

**Feedback from families and evaluation provides evidence of positive impact –
Quarter 1 April to June 2018**

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UK Youth Parliament:

Two Leicestershire Members of Youth Parliament attended the UK Youth Parliament Leadership residential where they took part workshops and a simulation of planning a campaign along with other MYPs from all over the UK.

CYCLe (County Youth Council for Leicestershire):

On Thursday 12 April CYCLe held a meeting to look at their programme plan for the year April 2018 to 2019, their personal development plan and filmed the feedback on the Children and families partnership plan consultation with members of the Children in Care Council.

A CYCLe Member and MYP was on the panel to commission sexual health services in Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland.

Councillor Rosita Page attended the CYCLe meeting to discuss a consultation with young people about what activities they would like putting on for them during both the summer and winter months.

Feedback from the Children and Families Partnership panel was presented by the partnership manager. The filmed feedback from the CiC council was shown to the panel.

CYCLe members were supported to carry out a consultation with the seven LCC SEND Groups about the appropriateness of the NHS Health for Teens Website, changes are now being made to the site and feedback will be given to the groups in September.

Family Voice and EH Support Services:

Young Carers Pop Up was held at the Leicester Space Centre.

SEND:

A very successful Leicestershire Parent Carer Forum AGM – Grant application and structure now in place. Support workers are now also signposting parents to the forum

The analysis of feedback from young people's views on the Local Offer and shared with Local Offer colleagues & digital team. Developments are now being made to the website following on from this.

E-learning project currently being developed “Listening to disabled young children” It is in its final stages and is due to launch in the summer 2018

EHCP – Information sessions held approx. 50 parents attending over 3 dates so far.

EH Short breaks – Second session completed small group of parents attended and looked at criteria, wording and publicity of the offer.

Children in Care council:

There have been three CiC Council meetings in Q1 (April - June). Key developments have included:-

Children in Care Council members have continued to work in partnership with other young people from CYCLE - The County Youth Council for Leicestershire, in order to continue development of the LSCB Young People’s Advisory Group. This has recently included members attending a full LSCB board meeting in order to provide an update of their work and also facilitate a discussion exercise focusing upon two campaign priorities concerning domestic abuse and mental health.

Recent Children in Care Council meetings have included ongoing consultation work towards development of Leicestershire’s Children and Families Partnership Plan and continuing to work with researchers from Loughborough University who are leading national research focusing upon Children in Care’s experience of sport and physical activity. Titled ‘Right to Be Active’ the research is intended to highlight the barriers children in care experience and develop strategies to more effectively promote sport and physical activity opportunities available to looked after young people.

Children in Care Council members have continued to support staff recruitment and selection, with representatives taking part in young people’s panels for both recruitment of a new Team Manager in Safeguarding and Performance and also recent appointment of the new Director for Children and Family Services

During monthly meetings Children in Care Council members continue to allocate Time to Spend Funding. Over the course of the 2017/18 financial year this resulted in over £3,000 of funds being awarded, enabling many other children in care to take part in a range of positive activities and develop new interests and hobbies.

Children in Care Council representatives continue to support the Fostering and Adoption Service on a regular basis and includes delivering a training session to prospective carers nearing completion of their Skills to Foster Care training course. Key elements of the training focuses upon what makes a good carer and what makes a new placement work well. Young People also answer any questions, worries or concerns carers may have.

At the beginning of June a representative from both junior and senior councils were supported to attend the first East Midlands Regional Children in Care and Care Leavers Conference held in Mansfield. The day included giving a short presentation about our own Children in Care Council and then involved taking part in a number of focus group discussions ranging from young people’s mental health awareness to development of a

regional pledge. Young People also had the opportunity to Meet Anne Longfield - Children's Commissioner for England, who took part in a question and answer session in order to conclude the conference.

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