**Pre-Christmas ‘All Towns’ Locality Network Meeting**

**13/12/2022**

1. **Welcome** and chat function exercise – what is the best thing about Christmas/winter period
2. **Notes from the last meeting –** these were not covered in detail, as this would’ve taken too much time, so everyone was asked to get in touch with Sarah if needed
3. **Parent/carer leaflet and Newsletter –** Lorrie wanted to share with everyone that we were grateful for the feedback and contributions to both the leaflet and the newsletter, and they have been passed on to Shaun Evan and Lisa Pitcher for further development.
4. **Charley Turner – YMCA**

Charley talked about what the YMCA delivers in Torbay and specifically about the Nightstop project which over the last year has supported 32 young people in the emergency accommodation project for a total of 297 days. It is open to young people 16-25 years of age and the volunteers who open up their homes offer a hot meal, somewhere safe for the night, a packed lunch, the opportunity to chat. There is a referral process for the young people and Charley does all of the necessary follow ups etc. to ensure that both the volunteer and young person are well suited and are safe to be placed together. More information can be found here; [Nightstop | YMCA South Devon](https://www.ymcasouthdevon.org.uk/nightstop.html)

Charley hopes to attract more hosts to the project – they currently have 11 but want to reach 20. They can also help young people with clothing, toiletries, food, and the support to find longer-term accommodation.

Charley also talked about the other services that the YMCA offers. More information can be found here: [YMCA South Devon](https://www.ymcasouthdevon.org.uk/index.html)

1. **HAF** – Sarah shared the link to the HAF provision in the chat function [School Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme - Torbay Council](https://www.torbay.gov.uk/children-and-families/early-years/christmas-healthy-holidays-programme/) and gave a quick overview of the holiday clubs on offer and shared concerns re: the impact of the cost of living crisis.
2. **Cost of Living/Community Issues or trends**

Lorrie asked the groups whether they had noticed an impact of the cost-of-living crisis on the families that they are working with. Several scenarios were given where families were struggling with food, heating their homes, buying Christmas presents for their children, the impact of Strep A complicating this and struggling to access the support that is available.

Several examples of where to get help were shared in the chat function; Rising Moments (DA support), CentrePeace in Paignton, Punk Against Poverty in Torquay and the Torbay Council page which covers quite a few different ‘headings’ where people might need support [Help with the cost of living - Torbay Council](https://www.torbay.gov.uk/benefits/cost-of-living/)

1. **Early Help Update** – Any issues? Lorrie mentioned that there will be more dates for Early Help in the new year.
2. **AOB** – no AOB raised

**Meeting ended**