



# SiCC & SLCC Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**Attendees:** Aaron C, Jordan, Josh, Kaci, Katie Br, Katie Bu, Morgan, Molly, Becca, Roxanne, Ryan, Sarah, Stephen, Tish, Tia, Chloe, Courtney (17)

**Agenda Created By:** Jordan

**Chairs:** Aaron C, Molly & Jordan

**Supporting Adults:** Craig, Fi, Lesley, Julie.

1	Item – Introductions	Action
	<p>The group took turns introducing themselves and sharing one positive experience they had had since the last meeting.</p>	
2	Activity – Would You Rather	
	<p>Jordan handed everyone a piece of paper with two statement written on and they had to decide which they would rather.</p> <p>Example: Would you rather go bald or be forever cursed to have terrible haircuts.</p> <p>This activity was enjoyed by all</p>	
3	Hopes and Fears	
	<p>Continued from previous months, The group were reminded of their hopes and fears activity they have been completing over the past 2 months. Fi read out some of the statements and all had to place themselves on a line between a happy face ☺ and a sad face ☹ depending on how strongly they agreed or disagreed with the statement. The group then got to state why they had chosen to stand where they had, giving others the opportunity to change where they were standing on the line, we recorded this.</p>	<p>We are hoping that some of these Hope and Fears will help to form a new Corporate Parenting Pledge.</p> <p>The Hope and Fears from September will be handed out at Corporate Parenting Board for members to read on 14<sup>th</sup> November.</p>

**Statements:**

**Do Somerset County Council have some bad social workers?**

☺ 11 Agreed  
☹ 0 Disagreed  
4 Were in the middle

**Do you think young people in care get a good education?**

☺ 12 Agreed  
☹ 0 Disagreed  
4 Were in the middle

**Do you think that young people in care are going to have a bright future?**

☺ 2 Agreed  
☹ 7 Disagreed  
8 Were in the middle

**Do you think that young people in care are generally happy?**

☺ 4 Agreed  
☹ 8 Disagreed  
6 Were in the middle

**Do you think young people in care are supported to build trusting relationships?**

☺ 2 Agreed  
☹ 8 Disagreed  
5 Were in the middle

**Do you think young people in care are helped to maintain a relationship with their siblings?**

☺ 0 Agreed  
☹ 9 Disagreed  
8 Were in the middle

**Do you think young people in care should get to go on at least one holiday a year?**

☺ 8 Agreed  
☹ 1 Disagreed  
7 Were in the middle

**Should a young person's card be closed without talking to them, instead they get a proxy letter?**

☺ 14 Agreed  
☹ 1 Disagreed  
1 Was in the middle

	The young people then went on to complete new Hopes and Fears	These will be look at in the New Year
<b>4</b>	<b>Help and Support</b>	
	<p>After last month's Hope and Fears continuum where the group said that they felt young people in care did not get the help and support they needed when they needed it. Claire Winter requested that we find out what help and support the young people felt they were not getting.</p> <p>The young people chose to do this secretly by writing their ideas on a piece of card and post them in the SiCC postbox.</p> <p>Help in Education / school (3)  Support to apply for college &amp; 6<sup>th</sup> form  Lack of support post 21  Help with mental health  Help with bullying  Help with Health  Counselling  Living support (2)  My social worker is always ill and I do not feel she is there for me and my needs  Support with college and the stresses of college  Take more care to sort placements out for young kids  Help us by keeping paper work the same.  Help with meetings</p>	Lesley to share these with Claire Winter.
<b>5</b>	<b>Christmas Plans/ Party</b>	
	Aaron read out an email explaining that they had all be offered an opportunity to go Ice skating on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> of December at Dillington House for an hour, then use a room for party games etc, with hot dogs n chips, or they could have their normal Christmas party. The group voted and agreed on their normal Christmas party.	
	<b>Lunch 1-2</b>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Activity</b>	
	<p>Sit Down if...</p> <p>Molly got everyone to stand up, then read out a statement like;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sit down if you've eaten chocolate today</li> </ul> <p>The last person standing was the winner. The young people enjoyed this activity and played it several more times taking it in turn to make the statements.</p>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Ofsted</b>	
	Ofsted are currently in carrying out their inspection on children's services, they would like to meet some members of SiCC / SLCC	13 young people volunteered to do this. Lesley to email inspection support with numbers.

8	<b>Relationship Poster</b>	
	SLCC looked at their relationship poster and made changes.	Lesley to make changes and then add to website and circulate through leaving care accommodation
9	<b>Leaving Care Consultation</b>	
	The government have produced a document on the leaving care service and asked for young people to give their thoughts on this. This was to do with the new rules / guidelines that are coming around the leaving care service.	Fi will collated these responses along with other responses from young people in leaving care and will feedback to the government on 27 <sup>th</sup> November