

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION

To: **Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee**

Meeting Date: **21 November 2018**

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Electoral division(s): **All**

Purpose: **Update on participation of young people within Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee**

Recommendation: **To review and comment on the report.**

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Summary:

- *The two Participation workers have moved to new positions and one post is currently being advertised.*
- *The Participation Service supported an event in partnership with Realise, in the October Half Term.*
- *Three Christmas events are planned: a Christmas Make and Take' Craft Fair for younger children, a Christmas Pantomime for the older age range and a meal for Care Leavers.*
- *A Just Us group is arranged for Wisbech at Kidz Ark Craft Centre.*
- *A pack for children and young people entering care has been produced.*
- *A set of 'Promises', highlighting what the Council will do for looked after children and young people has been produced.*
- *Work has been happening to promote the use of MOMO to social workers at different offices around the County. See attachment for a breakdown of performance for MOMO.*

1. BACKGROUND

1.1 Committee requested an update on the work of the Participation Service at each meeting.

2. MAIN ISSUES

2.1 Update on Participation Service

Engagement

Considerable efforts have been made to contact and engage children and young people in the various groups supported by the Participation team. This includes children newly looked after via Social Workers and Personal Advisors and through a partnership with Cambridge Regional College.

Staffing

Both the participation workers have chosen to move to new permanent positions within Children's Services. We are recruiting for a new worker for one post (and expecting another worker to return from maternity leave in March).

MOMO

The Mind of My Own (MOMO) Application enables children and young people to participate fully in their care by guiding them through a series of open questions to express their wishes and feelings. Use of the App also helps to make practice changes in children's services through the use of technology and application of data analysis.

MOMO Monday was launched in September. The MOMO Apprentice and members of the Participation Service have been around to offices to talk to social workers and other staff to demonstrate and promote the use of the App.

Further information about the usage of MOMO is included at Appendix 1.

Events Held

A 2 day event 'Realise' was held in the October half term for 12 looked after young people. The main aim of the event is to give young people a positive and fun experience at University, to raise aspirations and encourage further education.

This project was run by Cambridge University and filled with activities such as the sport "Fives" and interactive workshops around Zoology and a science workshop. At the end of the two days the young people were divided into smaller groups and asked to create something they feel would benefit them whilst at university. They went on to make their invention out of Lego and present to the rest of the groups. Additionally, they had a talk from a care leaver who attended Cambridge University, to inform them of the services they would have access to as a Looked After Young Person.

The Care Leavers' Forum has worked hard to creating a set of Promises (to update the existing pledge) and a Young Person's guide to being Looked After. The Promises will be launched shortly.

The Care Leaver's Forum has been involved in the consultation on the Local Offer for Care Leavers. Additionally, the group have been looking at another project around transport issues in Cambridge and how accessible it is.

Events Planned

As an alternative to Just Us youth-club style clubs, an activity is planned at Kidz Ark in Wisbech. The session will be fun, craft based and the discussion will focus on children's rights.

3 Christmas events for Looked After Young people are arranged.

- 20 tickets for the Pantomime "Aladdin" have been purchased from Cambridge Arts Theatre for young people aged 12-16.
- A 'Make and Take' craft fair for young people aged 6-11 is arranged to happen at Witchford Village Hall and is intended for children and their carers. Craft activities will be run by various teams from within children's services and the presence of Members and Senior Managers is encouraged. Drinks, mince pies and sausage rolls will be provided.
- A meal out is planned for Care Leavers.

3.0 SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Resource Implications

N/A

3.2 Procurement/Contractual/Council Contract Procedure Rules Implications

N/A

3.3 Statutory, Legal and Risk Implications

N/A

3.4 Equality and Diversity Implications

N/A

3.5 Engagement and Communications Implications

N/A

3.6 Localism and Local Member Involvement

N/A

3.7 Public Health Implications

N/A

SOURCE DOCUMENTS

It is a legal requirement for the following box to be completed by the report author.

| Source Documents | Location |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| N/A | |

Appendix 1 MOMO Q2 (July to Sept 18)

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| Number of worker accounts 16/10/18 | 348 | Number of young people with accounts 16/10/18 | 115 | |
| | July 18 | August 18 | September 18 | Total |
| Number of statements per month from YP | 17 | 17 | 5 | 39 (33 in Q2) |
| Number of statements per month via worker | 7 | 13 | 12 | 32 (44 in Q2) |
| MOMO Express Statements per month (replied to directly) | 6 | 11 | 12 | 29 (32 in Q2) |
| Any messages not yet replied to | 0 | 0 | 4 – 3 statements from the same child – child not found on our system – contacted her to see if she is from another county | |
| Statements created but not sent | 17 yp 8 workers | 16 yp 13 workers | 6 yp 12 workers | |
| Top 3 subject matters each month | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •51% FC Review •17% Worker Visit •15% Share good news | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •43% FC review •33% Worker visit •18% Share good news | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •22 % FC reviews •27% Share good news •24% worker visit | |

KEY

MOMO – Mind of My Own (Application)

MOMO Express – Simplified MOMO application for children with disabilities or younger children

FC – Foster Carers