

# SiCC & SLCC News

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## Winter Edition

Opportunities for young people to participate

### Who are SiCC and SLCC?

SiCC & SLCC stands for the Somerset In Care Council and the Somerset Leaving Care Council. We ensure that the voices of children looked after and care leavers are included within the planning and reviewing of services.



The SiCC & SLCC graffiti session



Picking out swatches as part of Homes and Horizons

You can get involved in the following ways:

- Core Group meetings, virtual meetings and meetings in your area (see page 2)
- The Film Crew (see page 2)
- Helping design and review services (page 4)
- The SiCC and SLCC Creatives (see page 6)



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## SiCC & SLCC Core Group Meetings

These meetings happen monthly at the Rollercoaster in Bridgwater. It is a chance to meet with others and help shape services. Lunch is provided and transportation can be explored.

**Sunday 15th January 11am-3.30pm**

Key theme: P2I recommissioning

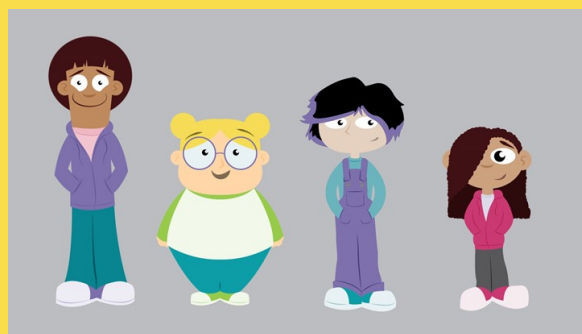
**Sunday 12th February 11am-3.30pm**

Key theme: Homes & Horizons: Fostering

If you cannot do Sundays or Bridgwater is too far we also have meetings online and can come to your area to meet. Use the QR code to get involved



## The Film Crew



We help create animations through storyboarding, scripting, designing characters and narrating. Would you like to get involved? Use the QR code to get involved.



## The latest animation: CYP Conference



<https://youtu.be/DVh1MFKOmqE>

'I think that joining SiCC & SLCC was a really good idea. I joined quite nervous but I was really welcomed and talked about a lot of things we could improve in care and everything. I love having a group of people that you can say things that need to be brought up and improved in the system'

*JP, new core group member*



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## Coming into Care film

The SiCC&SLCC film crew have been busy creating a short animation to update the coming into care document.

Young people were involved with storyboarding, scripting, designing the characters and narrating.

## What Difference have we made recently?

- Being involved in deciding who was successful in gaining the Homes for Children Strategic Partnership.
- Step up to Social Work and Route 1 Interviews and interviewing new staff.
- Writing the Pledge for the Corporate Parent Board
- Updating the SiCC & SLCC logo, recruitment leaflet and flyer.
- Creating the foreword for the Childrens and Young Peoples strategy
- Preparing for Ofsted
- Foster Care survey consultation with Commissioning: Research in Practice

## Your Journey Living away from home



Scan the QR code to watch the video in full

The SiCC&SLCC film crew have previously helped create a film about making a complaint about Children's Social Care.

## Making a complaint about Children's Social Care



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## Helping Design and Review Services



**Homes & Horizons:** Somerset Council is currently working with its partner, Homes 2 Inspire, to buy new children's homes. We have already been involved with

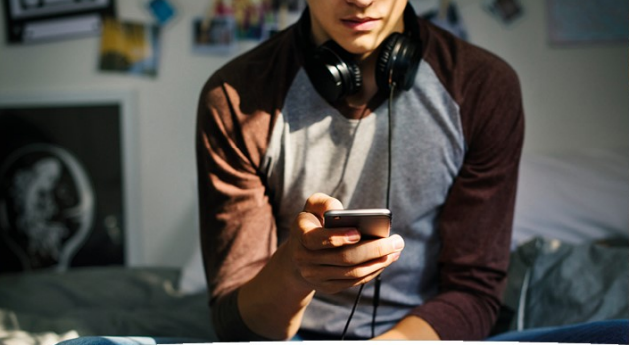
- Helping to choose the names of the homes as well as the name of the new service and its branding style
- Supporting the interviewing of new staff
- Involved with colour schemes and have been involved with visiting the new home in Taunton
- Met with residents of the new home in Cheddar to help reduce any anxieties.
- Visited the furniture manufacturer in Oxford who will be furnishing the new homes for children

As well as continuing the above we will also be supporting the development of the Homes & Horizons fostering service. If you have experience of living in a children's home or of being in foster care and would like to get involved and have your views heard use the QR code.

**P2I Recommissioning:** Somerset Council will be recommissioning its Pathway 2 Independence (P2I) services next year. If you have experience of living in P2I and would like to be part of the team of young people involved use the QR code.

**Placement Breakdowns:** We have been working with the commissioning team to create a set of questions that explore why placements breakdown. Please fill out the form on the poster (see next page)





# What Makes Your Home Happy?



## We want to hear from you!

Are you a child looked after or care leaver in Somerset? Have you ever had to move from where you were living to another home? Tell us about your experience. Your answers will help us to make positive changes to shape better services for children looked after and care leavers.

**Did anyone help you to understand why you had to move?**

**What do you think could have happened differently?**

**All participants will be added in to a free prize draw to win one of three**

**£10 vouchers**

## To take part:

If you would like to take part in our survey, please scan the QR code on this poster or visit <https://tinyurl.com/ProvidersEvent>



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# SiCC & SLCC CREATIVES

The SiCC & SLCC Creatives are young people who want their voice to be heard through creative ways and not just by attending meetings.

We ran a graffiti session for social workers and leaving care workers at their away day and have started bringing the sessions to P2I provisions and childrens homes. If you would either like to help run these sessions or have the creatives come to your home or provision then get in touch.

In January we will be starting the planning of our poetry and spoken word project. If you would like to be part of the creative team behind this or just want your poetry included fill out the QR code or the link on the right.

I have always used art to help with my mental health. What I love about it is it is so diverse. I can write a poem one day or draw the next. Whatever my mood art is always there, even listening to music helps'

*Care leaver, Mendip.*

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SiCC & SLCC in collaboration with the Young Person's Champion for Wellbeing present

## The Banksy Graffiti and Wellbeing Session

Thursday 3rd November, 3.00-6.00pm

Create your own stencil or use one that's been pre-cut

Spray paint a canvas, a bag or both

We would like to chat with those living in P2I and care leavers about what makes you happy, what worries you and what can Somerset Council and P2I providers do to support you.

For more information or to book your place please see Abby or other staff at YMCA Frome or contact Damien (participation worker) [damien.erangey@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:damien.erangey@somerset.gov.uk)

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Do you want to be more involved? Are you creative? Are you an advocate for others? Want to change things? Mental health, employment, education and accommodation themes that you are passionate about? Use the QR or [click this link](#)

For any further questions please contact Damien Erangey

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# What do you think about **E-Cigarettes & Vaping?**



## **We want to hear from you!**

Do you vape or have you tried vaping? Why do you think that young people take up vaping? Do you think that vaping is a good or a bad thing? We're looking for your views on e-cigarettes and vaping.

**Does social media put pressure on/  
influence people to vape?**

**Do you feel pressure to  
start vaping?**

**what do you know  
about vaping?**

**Do you think that vaping impacts  
your physical or mental health?**

## **To take part:**

If you would like to take part in our survey,  
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