



Children Looked After Young Inspectors Update February 2015



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There are currently 11 trained members of the Children Looked After Young Inspectors Team.

The Young Inspectors visit

- fostering agencies
- Lancashire County Council residential units
- Private residential units

Questions to Young People:

- Would you recommend this service to other people – why?
- What do you think could make the service better?
- Do you like this service and why ?
- Is this service efficient in making a difference to your life? - how / why?

- How involved are you and other young people in making decisions about the service?
- How do you know you are being listened to?
- Does this service enable you to become more independent?
- How does this service make a difference to you ? What difference does it make?

- Are all young people treated equally?
- Are all staff approachable / how do you know this ?
- Does this service create a comfortable environment for you ? (and how)



Questions to staff:

- How do you prioritise what your service does / what has it prioritised?
- How do you continually improve your service / what do you want to improve?
- How do you listen to children and young people?
- How do you help children and young people?

- What challenges do you face day to day?
- What are the aims of the service?
- Do you feel the service is useful to the community? (how?)
- Do you think having young inspectors coming in is helpful?
- How effective is your service? /What is your service effective at?

The Story so far....

In October we visited a Lancashire County Council Residential Unit to run a pilot inspection. We have sent them our recommendations.

These included:

Aim to ensure that ALL young people leave the residential unit equipped with the skills and knowledge to live independently.

Review Confidentiality policies and procedures so that ALL young people feel that confidentiality is granted adequately.

To continue to listen to the voice of young people.

In November we inspected a private fostering Agency and have sent them our recommendations.

These included:

Review ALL policies to make sure that participation is embedded into everything and that policies are adhered to stringently.

To encourage foster carers to in-still independence into the young people and children in their care to better equip them for adulthood and living independently.

To continue to listen to the 'voice' of the children and young people they work with and to act upon issues raised through this process.

In December we visited an agency residential unit in East Lancashire to speak to the young people.

The second visit to speak to staff has been rearranged because of bad weather.



In January we visited an agency residential unit in North Lancashire to speak to young people and again to speak to staff.

We are currently agreeing our recommendations.



We have visits booked for a fostering agency and an agency residential unit in East Lancashire in February.



We remain pleased to report that we are seeing happy young people living in care in Lancashire.



Thank You