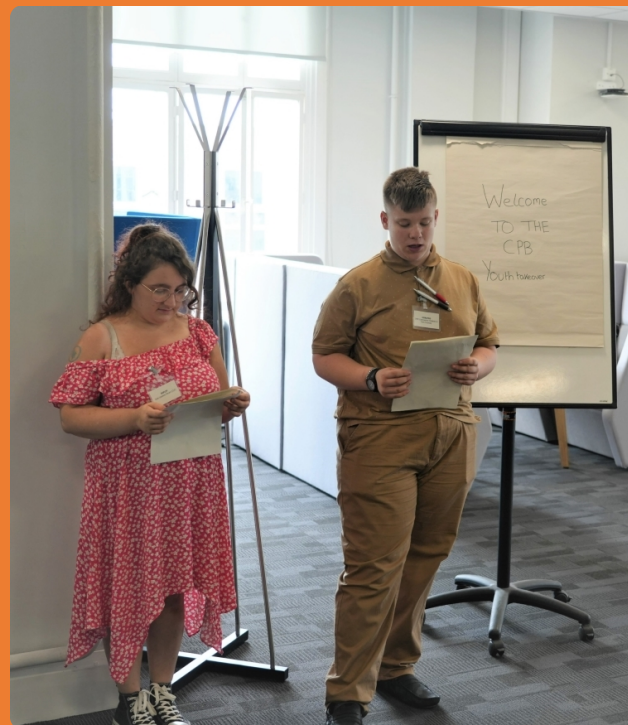


# CPB Youth Takeover - 2023



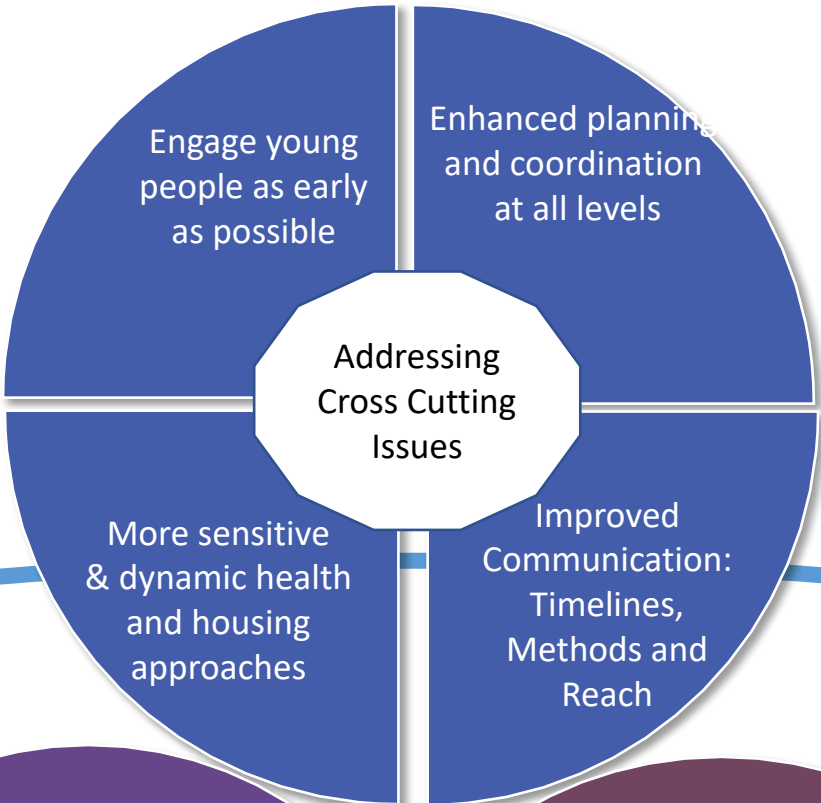
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# What would make the biggest difference?



### Health & Wellbeing

- Clear and robust health component as part of the Local Offer
- Awareness & Skills, preparation for managing own health
- Mental health access and support

### LASTING HOMES

- Extending the Housing Project
- Further and more flexible transition support
- Increase on 1 bedroom homes
- More sensitive recognition of a young person's preference for location and accommodation

### EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

- Personal Education Plan: Strengthening involvement, management and use by young people
- Engage education & employers to further develop a wider and more supportive/flexible Post 16 Offer

### FINANCIAL SUPPORT

- Maximising Staying Close & Staying Put Support
- More transitional financial support for 16/17yr olds to prepare and movement to independence
- Increased access to Work/Placement Support

Solutions	WHY
<p><b>Personal Education Plan: Strengthening involvement, management and use by young people</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack and of clarity about purpose and ownership</li> <li>• Confusing for young people</li> <li>• Need to prepare and develop the skills of the young person so that they can ultimately lead the discussion and plan</li> </ul>
<p><b>Further engage education providers and employers to enable the development of a wider Post 16 Offer and ensure it publication</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More support and guidance at 16 plus needed than is currently available.</li> <li>• Navigating potential education and career opportunities and pathways can be daunting and complex without informed support</li> <li>• Maximise further awareness off and opportunities provided through small and medium sized employers given need to widen opportunities and also help the local economic and skills needs</li> <li>• Need to ensure motivation &amp; readiness for world of work</li> </ul>
<p><b>Develop a Care Provider directory, Handbook and Newsletter</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communication about EET opportunities that might be available and accessed by young people in residential homes is currently very erratic</li> <li>• Lower levels of engagement</li> <li>• Need to ensure equality of opportunity</li> <li>• Maximise available care provider input and support</li> </ul>
<p><b>Develop and strengthen further the communication approaches used including more effective use of social media platform</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Challenges in how information about EET opportunities are being collated, shared and accessed</li> <li>• Young people are accessing information in a variety of ways and this needs to be better understood</li> <li>• Current application and use of social media as a method for communication inadequate and could be improved with more direct input from young people.</li> <li>• Communication methods need stronger input by young people- potentially put in place an apprentice for managing social media</li> </ul>

# Spotlight on Lasting Homes

Solutions	WHY
<b>Extending the House Project</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The priority of care leavers within social housing</li><li>• The availability of 1 bedroom properties needs to increase</li><li>• Managing transitions in worker better so young people know what's going on</li><li>• Need more coordinated effort to help social housing providers prioritise care leavers, still limited choice</li><li>• We often have to make do with the 'least worst' option</li><li>• Enable more opportunity &amp; coordination to provide information on key areas, transport</li><li>• Local connection being able to be challenged when a young person may have lived in a number of areas or they want to move for career / education reasons.</li></ul>
<b>Strengthening and further development of preparation /skills for independence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Aware developments in place but variable and limited in reach</li><li>• Need to develop the confidence and approaches to better deal and cope with everyday problems and issues</li><li>• Link any preparation with other applications such as transition to work</li><li>• Support for practical tasks like DIY, a place to ask simple questions</li></ul>

# Spotlight on Financial Support

Solutions	WHY
<b>Review of funding</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Staying close, staying put – review of finances</li><li>• Wider funding for aspirations and hobbies eg young drivers</li><li>• Universal Credit (UC) deductions from y/p's apprenticeship wage eliminating pay rise</li><li>• Support Access 2 Work</li><li>• Impact of different supported living arrangements (e.g. incl./excl. all bills)</li><li>• College bursary</li><li>• Summer bursary flexibility</li><li>• Extended work placements – alternative funding arrangement</li><li>• Financial support for 16/17yr olds living semi-independently</li></ul>

# Spotlight on Health and Wellbeing

Solutions	WHY
<b>Develop and strengthen wellbeing opportunities.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Local offer - Gym not a universal offer, Other offers not sport related</li><li>• Health assessments – link in the local offer</li><li>• Extend offer past 25</li></ul>
<b>Improve health support.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dental pathway advertised and shared</li><li>• Tell us why we can/can't have referrals/intervention</li><li>• Talking based therapies aren't for everyone</li><li>• Being prepared and told about appt – circumstances and variety of interventions</li><li>• Easier ways to talk to a GP</li><li>• The same doctor for a familiar face and comfortable to talk to</li><li>• More access to get in touch with doctors</li><li>• Automatic referral</li><li>• Bringing distractions back in waiting rooms</li><li>• Health people at care planning meetings</li><li>• Stick with someone that you have a relationship with</li><li>• Understanding of prevention, physical and emotional health</li><li>• Moving area should not put you at the bottom of a list</li><li>• Not being struck off for missing an appointment – have a text/phone call/letter first for a second chance</li></ul>

# How can young people find out what's going on or of the change made?

- Young people who take part know what goes on
- Mind of My own App (MOMO)
- Detached offer - Mobile vans TYS going out giving information
- Get young person as a communications officer
- Welcome pack for young people when they come into care up to date
- Communications: Emails, text, calls, whats app
- Letter, Flyer, newsletter - Posted addressed to the young people
- Social Care Targeted Youth Support linking in
- Local offer tabs for communities
- Local Offer
- Through their PA / Social Worker / carer
- Employment Support Officer





*Thank you*