**Young person Led feedback**

**What works when providing care provision for young people?**

* Council tax exemption
* Aftercare team – benefits- housing, strong links
* Supported lodgings
* Regular contact
* Good relationships
* Peer groups – eg football groups, looking groups etc
* Have staff who stick around – continue support
* A good duty system that means they can get support when they need it
* Be able to visit previous carers both resi and foster
* Family contact
* Financial support, advice and training
* Signposting to other agencies
* Better training
* Make sure data systems we kept up to date to avoid YP being ‘lost’ unable to communicate
* Adequate accommodation
* Access to resources, universal support
* Bus passes
* Listening & Understanding needs issues faced
* Open, honest, rights, continuity
* Peer mentoring

**What doesn’t work (when considering impact on care experiences)?**

* New qualified
* High case load
* Accessibility of complaints system
* Keep re-informing yp of info (lots to take in)– provider changes – do once a year
* Involved @ 14 years
* Lack of info for YP re reasons for being in care
* Foster carers can be afraid to support with skills
* Leaving care team name?
* Suitable placement – 2 bed + bed tax
* No choice of area – style etc
* Can be lacking support in some shared housing – perhaps due to lack of it – private issue?

**What’s good about getting together with a CICC?**

* Always people in similar circumstance/peers – not alone
* Get your voice heard if not happy
* Lobby for changes – free public transport
* Tax exemptions from workers pursuit
* Specific worker into EET is successful
* Resilient and adaptable characters
* Staying put arrangements – stable placements
* Care experienced YP working in S work careers
* YP interview panels
* They are the most inspirational yp I have ever worked with
* CL can be more determined to focus on what they want for the future, eg having/nurturing a family of their own because of their previously negative experience
* CL may have a better knowledge/understanding of systems procedures and their own rights/entitlements than their peers
* Knowsley – Virtual memory box

**What are we all about (The Regional CICC) Possible TOR?**

* Advice & support
* About people in foster care
* Picking up what’s good and sharing good examples
* Help each other
* Meeting new people
* More activities that will connect and help YP understand what’s going on

Logos – strap lines etc

* Our views are the best and we’re from the North West
* We deserve to have a say in what happens too, we’re not different in a bad way, let us be heard!
* Joining together to make a change – jigsaw
* YPIC – over the north west YPIC are the best

**Open questions??????**

What are you interested in? …..when you think of this group having ‘free time’:

* Go outside
* Play football
* Go to cinema
* Eating
* Piece of art and crafts
* Play games
* Activities for listening to YPS

Training for the group:

* Life skills
* Eating skills
* Gym
* Self-defence
* Children rights
* First aid

Frequency of meetings

* Every other month
* Every 6 months
* 3xyearly
* Every 2/3months

Who can/should come to the group/meetings?

* Care leaver Pas
* Young people
* Foster carers
* Workers

Special guests:

* Natalie from NYAS
* Theresa May
* The Queen

Venues (to have the meetings):

* Better than here
* Here
* Chester racecourse
* In a big office with smaller rooms
* Wigan Youth Zone
* Maccies

Some positive work

* Knowsley – Children’s charter
* Gavin from Blackburn with Darwen
* Mentoring scheme, sits alongside advocacy service – has peer mentoring scheme
* Aretta from Oldham has ideas about a befriending service for young people. They already have this set up in Oldham – Knowsley would like to know more about this service and will contact Bernadette Deakin to progress.
* Justin from Knowsley MADE has asked recently for a pen pal service to be created for YP in care and care leavers – new in to care or when you have issues

**North West CIC Charter**

**What should it be?**

‘Because our views are the best, we deserve to be listened to’

* Get to know us
* Help us be safe
* Make us aware
* Think of us as a whole
* Treat us as an individual
* Be honest
* Explain everything
* Don’t treat us differently – Rochdale
* ‘Because our view deserves to be listened to’
* ‘Have someone to talk to’
* Understand what happening
* We need our social workers to help us for the future
* Social workers and foster carers need to trust us
* Tell the truth – listen to us
* We want privacy

The next meeting will be a Participation officers/staff support meeting for the CICC regional group. This will take place in January