

The Deputies

Wednesday 23 May 2018, Breaks Manor

Minutes

Present: Alex; Ben; Victoria; Kelly; Ellie; Mark; Nancy

	Topic	Discussion
1	In care for 3 years or more This issue is on our work plan as something Deps want to know more about. It came from the Lifelong Links work, when the Deps learnt that this pilot is aimed at young people who have been in care up to 3yrs. There is a feeling amongst Deps that if you've been in care longer, you get forgotten about, and your needs for life long links is probably greater because more time has gone by since you were in touch with family. Mark showed everyone a draft survey and asked if they wanted to go ahead and get the survey put on the website. Everyone said yes.	Mark to liaise with web team to get the survey put on the website
2	Views about Reviews Kim from IRO Service asked us to look at this form that is sent out to gather feedback on review process. Qs 6 and 7 are really important (Do you know who your IRO is and do you know how to contact your IRO). Q10 asks whether you agreed with what was decided at the review. If young person says no, can we add something about what their options are in this case? Could we add a question to see if young people know what IROs are for? We had a discussion about this and one young person thought they were more to take notes and did not realise they had power. There were no other comments about the questions but visually young people think the form could be improved and asked if it is in colour when sent out. The CHICC logo was the Christmas one so needs changing. Mark offered to re-design the form once the IRO service have finalised the questions	Mark to get the feedback to Kim in the IRO service and offer to re-design the form
3	Valuing Care Following the last Deps meeting, Paula from Brokerage wondered whether the Deps would like to do a workshop on the work of brokerage/ placing young people. We were thinking about doing some kind of work experience but all the	Mark and Nancy to liaise with brokerage to set up a workshop

	work of brokerage is highly confidential so it would not be possible. Alex, Victoria and Kelly are all interested in doing this	
4	<p>Director's Hotline CHICC CLG had the idea of having a couple of hours every month on a set day for young people to call the Director or other senior managers if they want to. This could be publicised through carers and residential homes. This is in the interests of making it very easy and clear how to contact the department and giving young people different options for their feedback. The Deps liked the idea but thought the Director might be inundated with calls.</p>	Nancy to contact Managers with the suggestion
5	<p>Corporate Parenting Strategy We looked at the document which needs updating in order to be based on the 6 Bees. We had been asked to come up with quotes for each section. We came up with the following:</p> <p>Be Safe 'the whole point of being in care is to keep us safe'</p> <p>Be Healthy 'Sometimes our health gets overlooked, especially when times are chaotic. Our health and wellbeing is important to us and should be important to you'</p> <p>Be Ambitious We can take this from the speeches made at full council recently as the young people said some very powerful things</p> <p>Be Independent 'Support with independence should start when you come into care not when you leave'</p> <p>Be Happy Deps suggested other young people are asked for a quote for this one as it was very hard to come up with anything...</p>	Nancy/Mark to feed this back to Shannon who is working on the document
6	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>The next meeting is CHICC Social with CLG, a chance for the 2 groups to mix! Deps agreed bowling was a good idea</p> <p>CHICC Social Thursday 14 June</p>	