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# Warwickshire Children in Care Council Newsletter



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## CiCC Election Results Jan 2015

In the last Newsletter we mentioned that the CiCC Election results would be announced on January 20th 2015. The membership of the CiCC is now as follows:

Mia Westbury—Co-ordinator  
Jack Owens—Deputy (shared)  
Bella Hawkins—Campaigner  
Bradley Browne—Inspector  
Katherine Walker—Trainer  
Cheryl Colburn—Researcher

Nagina Ali (co-opted)  
James Dixon—Deputy (shared)  
Lewis Erskine—Campaigner  
Heather Collins—Inspector  
Luke Ebinezer—Trainer  
Jamie Browne—Researcher



**The CiCC! Acting as a voice for children and young people in the care of WCC**

## Issues identified by young people from Elections

Children and young people were able to use the election voting cards to tell us what issues are important to them. We did the same thing in June 2013 and so can now compare the two sets of findings. ....

### Priorities June 2013

1. Employment, Jobs Work
2. Education, Qualifications
3. Someone to talk to/Listen to you
4. Having a say
5. Life Skills

### Priorities January 2015

1. Someone to talk to/Listen to you
2. Education, Qualifications
3. Contact with family, friends & relatives & Employment, Jobs, Work
4. Emotional Support & Bullying/Peer Pressure
5. Life Skills

## Want to take part in interviews to help recruit Social Care staff?

Over the last 2 years there has been an increase in the number of requests from Children's Social Care & Safeguarding to involve young people in the recruitment of staff. If young people out there would like to build up skills and experience in recruitment then give us a call. Contact details top of the page!

## Police & Crime Commissioner—Ron Ball's visit to us

Recently Ron Ball, the Police and Crime Commissioner, came to meet the CiCC. He explained to us that his job was to listen to the public. To then meet with the Warwickshire Police Chief Constable and come up with a plan on how to solve concerns that people may have raised. We had lengthy discussion with Ron Ball about some of the difficulties that young people experience through the Internet. Recent surveys tell us that issues like bullying, inappropriate images, peer pressure are some of the typical issues that can create problems for children and young people. Ron Ball has taken our comments, thoughts and ideas away and recognises that some work has to be done in this area.

## Newsletter Spotlight

Get Involved! Want to help create and deliver training to Social Workers. Email address and phone number at the top of this page.

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Need any support to pursue and interest that you may have but struggling to meet some of the costs? Help could be available through the Baradell Fund or the Tiffin Club!

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## Virtual School Award Ceremony Consultation

The CiCC planned and prepared a range of interactive consultation activities with a local artist. These activities were made available to up to 90 young people that attended the Virtual School Award Ceremony in November 2014. The findings have been collated and a report has gone to Safeguarding Senior Leadership Team and the Corporate Parenting Panel. The activities explored children and young people's views on key themes like, Foster Carers, Social Workers, Education, Safety, Being in Care, IRO's, Having a say, Bullying, Complaints, School Nurses and GP Services. The CiCC hope the findings lead to some actions that make things better for us!

## Young People's Guide

Over the last year the CiCC along with a Service manager from Children's Social Care & Safeguarding have been working on a booklet to help those young people coming into care better understand what it means for them. The final draft has been agreed and so the booklet should be ready for print very soon and then circulation. The target age group for this booklet is 7 to 13. Keep an eye out for it!

**Young People's Guide**  
Helpful tips for now and the future

**Having your say**



*Listening for  
Warwickshire*

**CAMHS Redesign Project**—Young Minds a charity organisation came to meet with the CiCC in March 2015. Young Minds listened what we had to say about the CAMHS Service. We were told that our views would be considered when CAMHS is reorganised so that it may deliver a better service.

## Suggestions?

If you have any ideas on how we can improve this Newsletter then do send your comments to Mia, Bella and Lewis. Contact details at the top of the page. Thanks!

## Please circulate this Newsletter to children and young people that you work with

This is the second edition of the CiCC Newsletter. We know from experience that one of the hardest things to do is to get a consistent message out to children and young people in the care of Warwickshire. We think what would really help is if you could give us a little bit of support by circulating this Newsletter to young people that you work with. Keep copies with you, email them on, whatever you can manage. We appreciate that you are busy people but any help is appreciated. Our next edition should be out at the end of August 2015.



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**CiCC giving their thoughts and views on the CAMHS Service to Young Minds**

## Newsletter Spotlight

The Corporate Parenting Panel is made up of 6 Councillors whose job it is to promote the interests of children and young people in the care of Warwickshire. Councillors from this Panel take it in turns to attend the CiCC meetings to listen to what we have to say