



Children's Participation and Rights Team

# Children in Care Council

## MINUTES

5-7pm Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2010

99 Manor Way, Anlaby

### Present

Nicole

Roscoe

Shantelle

Aaron

Cody

Kelly

Nikita

Kai

### 1. Minutes from last meeting

All young people received minutes from the last meeting and were happy with them.

### 2. Pam Allen - Head of Children's Services

Pam joined the CiCC this evening. The young people introduced themselves and told Pam a little about what they do with the team and a bit of background about the CiCC.

Pam spoke with the young people about some of the changes that are going on within Children's Social Care.

Pam asked the young people if they would be happy for the Corporate Parenting Councillors to attend some of the CiCC meetings. The young people agreed that this would be okay as long as it wasn't every meeting and maybe just for the first hour so they could still have time afterwards for their own agenda. This was agreed and Gemma will send dates through to Liz Russell.

Pam asked the young people how they felt raising individual issues with higher management and re-assured the young people that issues could be raised directly with her.

Pam discussed the need for some more representation from the children's homes. This is something the CiCC are also keen to look at and improve.





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Pam also wanted to discuss the Pledge now it has been distributed...this is our next agenda item!!

### **3. Pledge**

The Pledge has been distributed to all the staff and young people looked after by ERYC. We had said from the very start that we needed to keep checking the Pledge is working for everyone and the CiCC agreed that each summer they would look at doing an evaluation.

Pam advised us that there is an under-spent Care Matters budget and we are able to use some of that to help.

The young people said they'd like to do a questionnaire to send out. We discussed the low response rates from questionnaires and how we could encourage people to return. Pam suggested putting all the names of people who respond into a prize draw and purchasing some of the prizes from Care Matters fund.

We also discussed the need to do some further consultation with young people and Gemma asked the young people if they would like to do their own consultation event, setting up activities and games for young people to attend and rate how well they think the Pledge is working. Pam suggested that we could offer vouchers for attendance purchased by the Care Matters budget.

We thought this event could take place either later in the summer or during the October  $\frac{1}{2}$  term holidays.

### **4. Birth Children Update**

Vicky updated the group on the Birth Children event held during the Easter Holidays.

Vicky had a group of 7 birth children (of foster carers) attend a consultation event to discuss their views and feelings about fostering and how the process involves them and whether they are a group who may need some extra support.

Vicky informed the young people that the group was quite young in age and she is going to put together a questionnaire to send out to older birth children.

Vicky is going to write a report, visit the fostering team and put together an article for the Fostering Focus magazine before her placement finishes. Becky and Kerry will then continue this piece of work and there may be a chance for the two groups to work together on some events.





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### 5. MISPERs Update

Emily updated the group on MISPERs and the work we are doing now. Emily informed the young people that we are now offering an independent visit to young people who are running away from placements. This is to give them a chance to discuss any issues or problems they are having. We have been liaising with Safe Choices in Hull who run a similar project and also with the Police who will help the families and young people understand our role and why we will be visiting. We have designed a new leaflet and this is currently with print and design.

### 6. Interviews Update

Roscoe updated the young people that several interviews have taken place for workers at The Croft. The young people's panels have gone really well and their input have been positively received and altered some of the decisions made when appointing staff.

### 7. AOB

None

## NEXT CHILDREN IN CARE COUNCIL -

11am til 2.30pm (lunch included)

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2010

At Manor way, Aulaby

(Dave Glenville attending from  
Fostering Team)

