

Warwickshire



Notes from meeting on Tuesday 7th November, 5.30pm, Shirehall, Warwick

Present:

- Jack O
- Mia W
- Gebrella T
- Nagina A
- Dan K-S (guest)
- Tarwanda A
- Shawn L
- George W
- Harley F

Supporting Staff:

Shin Bhangal (Practice Leader Participation)
Andy Mclean (Part Time Youth Worker)

Visitors

Jeanette Young (Consultant – Children's commissioning)
Julie Hackett (Strategic Commissioner - C & Y People)
Heather Boyd (Category Specialist, Procurement)
Sioned Harper (Solicitor)
John Hopper (Procurement Manager)
Cllr Jeff Morgan

Apologies

Alicia S, Keely Gardner, Katherine W, Heather C, Tehetena T

1. Introductions

Shin asked all those present to introduce themselves. Shin also thanked all the members for arriving an hour earlier for the meeting than usual.

Jeanette Young began by explaining to CiCC members about the purpose of the meeting. Jeanette covered the following areas.

What is BR4C?

Jeanette explained that the BR4C is a new residential (children's home) project that Commissioning Services have been working on over the past 12 months. Its aim is to support children who need or require a children's home type setting locally - in Warwickshire.

How you can the CiCC help?

Jeanette said that representatives from 2 providers will present to everyone attending the CiCC meeting to explain how they can support children and young people if they were the chosen provider.

Jeanette went onto to say that it is really important for Commissioning Services to hear the views of young people on what they think of the presentations. Jeanette explained that potentially one of the

providers will be responsible for delivering the service to children and young people in Warwickshire.

Jeanette said that Commissioning have asked providers to deliver a presentation which tells us,

- a. How they will deliver the service and what theories and values support their work.
- b. How will they meet our requirements
- c. How will they help children achieve outcomes
- d. How will they support a child / young person from day one through to leaving the provision and for a period of time afterwards?

What do CiCC members need to do?

Jeanette explained that CiCC members will be given an opportunity to ask questions at the end of each presentation.

CiCC members will have pens / paper available to make a note of things they might want to ask as the presentations are delivered. Jeanette asked CiCC members to think about what they feel is important for children in care that will be living in these homes. "What is important to you?"

2. Action For Children & Hexagon Presentations

Action for Children delivered the first presentation and covered the themes of,

- Vision
- New Approach
- Reaching Goals
- Achievement
- Houses & Structure
- Making it Personal

Some of the main questions young people asked are as follows,

- What ages are targeted?
- What happens when you turn 18?
- What support is provided towards independence?
- What do you mean by a goal to achieve?
- Would you adopt 3 strikes and you're out system?
- What do you do to support leisure activities and free time?
- How will you ensure consistency with staff and social workers?
- Is the accommodation mixed genders?
- Would you work with birth families before a young person returns home?
- Would you carry out room inspection visits?
- How would you cope with young people being manipulative rather than actually changing?
- Will young people still receive pocket money?
- Where will the young people come from?
- Will young people have more choice than a normal home? Or do you expect compromise?

- When will the homes start?
- Can we see the first homes?
- Can you work with asylum seeker young people who may have language needs?
- Will you work with people of different religions that have different needs?

The second presentation was delivered by Hexagon. Hexagon asked young people to choose the topic that they wanted to hear about. The following topics were chosen before time ran out.

- Leaving Care – programme of independence
- Behind the Scenes – the right home
- Achieving Your Goal
- The Challenging Times – humour
- Involving You

Young people asked the following questions.

- How do you know that people are applying to the home for the right reasons?
- Are young people involved in the selection process?
- Do you keep a checklist of young people that have previously lived together?
- What are the rules around phones/internet/TV?
- How many young people are there in the homes?
- What are the rules for bedtime?
- How and when do you know to compromise or not?
- How do you help manage eating disorders like Anorexia?
- How do you support young people?
- Do you encourage friends to come and visit the young people staying in the home?
- Can young people stay overnight with a friend? Do you do formal checks? Will this be supervised or unsupervised?
- How do you know that you don't scare friends off?
- What do you do if a young person says they want to go to a party?
- How do you make things normal, for example alcohol, normal teenager experimenting as opposed to just saying a blanket no?
- How do you help staff and young people learn the difference between normal and excess?

At this point the presentation was brought to a halt.

The CiCC members were then asked how best to get in touch with them so that Rachael could get individual feedback. Commissioning would then consider these views as part of their decision making process.

The meeting ended.

Any Other Business

None