

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION

To: Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee

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Electoral division(s): All

Purpose: Update on the participation of young people within Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee and on Participation Service activity.

Recommendation: To provide feedback on the range of consultation events and activities the Participation Service provide for looked after children.

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Summary:

- There is a plan for participation activities throughout 2019
- The Corporate Parenting Committee Co-Opted Members are being consulted over mental health issues for looked after children
- Co-Opted Members wish to share their experience of being on the Corporate Parenting Committee verbally, rather than as part of this report
- The Mind of my Own Apprentice continues to promote the use of MOMO offering individual and group training
- MOMO statistics now only show accounts that are actively in use
- The cost of the MOMO application, management system, training and worker accounts is £20,066 (16 month contract)
- See Appendix 2 for a breakdown of performance for MOMO
- The Participation worker vacancy has been recruited to
- The Christmas Craft Fair, a Panto trip and a meal for Care Leavers were all successful events held in December
- A new Participation Strategy has been produced and is awaiting approval and a formal launch
- The Care Leavers' Forum is being consulted over the Local Offer

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 Involvement of Young People

Consultation

The Care Leavers' Forum has been consulted on the Local Offer, including coming up with a new name for the initiative, Pathways4Us.

The two Co-Opted members of the Corporate Parenting Committee are working with the Assistant Director and the Clinical Lead for Psychology on mental health and looked After children.

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2.2 Events Held

- The participation service purchased tickets from the Art's Theatre for the Pantomime 'Snow White'. The 'outing' was supported by the participation service and the 12 children (aged 10 to 16) thoroughly enjoyed the show. See Appendix 1 for photographs.

- For the first time, the participation service organised a 'Make and Take' Christmas Craft Fair for children aged 6-11, and their carers. A variety of festive crafts were run by teams from within children's services, and the health team. Approximately 15 children and their carers attended, as well as some senior managers and Cllr Bywater and Cllr Every. Although numbers were low, those who attended loved the activities and very much enjoyed getting creative. See Appendix 1 for photographs.
- After exploring a variety of options, the Care Leavers opted to go for a Christmas meal to a local 'all you can eat' buffet, offering cuisines from around the world. From all accounts, the evening was a relaxed and enjoyable event.

Events Planned

- A series of events are planned throughout 2019, with Cambridge University and looked after children.
- The Annual Awards Ceremony is scheduled for 2019. This has been a hugely successful event in former years, and while some of the format will be changed, the Participation Service is confident that it will be as enjoyable and well received as ever.
- Voices Matter and Care Leaver Forum meetings are arranged for 2019.
- A schedule of events and participation activities are planned for 2019 and children residing out of County are invited to attend in the same way as all other children.

2.3 Participation Service

Staffing

A new participation worker has been recruited and vetting checks are underway. The participation worker currently on maternity leave is due to return to their post in April 2019.

The absence of a Participation worker has impacted on capacity to engage children and young people in participation groups, and seek out nominations for additional Co-Opted Members of the Corporate Parenting Committee. The service is confident that this will improve in the coming months when the appropriate staff are in post.

Mind of my Own (MOMO)

The MOMO Apprentice has targeted practitioners across the service who have registered for a MOMO account but have not used it, offering training and support as a team or on a one to one basis to enhance practitioners understanding in how to use the application to capture the voice of the child.

The MOMO dashboard has been smartened up and accounts for workers who have moved on from Cambridgeshire County Council have been deleted. This has given rise to a reduction in the number of worker accounts recorded between September and December 2018, but it does mean that statistics are now fully reflective of active accounts.

There is an issue with statements being created by workers on their accounts with young people and then not being sent. Over the last quarter there are 78 statements which have not been sent from the workers account to the MOMO dashboard.

The MOMO contract is commissioned jointly with Peterborough City Council and is for 16 months. The total cost to Cambridgeshire is £17,666 plus £2,400 for training. This includes use of the application and a support package of resources and materials to enable the organisation to use MOMO effectively. There is no limit on the number of accounts that can be created.

Further information about the usage of MOMO is included at Appendix 2.

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	Location
None	

Snow White Pantomime 21st December 2018



Christmas Craft Event 21st December 2018





MOMO Q3 (October to December 18)

Number of worker accounts 31/12/2018	336	Number of young people with accounts 31/12/2018	112	
	Oct 2018	Nov 2018	Dec 2018	Total
Number of statements per month from YP	8	20	9	
Number of statements per month via worker	19	31	22	
MOMO Express Statements per month (replied to directly)	41	49	16	
Any statements not assigned	0	0	0	
Statements created but not sent	23	32	23	
Top three subject matters each month	13% - Share Good News 28% - Worker Visit 42% - Foster Carer Review	9% - Share Good News 15% - Foster Carer Review 54% - Worker Visit	22% - Preparation 33% - Foster Carer Review 35% - Worker Visit	

KEY

MOMO – Mind of My Own (Application)

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

FC – Foster Carers

YP – Young People