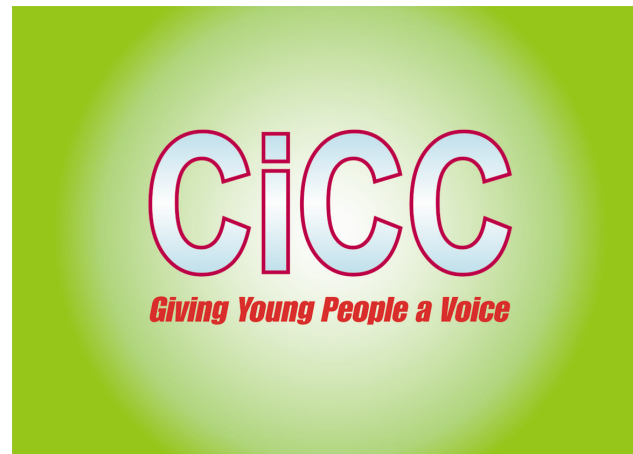


Appendix C



The Children in Care Council



The Work of the CiCC

- We as members of the CiCC continue to meet on a monthly basis to work through our priorities.
- We have had meetings with Richard Carr and Edwina Grant and discussed our work. We took the 'No Bin Bag Charter' to one of the meetings and asked for Central Bedfordshire to sign it.
- We continue to promote the work of the CiCC

The Work of the CiCC

- We have taken part in consultations with the Children's Rights Director.
- We have attended the Regional CiCC meetings organised by the Department for Education. We have been able to share our work with other CiCCs and hear about the work of other CiCCs.
- Some of us attended the East Region NHS Consultation which looked at the process of Health Assessments.

The Work of The CiCC

- We have been part of the consultation on Leaving Care Grants.
- The Looked After Children's Nurse has met us to discuss the LAC assessments and what information children and young people in care will need with regards to health services.
- We attend the foster carer information evening to present information about what makes a good foster carer.
- We have worked with the fostering team to develop workshops which are now part of the Skills to Foster Training. We then feedback to fostering social workers who include this feedback in the Training report.

Awards Evening 2011

- The Achievement Awards was a successful event. There were over 130 nominations and 60 children and young people attended the event to receive their awards.
- There has been positive feedback on the event from children and young people, social workers, foster carers and residential workers.



Awards Evening 2011

- Photographs of the Awards Evening have been removed.

Activity Based Participation

- There have been a number of activity days organised for children and young people between the ages of 8 -15, including the summer activities programme.
- Members of the CiCC have attended events to act as peer mentors and to be part of informal consultation on services they receive.
- Over 30 looked after children attended at least one activity day.
- Activity days for over 16 year olds have also taken place.

The Work of the CiCC

- We have been part of the assessment centre for the Step Up to Social Work Programme and part of the selection process.
- We have worked with the University of Bedfordshire to deliver workshops on 'What makes a good Social Worker?'
- We have completed the Information Packs for Looked After Children which will be sent out to all Looked After Children between the ages of 8 and 15 and will be given to newly accommodated children and young people.
- We have started work on our first CiCC Newsletter.

CiCC Priorities 2012 - 2013

- **Children in Care Council Meetings**
- **Links to Corporate Parenting Panel**
- **Consultation Events**
- **Central Bedfordshire Council Consultation**
- **Recruitment and Training of Social Workers and Foster Carers for Central Bedfordshire Council**
- **School holiday Activities Programme / Activity Based Participation**
- **Annual Awards Evening**
- **Information for Looked after Children and Care Leavers**

CiCC Priorities 2012 - 2013

- **Training for Social Work Students at the University of Bedfordshire and Step Up to Social Work Programme**
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- **Newsletter to Children in Care**
- **Website Specifically for Children in Care**
- **A Fun Day / Charity Day / Consultation Day**
- **Residential Trip for Members of the CiCC**

See Complete document for details of each priority.

Questions for Corporate Parenting Panel

- Awards Evening 2012
 - We would like to hear your feedback on the Awards 2011 and what could be improved for 2012?
 - When should the awards take place?
- Date for the Fun Day / Consultation Day?
 - Where would be the best place to hold the event?