

Corporate Parenting Panel

Monday 14th March 2022

CiCC & Participation Update

1. Recommendation(s)

- 1.1 That the Panel note the work of the Children in Care Council (CiCC), Care Leavers Forum (CLF) and the Participation Team.
- 1.2 That the Panel acknowledge the work that continues to take place with young people during the public health crisis.

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 This is a standing item on the Corporate Parenting Panel agenda which updates members on the work of the CiCC and CLF.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 There are no significant financial implications to consider at this stage.

4. Environmental Implications

- 4.1 There are no significant environmental implications to consider at this stage.

5. Supporting Information

- 5.1 This update covers the period from 14th February to 14th March 2022. A period of one month on this occasion.

5.2 Relationship and Sex Education Workshops (RSE)

Umar Teerab prepared, organised and delivered 2 RSE workshops to Warwickshire young people who are seeking asylum who live in Birmingham.

- 15th March - Sudanese and Eritrean
- 16th March – Afghan & Kurdish

The training is delivered through interpreters and covers 4 languages. The numbers of young people attending need to be confirmed and these numbers were not available at the time of writing this report.

All young asylum seekers are encouraged to attend language appropriate RSE workshops. The workshops allow young people to discuss, explore and understand different cultural norms associated with RSE.

5.3 Sibling Week – 10th April

Over 18 months ago the CiCC raised with Children & Families Service Leadership Team that more should be done to help keep stronger bonds between brothers and sisters who come into the care of Warwickshire.

- A survey was carried out in 2020 with staff who support siblings groups to understand their experiences and decision making associated with supporting brothers and sisters.
- More recently a survey has been devised which is planned to go out to siblings to hear their voices.

There has also been a focus on building awareness on sibling awareness. Sunday 10th April marks National Sibling Day and the following events have been planned.

- 3 one hour virtual workshops for practitioners
 - Monday 4th April
 - Tuesday 5th April
 - Weds 6th April
- A BBQ and Family Fun Day for brothers and sisters in care on Tues 12th April

The CiCC observations have led to changes in how WCC are approaching work with brothers and sisters.

5.4 Film – interviews and activities involving Unaccompanied Young Asylum Seekers

A film maker has been following activities with unaccompanied young asylum seekers for the last year.

The film maker has been filming interviews and activities that young people have been taking part in.

The film is currently being edited and should be ready within the coming months to share with staff and young people to help inform good practice.

The focus of the film will be how young people experience arriving in the UK, moving into a foster home, their experience of social care staff and what it has been like for them to integrate within the UK.

5.5 Warwickshire Youth Conference – Thursday 21st April 2022

The conference will be held at Woodland Grange, Old Milverton Lane, Leamington Spa, CV32 6RN on Thursday 21 April between 11am – 4pm and lunch will be provided.

Young people will chose from 5 themes that will be delivered as a workshop by a local organisation for the day. The themes and organisations delivering the workshops are:

- Mental health - [Kooth](#)
- Climate change – [Warwickshire Climate Alliancet](#)
- Youth homelessness – [St Basils](#)
- Respectful relationships – [Targeted Youth Support](#)
- Careers - [Prospects](#)

Young people will get a chance to choose 2 workshops from these themes and will also have a chance to talk to over 25 organisations from Warwickshire.

Some of the organisations already onboard to attend are CWRise, Warwickshire Police, Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service, Shelter and Warwickshire Museums.

There will also be lots of fun activities like a digital graffiti wall, henna, raffle (with loads of great prizes) and a photo booth.

5.6 National Leaving Care Benchmarking Forum 17th & 18th March 2022

Liss Phillips attended the National Leaving Care Benchmarking Forum in Leeds to address the Managers meeting, which is extended to those young people who have won the Champion of Champions Award, which was reported to the Corporate Parenting Panel at the last meeting.

6. Timescales associated with the decision and next steps

6.1 An update report to be presented to the next Corporate Parenting Panel.

Appendices

None.

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