

APPENDIX A



Entitlements Inquiry for looked after children and care leavers 2013

Children in Care Council report to Corporate Parenting Panel

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MP Craig Whittaker, wrote to Central Bedfordshire and asked for feedback from children and young people about their entitlements.



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Using our peer mentoring scheme some of us spoke to young people during the participation summer activities and collected feedback.

The CiCC then sent the feedback to the All Parliamentary Group (APPG).



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The feedback was collected and the APPG wrote up the 10 most important entitlements which they then sent back to us.

The CiCC presented these at Corporate Parenting Panel and asked *"As Corporate Parents, how will you ensure young people are receiving the entitlements they are due to receive as a looked after child or care leaver?"*

Lead members suggested actions such as
To undertake independent checks to ensure young people are receiving their entitlements.
Independent Reviewing Officers to discuss entitlements with children during their reviews.

We took these recommendations to share at our meeting at the House of Commons.

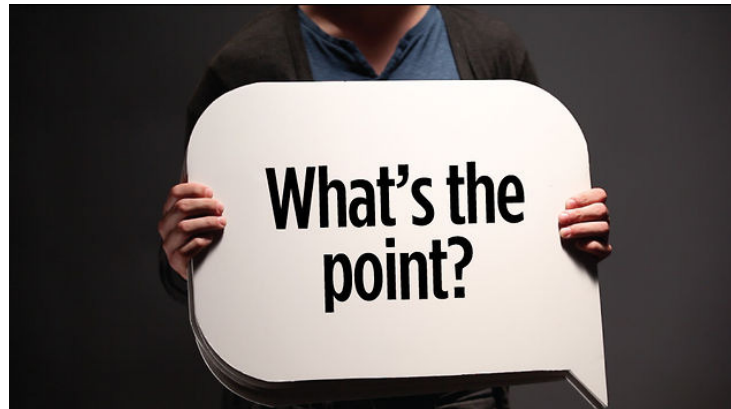
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12th November we attended the House of Commons to hear the full Entitlements report and speak directly to Edward Timpson – Minister for Children in Care and Chair to the APPG meetings.



We also were able to ask Edward Timpson questions directly about our own experiences which he answered to us as individuals.

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The CiCC are driven to empower looked after children and care leavers to have knowledge about their entitlements and how to challenge professionals if they are not receiving what they should be.

To ensure changes were made the CiCC attended the Senior Management Team Meeting (SMT) to share their findings and discuss how will we make positive change.

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We presented our findings to Senior Management Team meeting and asked senior managers to consider how they will act on the recommendations made.

Our Head of Corporate Parenting stated that young people will have their entitlements documented in their Pathway/Care Plans. By doing this all young people will be aware of their entitlements.

SMT will provide an update to the CiCC in March which will evidence how their actions have been implemented.



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Thank you for meeting with us today.



Please ask us any questions...

