

## Feedback from families and evaluation provides evidence of positive impact – October to December 2017

### Briefing from Leicestershire County Council participation officer

Key agenda items of the CiC (Children in Care) Council meetings in Q3 focused upon:-

- Completing consultation work with LSCB (Local Safeguarding Children Board) representatives, exploring CiC Council views into what members perceive as the biggest safeguarding issues for children and young people and what is good and not so good about how organisations work to safeguard children.  
Discussion prompts focussed upon:-
  - What things make you and young people you know most concerned about your safety / feel most unsafe.
  - What things do people who work for organisations, such as schools, police, councils, doctors or hospitals do well to help children and young people (you) to feel and be safe.
  - What things could people who work for organisations, such as schools, police, councils, doctors or hospitals do differently to help children and young people (you) feel and be more safe.
- Further development work with Fostering and Adoption Service colleagues regarding Foster Carer recruitment and training. Also ongoing development of an online portal for all children in care, in order to record key milestones, achievements and archive important documents etc.
- Development of an LSCB Youth Panel, seeking to ensure the voice of children and young people is represented within future LSCB structures and practice (young people's team building and training residential scheduled to take place February half-term).
- Members continue to oversee monthly allocation of T2S Funding applications.

In November, CiC members were supported to develop and deliver a workshop at the annual conference of the Family Justice Board held in Leicester, with young people receiving outstanding feedback for their presentation *"In My Shoes - Learning from the Voice of Care Experienced Young People"*.

Throughout Q3, CiC Council members have also continued to be involved in staff recruitment and selection across Children and Family Services.

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**CYCLE** (County Youth Council for Leicestershire):

In December CYCLE started planning their Launch of their Emotional Wellbeing Curriculum Pack.

**Family Voice and EH Support Services:**

- **CAMHS Pop Up** – On October 6<sup>th</sup> 2017 a Pop Up was run in partnership with CAMHS. The attendance was low, but for those families attending the feedback was very positive and CAMHS have been invited to take part in the next SEND Pop Up, which will take place on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018 during the schools half term.

**Voice quotes for Early Help services - Q3 Oct – Dec 2017**

“Our worker has had an amazing impact on my son. He doesn't like people he doesn't know. She made him integrate with her, and he got excited each time he knew she was coming. She talked to him about his behaviour whilst helping me with CAMHS etc. [...] Thanks to her my house is a happy home”

“I would have had a mental break down without my SLF worker. No one was taking me seriously until she came along.”

“Without my SLF worker I think that I wouldn't have my daughter with me now if things hadn't of changed. [...]. My partner would have really hurt her. Both my children are getting on so much better I can also see the Warning signs in a relationship should there be any DV.”

“Things would have got out of control and I probably wouldn't be here now if it wasn't for my SLF worker...”

“Our worker has helped us all so much with everything. He has supported us whenever we all needed it and I think that he has done his best with the time that he has been with us.”

“I don't know if you'll see this but I just wanted to let you know that I found out yesterday that I got into university! [...] And through all the work you have done to support me it has inspired me to go on and want to help people in the future because the way that the work you do changes lives just like you changed mine for the better is inspiring!”

“Mum shared that she thinks having someone for her son to talk to each week through SLF has helped him and now he has a mental health worker, he will get the support he needs.”