choices on which activities they would like to do. The younger group climbed to the challenge with Low Ropes and faced the heights with Crate Stacking. The older group took on the survival skills with Archery and Bush Craft.



For the CYP consultation we were able to use the Mentimeter as the activity to gather the information. Staff supported the CYP with devices and being able to share their thoughts by giving additional 1:1 support. Images below show feedback from CYP using Mentimeter. An additional question was answered on flipchart as a group this is also typed below.



NYAS shared their offer for example Independent Visitor and had resources available for young people to take away.

Numbers of CYP: 8-11 = 5 / 15+ = 8

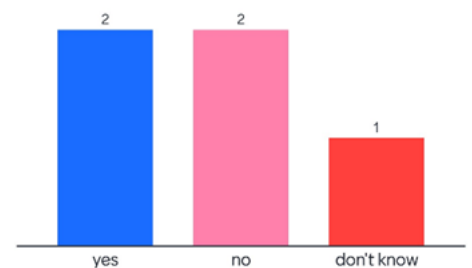
Mentimeter consultation:

Group 1: 8-11's

what does being care experienced mean to you?



Have you made any choices in your life which effects your day to day living?



What have you made your own choice with?

Mentimeter

I decide what breakfast I want and what I wear as long as it matches and it is appropriate

I was asked by my foster carer if I wanted any changes. I said no. I get to choose my clothes. I just get to play on my tab when its bed time.

decided to come to day decided what I have for my breakfast decided to do roller skating

I get to decide what to wear.

I make a choice that I pick my own clothes and that I brush my own hair and I do my own hair and I choose my own breakfast but I can't have a lot and I can only choose my own clothes if it matches

What would you like to get out of group sessions?

Mentimeter

have fun meet new people build new confidence want to be a police man	Making new any best friends. Having a say in who you live with. Finding out about new groups.	Making new friends in school
Meeting new people getting new friends getting kind advice for me to be calm and make new friends learning to look at the computer not the keyboard and tyoe like that	More foster caring and helping building skills and couragei want to learn online safety, and i want to make more friends	

Have you heard of the Children in Care Council or Care Leaver Forum? And how could we promote these groups?

Mentimeter

no. contact hayley or jnny when hess not at work.	No. Find out more about foster care	No. Through social workers, schools
No. Social worker	No.if someone had no forser carer they might want one so bad then we could help them get one And always be kind	

Group 2

what does being care experienced mean to you?



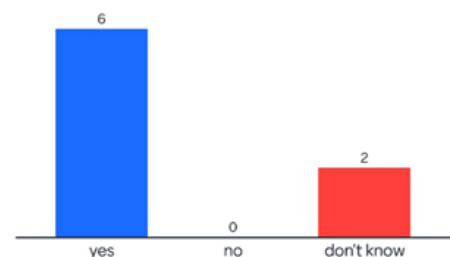
Have you/Do you know how to access any of your services?



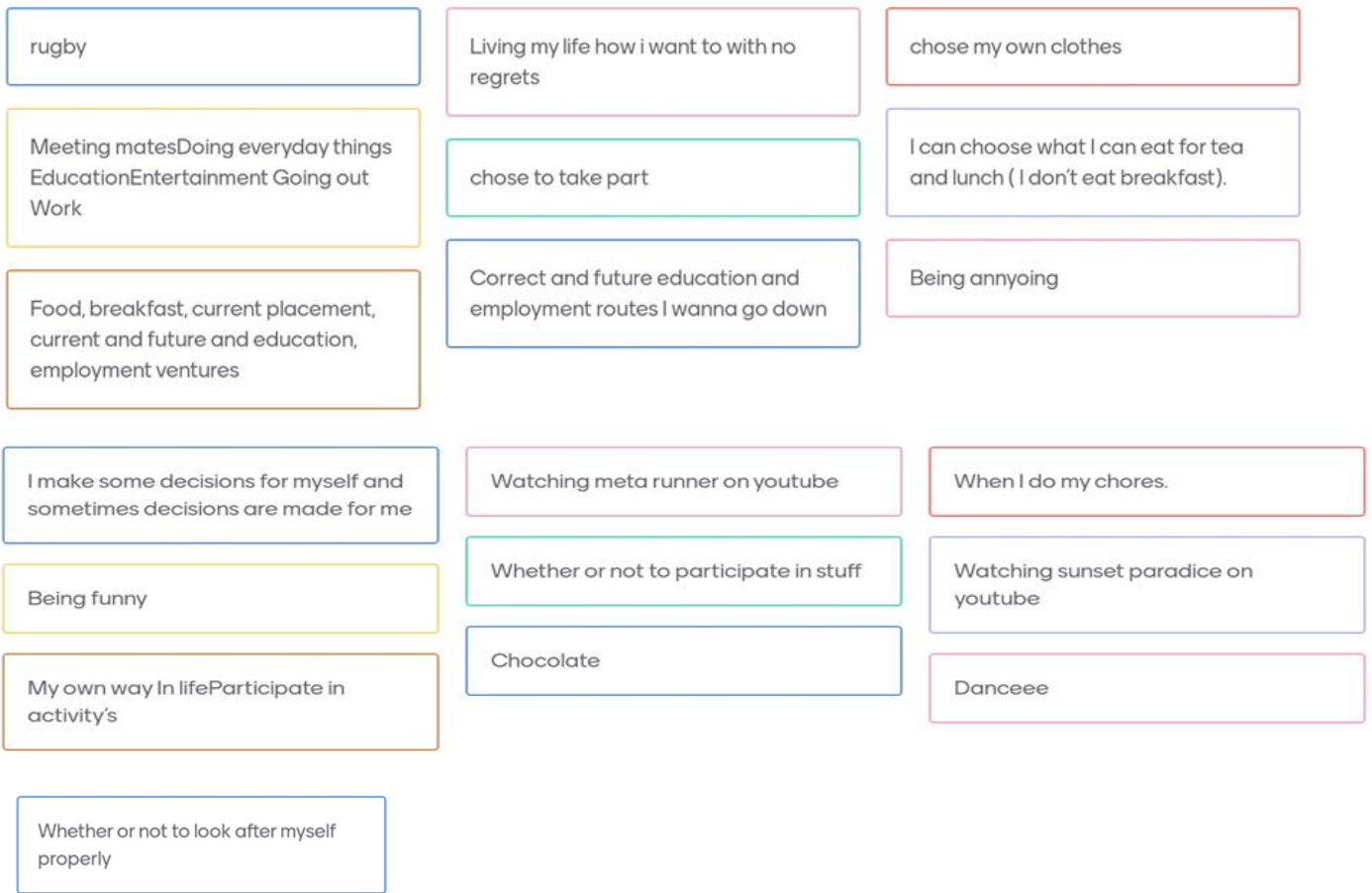
what services do you access? And how would you have your say?



Have you made any choices in your life which effects your day to day living?



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What would you like to get out of group sessions?



Have you heard of the Children in Care Council or Care Leaver Forum? And how could we promote these groups?

No until now 😞	T shirts	No. Not sure
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Yes. Speak to social workers and PAs and utilise social media	People who talk to you	Social media
Go into schools 🏫.	Newspaper adds	Fun dayyyy 🎉🎉🎉🎉🎉
Leaflets.	School visits	
No. Phone the house, Tell the schools	No. Tv adverts , social media, radio and magazines.	
🎉🎉🎉🎉🎉🎉	Yes. We can promote these through social media and thought things like flyers and information like with your pa's who can inform you with the information	
Adverts	Movies with action	

How would you have your say?

- Contact social worker
- Contact PA
- Speak to adults directly
- Talk to NYAS
- Speak to youth workers
- Speak to IRO's
- Mind of my own app
- Participation groups ie CICC

Evaluation group 1: 8-11s

- Climbing
- Feeling happy
- Was brave
- Enjoyed crate stacking
- Feel positive



- Less nervous
- Meeting new people
- Getting help from others
- Making new friends



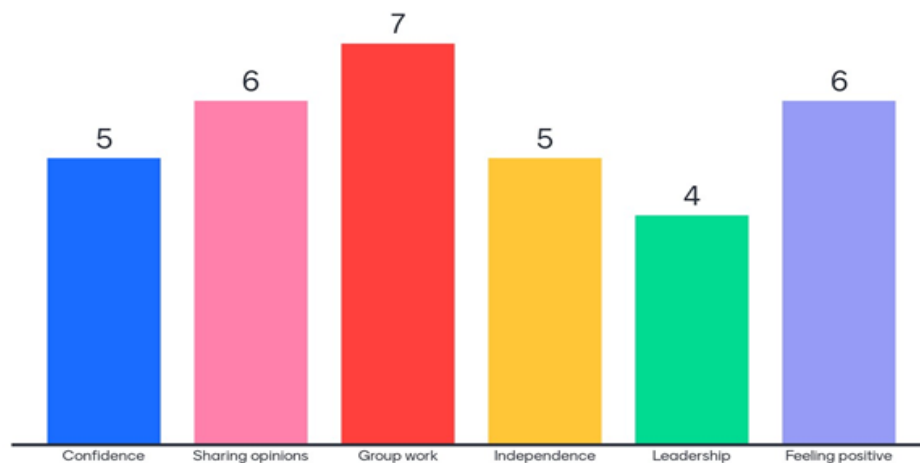
Evaluation group 2

Summer involvement session - what have you enjoyed about today?

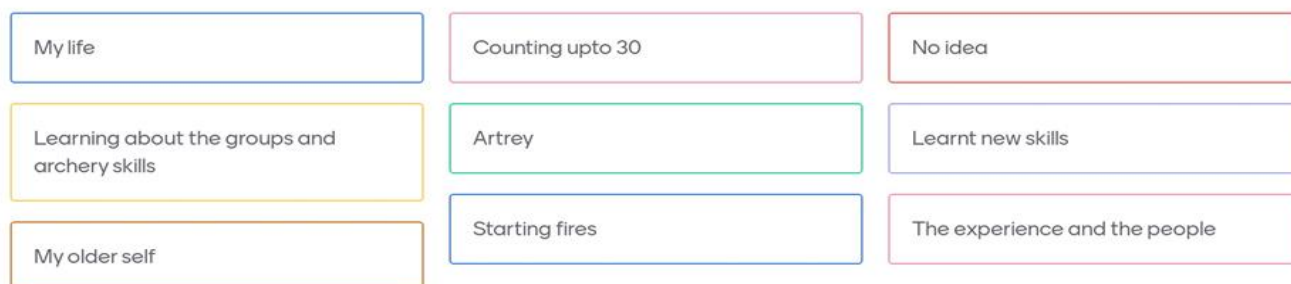
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Have you developed any of these statements?



Summer involvement session - what are you taking away from today?



Impact and Staff Feedback

From this event, we saw a change in the young people's body language and attitudes. These days have facilitated young people to open up, communicate to new people, share their ideas and opinions and be listened to. The young people expressed on several occasions that they felt more confident, more positive and enjoyed sharing their opinions.

Case Study: YP1

YP1 is 9 years old, they first joined one of the zoom sessions with their carer but did not feel confident enough to put their camera on. They then attended one of the outdoor sessions too, they came to the session with a comfort item and was very quiet and shy. After introducing ourselves and Adam opening conversation about games and other common interests, they were happy for their carer to leave them for the session. YP1 sat at the back of the room with Adam and was quiet during the first half of the session as the other children were loud and chatting. As the session went on and we began the outdoor activities, YP1 began to get involved in the low rope activity and began to slowly talk to the other children to help complete the tasks set.

YP1 throughout the sessions began to talk to the other children and staff more confidently. They then talked more to another child in the session, and they talked about common interests. By the end of the session YP1 was playing games with the other participants and was interested in keeping in touch with some of the children who they had met.

Case Study: YP2

YP2 is 17 and first joined on a zoom session with some older young people. They were quiet and shy and used the session to listen to what the other young people had to say. YP2 then joined us at an outdoor session where they met new young people. Again, they began the session quite reserved and low in confidence then as

the session went on they felt confident to talk to some of the other young people and staff who were there. They took part in activities that took them out of their comfort zone and began to make friends with another young person there.

After the sessions YP2 shown interest in continuing to be involved in further sessions and to join the Children in Care Council. YP2 was invited to a BBC workshop session and the next CICC meeting and has been attending since. They are building on their confidence and communication with others through participating in interview panels, training courses and group work sessions.

Each young person has had a different impact and has taken away something different from their time during the activities. Some young people would like to get involved in more outdoor activity type sessions and some expressed interest in our youth offer and this has resulted in an increase of CYP attending the CICC and CLF.

Feedback from carers:

Dear April

Just to say a huge thank you for inviting KAuden and Lottie to the outdoor event today. They have raved about it all the way home. They really enjoyed the rope course and the crate stacking and high on the list of great things done them was the food!!

They have had a wonderful time and have made a few friends in the process so please thank all those involved. They loved it.

Thanks again

"Hi they loved it cant wait for the next one" text message received from a foster carer in reply to giving the CYP information about the next CICC meeting.



Feedback from Staff involved & Recommendations for future events:

Lead up to event and Planning:

It was a short turn around to begin with for the first week off dates. Knowing the staff structures and networks surrounding the event increased awareness of our offer but there were still some barriers.

What went well: the offer of the different platforms such as virtual & face to face. The venue locations that were offered spread across Lancashire. We were able to be flexible with the venue/date to accommodate needs of individual young people to enable inclusivity.

Recommendations for future events:

Participation being embedded in services will give a greater understanding to staff, PA's of our Participation offer moving forward. Our next steps to achieve this is to deliver presentations/training to staff across Lancashire districts to share our local offer.

Combining the day:

A recommendation is to have all age groups come for the same time, for example 10-4pm and have the sessions timetabled on a rotational basis and the CYP work in their age groups to attend each session throughout the day. Feedback from staff/carers about having young people in different age groups who wanted to attend which meant staff had to bring at different times, we were able to accommodate these instances on case by case. Feedback from the late sessions were that by around 8pm-8.30pm the young people were getting tired and they still had to have their journey home.

Different locations:

Feedback from some of the more rural locations as some carers/staff got lost on the way to the outdoor venues. Possibly utilise the Youth Zones and hire out equipment/games. Lancashire Boys and Girls Club association have equipment like archery, paintball, gladiator inflatables etc.

Additionally, having clear outcomes and focus for the consultation from the start. To determine what the focus of the events are. Would next year have a different focus for the consultation, feedback and or recruitment?

SCHEDULE OF CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD MEETINGS 2022/2023

If you have any queries regarding the Corporate Parenting Board, please contact Sam Gorton, Clerk to the Corporate Parenting Board either by telephone (01772) 532471 or e-mail sam.gorton@lancashire.gov.uk

Date of Corporate Parenting Board Meeting	Time and Venue
Thursday, 21 July 2022 - Young People's Meeting	1.30pm – Committee Room 'C' – Duke of Lancaster Room, County Hall
Tuesday, 20 September 2022	6.00 pm – Committee Room 'C' – Duke of Lancaster Room, County Hall
Wednesday, 23 November 2022	6.00 pm – Committee Room 'C' – Duke of Lancaster Room, County Hall
Thursday, 12 January 2023	6.00 pm - Committee Room 'C' – Duke of Lancaster Room, County Hall
Tuesday, 14 March 2023	6.00 pm - Committee Room 'C' – Duke of Lancaster Room, County Hall
Wednesday, 10 May 2023	6.00 pm - Committee Room 'C' – Duke of Lancaster Room, County Hall

