

Corporate Parenting Team Annual Report Headlines

1st April 2021 – 31st March 2022

Our Children's Rights Officers (CRO) this year have advocated for 85 children and young people on child protection plans, 67 children in care and 16 care leavers.

Children and young people on a child protection plan ask to have a CRO so that their voice is heard independently during the child protection meetings.

Children in care and care leavers mainly ask to have a CRO due to issues regarding where they are living, such as wanting to move or having nowhere suitable to live.

Main themes children in care and care leavers have had CRO support for:

1. Council tax – having to pay this if you don't live in Leicestershire
2. Intentional homelessness when 18 and Unsuitable accommodation and support in supported accommodation
3. Savings – difficulty in accessing
4. Poor relationship with Social Worker



Our regular activities for children in care and care leavers:

- Beacon Voices – Children in Care Choir
- Out in Care – LGBT support group
- Children in Care Council
- Corporate Parenting Board
- Summer Scheme
- Young people interview panels

Additional activities we have facilitated for children in care this year:

- The Creative Voices Project (Art workshops)
- Green Champions
- Young People's Design and Consultation Team.

Plan for the next 12 months:

- To further develop our participation work with Unaccompanied Asylum Seeker Children (UASC).
- To get more younger children involved in our Children in Care Council to ensure their voices are heard too.

Feedback from professionals:

"without the presence of the CRO A would undoubtedly have left the meeting early, they would not have had the opportunity to hear what professionals had to say or share her views on these"

Feedback from children and young people:

- "Children in Care Council work is important and meaningful"
- "All the activities were amazing! I was a bit nervous at the start, but met other Children in Care and felt part of the group"
- "I like that a CRO is listening to me and advocating for what I want."

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