

OVERVIEW OF CICC JANUARY 2012 – JUNE 2012

The children in care council have 15 active members that regularly attend the CICC meetings once a month. This may increase to every other week as requested by some members.

January 2012

- Social care discussed with CICC members about the CICC transferring to Open Door and how this will be implemented

February 2012

- CICC transferred to Open Door (Natalie Carter) this allows the CICC to be run independently.
- Young people who have shown an interest in the CICC were invited to this event and are now active members.
- Planning day was held at the OFF ROAD ACTION PARK the focus was to look at ideas of how the CICC can communicate with other Thurrock LAC and how to ensure the pledge is read by all LAC. CICC Members engaged in a planning session in the morning and spent the afternoon taking part in team building exercises.
- Animation DVD was discussed by those CICC members who are involved in creating the DVD. This DVD is about reviewing officers, complaints and advocacy.

March 2012

- This meeting was used to evaluate the planning day in February likes / dislikes.
- The CICC also looked at how to put the ideas into practice
- New members were introduced to the CICC

April 2012

- Discussions took place about the election process with the CICC job descriptions were issued to all members. The CICC members who are interested in being chair / vice chair expressed their interest.

- Coordinator (Natalie Carter) met with all young people who expressed an interest in becoming chair / vice chair in preparation for those candidates to speak about why they wish to be elected.
- A member of the CICC and coordinator attended a peer review of safeguarding in ESSEX health services held in Chelmsford. This event allowed young people to give their opinions and feedback on
 - knowing their nurse
 - Health Assessments
 - Being valued

May 2012

- Young people who wish to be elected gave a speech of why they would be suitable candidates for chair / vice chair.
- Elections were held during this meeting and we have now elected a chair / vice chair for the CICC. This will be reviewed April 2013.
- CICC were asked to devise a question for the joint tender process to provide independent foster care provision the CICC decided on (How would you make sure that your foster carers allowances are spent on the young person?)

June 2012

- Two members of the CICC attended the regional CICC meeting in Cambridge
- Links have been made with the youth cabinet and the chair person for CICC will be attending future meetings.
- CICC met with OFSTED
- Early offer of Help discussed with CICC two questions devised by the CICC members for the future tender process.
- All members of the CICC have updated Polo shirts with the logo and their names on the back.

FUTURE

*The CICC would like to hold an event for looked after young people that will be fun and interactive, during this event the CICC members would like to talk to young people about the CICC. A proposed event that is being discussed at present is an overnight stay at combat lazer zone. This will include a pick up time for those young people who do not wish to stay for the entire night.

* Joint training sessions with the youth cabinet will be held in September 2012

*CICC to consult with all young people in care to ensure they have a voice and allow regular communication between CICC and other Thurrock looked after young people. For example text service, email address.

* Meeting to be arranged more frequently discussions are taking place to consider fortnightly meetings.

*Aftercare team to meet with the CICC to discuss leaving care guide.

*LAC nurse to meet with CICC to discuss health assessments