



Children Looked After Young Inspectors Update April 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

In February the report for a Private Residential Unit in North Lancashire was written with the following recommendations.....



When annually reviewing policies, to make sure that participation continues to be embedded into everything and that policies are adhered to stringently. For staff and young people to continue to raise awareness of participation, in all its different forms so that participation is kept at the fore front of their daily lives.

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.

To continue enabling the children and young people to become more confident with new situations and with speaking to new people through their participation work and through meeting new challenges and situations.

Over February Half term we met with Lancashire's Young Inspectors to discuss how we felt the inspections were working.

It was good to be able to share our experiences

We agreed that having Young Inspectors in Lancashire was a reliable way to hear the voice of young people

We discussed ways of improving our questions and our questioning techniques

We looked at reports that had been written and thought about ways of making the reports more young person friendly

In March we visited a supported housing project in Central Lancashire

We also visited a Private Residential Unit in East Lancashire.

We spoke to service users and staff at both visits

The recommendations for these inspections are currently being written and the reports will be sent out by the end of April 2015



We have an outstanding second visit for a Private Residential Unit in East Lancashire that has been postponed twice due to unforeseen circumstances.

Also in March one member of the Children Looked After Young Inspectors attended a residential as a volunteer member of staff for 17 newly recruited Young Inspectors who have been recruited from Lancashire's Council for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs

In April we visited 2 young people and 3 staff from a private fostering Agency.

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



Thank You