

Participation update

December 2020



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This presentation will include:

- *The Middlesbrough Children Matter website demonstration*
- *An Update on Participation*
- *An update on wider Children's services communications*
- *The Tell us More Survey at a glance*





The Website is now LIVE!

Working in partnership with the Centre for Practice excellence Practice lead to embed Voice of the Child on the front line.



- To ensure that team plans are focused on voice of the child
- To clearly evidence voice of the child and the impact
- To improve compliance and recording
- Identify a voice of the child lead in each team who is responsible for sharing the pro-forma with the team
- Identify any barriers to visiting children alone or in time
- Exploring meaningful direct work
- Sharing the Middlesbrough Children Matter Mission and Vision with staff teams.
- 13 teams started working with the Practice lead in December 2020.

Future plans

- Participation officer is to work alongside the Practice lead to be present in teams
- Participation officer is to work alongside teams to meet children and young people at point of referral



- 2 of our Care Leavers are to be employed as Apprentices.

Their roles include working in our Futures for Families team, working with the Principle Social worker to support the training and development of the workforce and supporting the Participation team with their work.

- Pathways are running a Care Leavers drop in on a Friday morning with their allocated CAMHS worker as a result of feedback from the Care Leavers forum.
- The Participation Officer role is now live for recruitment. The Care Leavers forum are planning the interviews that will take place in January 2021.
- Xavier has designed the Christmas card that will be sent to all looked after children, Care Leavers and staff
- The launch of Middlesbrough Virtual Youth Council will take place on Thursday 14th January 2021





Gemma Maile MBC
@GemmaMbc

♥ So this year the team put our Secret Santa money together and made a little gift for all our care leavers. Proud to be part of such a fab team #teamrad #middlesbroughchildrenmatter #ECLCM @Siobhan17631204 @BethGathercole @Claire26582371 @khammond1987 @jadembc



All Care Leavers who are living independently or in semi-independent living will receive a Christmas Gift Hamper.

Siobhan Davies MBC
@Siobhan17631204

IROs dont just want to tell Middlesbrough children they matter, they want them to own it and carry it everywhere they go! #MiddlesbroughChildrenMatter One for the care leavers Christmas stocking this year. Cant wait to see it all together @GemmaMbc



BethanyBradshawMBC @MbcBethany · 16h
Amazing effort guys - thanks to all who donated! 🎄👶👶
#MiddlesbroughChildrenMatter

Bethany Brown @BBrown935 · 17h
Middlesbrough MACH just wanted to do a little extra for our Care Leavers this year ♥ they may be young adults; but they will always be our children that matter ♥ @sallydonald75 @kellyyoung2 @DanielleTodd21



Wider Children's services communications



- Fortnightly newsletters sent to the workforce from Rachel Farnham (Director of Children's Care) and Rob Brown (Director of Education and Partnerships)
- Fortnightly newsletters from the Children with Disabilities team and Pathways are added to the website
- Ran a Middlesbrough Children Matter values and behavior campaign which was shared with the workforce & social media.
- Middlesbrough Mindfulness month – our Care Leavers forum wanted to run a month of mindfulness to cheer people up during lockdown. 1 Mindfulness quote a day was circulated using social media, email and the text service
- Rebranded Twitter - #Middlesbrough Children Matter 370 followers – 250 impressions
MCM website launch tweet got 6,123 impressions and 300 engagements and 76 clicks on the website!
- Created a Middlesbrough Children Matter Instagram. – 50 followers
- BoroMYP – 158 followers
- BoroDeputyMYP – 135 followers
- Planned a service specific roadshow to discuss progress on the Improvement Journey with each service.



Engagement groups



- **Mini CICC**

5 members - *An internal email has gone out to all resource workers and social workers to encourage engagement of children and young people in this group. Sue Butcher has also encouraged staff to have conversations with young people about attending this group.*

- **Children in Care Council**

A virtual Children in Care Council meeting planned for Monday 21st December. A full communications plan is in place to encourage Social Workers and Independent Reviewing Officers to encourage their young people to attend.

- **Care Leavers forum**

We have 6 active members of the group. We meet weekly and speak regularly via the Care Leavers forum Whatsapp group. A CAMHS worker attends every session to support any mental health needs

Recent tasks:

- The recruitment of the Participation Officer, planning the interviews
- The development of the Tell Us More Survey questions to ensure the tone is right
- Planning the Care Leavers Christmas card competition.
- Attending the Life Story work task and finish group

Children in Care Council plan



Microsoft Excel
Worksheet

Tell Us More survey at a glance



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Any questions?