

# Report on Activities of Wiltshire Youth Voice Children's Select Committee

December 2018

## 1. Introduction

This report offers a summary of activities of the Wiltshire Assembly of Youth (WAY), Youth Safeguarding Board (YSB) and the Children in Care Council (CiCC) during the period November – December 2018.

## 2. Meetings

Members of WAY/YSB and CiCC attended Police HQ in Devizes on 14 November 2018 and posed questions and concerns to Blair Keltie and Chief Constable Kier Pritchard around sextortion and bullying and what impact these have on the LGBT community. Responses to questions will be audio-recorded by Chief Constable Kier Pritchard in January 2019 and supplied to the group. Also during this visit group members had a:

- guided tour of Police HQ
- visit to the Emergency Call Centre (with a Q&A session)
- tour of the Dog Unit

The 2019 timetable for group meetings is in the process of being compiled and we will be working with group members to progress the direction of travel around taking them out of council buildings and into the community.

Considering developments to bring these groups closer together under the umbrella of a Youth Union, the new Terms of Reference are being finalised to capture additional views and feedback from group members.

## 3. Working in Partnership

PCSO Alan Byrne (Schools and Youth Liaison Supervisor) posed a set of questions to the young people about 'sextortion' at the 14 November consultation. Members of WAY/YSB and CiCC will be invited to participate in a council-generated Survey Monkey which will be facilitated in early January 2019 to ascertain views and opinions that will be used to feed into and support the next stage of the Police initiative.

## 4. CiCC

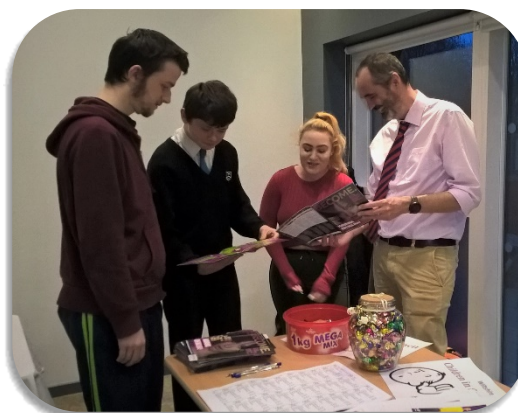
The CiCC Christmas Event took place on 12 December 2018 at Lazer Quest. A total of 17 people attended which consisted of 10 young people, members of support staff and council representatives. CiCC members travelled from as far away as Hampshire and Westbury to attend the event.



| Laser Quest Score Screen |     |       |           |     |       |
|--------------------------|-----|-------|-----------|-----|-------|
| Name                     | Rnk | Score | Name      | Rnk | Score |
| KIM OOB                  | 1   | 712   | LASERLORD | 2   | 514   |
| MISSELIOT                | 6   | 433   | MESSI     | 3   | 507   |
| GEORGE                   | 7   | 409   | ROSE      | 4   | 494   |
| CRAZYRABY                | 9   | 191   | MIKEMYERS | 5   | 458   |
| JESS                     | 10  | 186   | 007       | 8   | 397   |
| BASELINE                 | 13  | 82    | MERCEDES  | 10  | 186   |
| DARKEROST                | 14  | 8     | BREXIT    | 12  | 141   |

## 5. **Post 16 Options Event:**

Members of the CiCC supported Wiltshire Council's Post 16 Options Event on 4 December 2018 by hosting a CiCC table. Members actively engaged with young people attending the event, promoting the group and handing out leaflets and information.



## 6. **Care Leavers Forum**

An initial meeting took place on 21 November 2018, which was attended by Care Leavers, Personal Assistants (PA), Martin Davis (Head of Care, Placements and EDS) and commissioning staff. Some of the areas discussed included:

- How could a Care Leavers' forum be helpful to care leavers?
- What sort of things should it discuss?
- When and where should it take place...and how often?
- Who should lead it...and who would Care Leavers like to attend?

Feedback from discussions included:

- Care Leavers are keen to co-chair the meetings; with the option of a Wiltshire Council Personal Assistant (PA) as co-chair
- They want meetings to be held outside of Wiltshire Council premises – a small sub-group has been tasked to find venues.

Martin Davis spoke about the Care Leavers' Promise and Care Leavers gave their ideas of how it could be improved. Martin also spoke about the possibility of a new Care Leavers' App which will allow all Care Leavers to access information easily and could link into the relevant Wiltshire Council Care Leavers Webpages. Care Leavers fed back that they thought this could be a useful tool

The next meeting will be in early 2019, with a sub-group of Care Leavers and PAs sourcing external venues and setting dates/invites out to all known Wiltshire Care Leavers.

## 7. **Your Voice Survey**

The deadline for completion of the Your Voice Survey has been extended until the end of January 2019 due to the impact of the roll-out of the Liquid Logic case management system, and low response rates. The survey has been further promoted by Heads of Service, the Children's Champions Working Group, and operational teams to ensure a higher response rate. Findings will be reported to Children's Select Committee and Corporate Parenting Panel in the new year.

8. **Wiltshire's Members of the Youth Parliament (MYP)**

Our three MYPs went national in November representing Wiltshire in London at the Annual Youth Parliament House of Commons Debate

- **House of Commons / Youth Parliament Sitting** – PowerPoint

All three MYPs have been invited into County Hall for the January Children's Select Committee meeting to present this part of the report. We are awaiting confirmation of attendance.

9. **Elections to the UK Youth Parliament - 2019**

Applications have been opened for new MYPs for 2019. The candidate application submission window closed on 7 December. Elections will take place between 29 January and 10 February 2019 and results announced shortly after. The new term of office commences on 1 March 2019.