

PRESENTATIONS

Committee CORPORATE PARENTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date and Time of Meeting

TUESDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2018, 1.30 PM

Please see attached the Presentation(s) provided at the Committee Meeting

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Response to the 'Bright Spots' Survey September 2018







hildren's Services very much welcomed the results and report of e 'Bright Spots' Survey. 255 looked after children and young eople completed the survey.

ardiff achieved a good representative sample by gender and by acement.

he positive comments were well received as an indication of the poor practice that we know exists.

e accept the recommendations made.



Key Findings



 77% of children (8-11yrs) and young people (11-18yrs) felt their lives were improving



19% of children (8-11yrs) and 24
 of young people (11-18yrs) had
 face to face contact with either
 parent

- 75% of Young people (11-18yrs) liked school
 - **0%** of boys felt that their carers didn't take an interest in their learning and only **12%** of girls did.

18yrs). Being friendless puts you people at greater risk of anxiety depression

About **one in ten** young people (

 A Third of young children (4-7yrs) felt that no-one had explained why they were in care. Children's understating increased with age but 29% of young people (11-18yrs) also wanted more information about why they were in care. None of the children aged 4-7 years
 had low well being but 2 children (8-11yrs) and 17 young people (118yrs) gave response that sugger low well-being





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Response

- •It is our Best Hope that every looked after child will have Life Story work undertaken with them.
- •We will identify a method of recording when, how and what a child is told about the reason for becoming looked after.
- •We will ensure that all carers and care providers are committed to children and young peopaving opportunities to explore their own lived experiences and history
- •With effect from April 1st 2019 we will ensure that all children who become looked after w be provided with a Memory Box.



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Recommendation 1

egularly review contact arrangements and ensure children and bung people understand why decisions have been made. Some hildren/young people felt they were having too much contact, and thers not enough.



Response

- •It is view of the Looked After Children's Service that progress has been made in ensuring contact arrangements are regularly reviewed and the wishes and feelings of children and young people are heard.
- •We are committed to the improved use of Care and Support plans as a means of capturing contact arrangements and the timetable for review.
- •We will review our contract with our Contact Provider to ensure that we capture the voice of the child.
- •We will use a Signs of Safety format for reviewing contact arrangements.
- •We will work closely with the Court and CAFCASS in relation to the requirements they place upon the Local Authority to provide contact.



Recommendation 2

nprove support to looked after young people who are speriencing bullying.

esponse

specialist Services staff are actively involved in the on going work towards Cardiff attaining the atus of being a Child Friendly City and have ensured that looked after children feature as the pp priority in all aspects of work required.

This Brown the development of services to ensure that children and young people feel safe and receive education and support relating to bullying

ne Looked After Children's Service has recognised the issues faced by the secondary school hich accommodates the highest proportion of looked after children in Cardiff.



Recommendation 3

onnect with the youngest children to make sure they feel included in decisions and understand why they re in care and actively plan opportunities for children and young people to be trusted and feel involved in ecision making.

esponse

We need to make greater efforts in communicating with our *younger* children, our involvement in the Ch rienฝุy City work should assist our development in this area.

Chilogen's Services has a positive history of inviting children and young people to participate and consult evelopments that affect them.





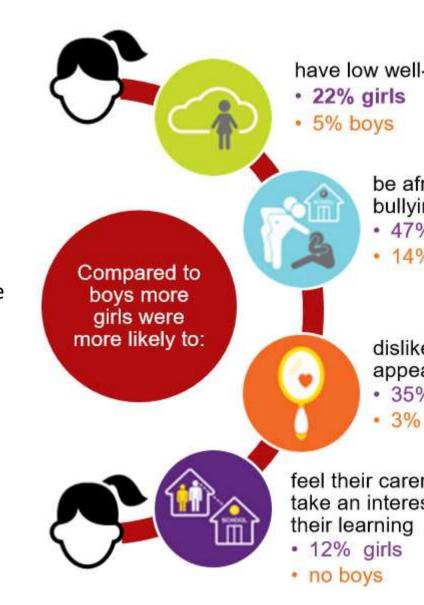
commendation 4

ware of gender differences when care planning and vide opportunities to improve young people's feelings about appearance and body image.

onse

are committed to ensuring that we pay due care and attention to ALL atts of each child and young person's identity

are committed to listening to the voice of the child and ensuring that we their hopes and fears and respond in a way that is safe and supportive. will ensure that carers pay due attention to the issues that concern the gsters in their care and that they inform themselves of topical issues, ding the impact of social media upon the lives of young people.





ecommendation 5

courage carers to see the benefits of spending time with ldren and young people outdoors (e.g. beaches, woods).

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Te intend to update the Care First Exemplar and the ster Care Visit forms to ensure that social workers utinely discuss this with both carers and children and cord their findings.

ne training and supervision of staff and carers will include cussons around the importance of play and shared periences.

Then tindertaking Statutory Visits to ALL placements, cial workers will explore the level and nature of activities at children and young people are offered and seek edback on their participation.

Recommendation 6

Talk to foster carers and young people to understand w of young people were unable to access the Internet from placements.

Response

- •We feel we need to assert the position of the regular resafeguard some children and young people from the position and negative impacts of having access to social mediate wider internet
- •We already have a process in place where the needs of individual child or young person is discussed in relation access and the boundaries that are put in place are recorded and reviewed.



Iditional Comments

plan to hold an event for children and young people in order to share the survey, its recommendations and our onse.

felt the cohort of 11-18 year olds was quite broad and that there may have been more value in looking at the onses of those aged 16-18 and the issues that may pertain to them specifically

Children's Services staff will undertake mandatory training about the National Advocacy Approach
Safeguarding Service has appointed to a new Quality Assurance role which will give us far more scope to develop
Ilent practice.

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issue raised regarding children and young people knowing the name of their social worker is important to us, so w to devise a card that all children can be given which will ensure they have contact details.



