

## Child Friendly Torbay Update as of 07/11/2022

### Early Help

- Significant progress has been made with the Power BI mapping work. We have added to the directory and are now discussing the logistics in rolling it out to the Family Hubs, and to show it to some young people and families to gain their feedback before rolling it out wider.
- It has also been presented to Product Managers from the DfE and to a Digital Codesign Group made up of several Local Authorities and chaired by the DfE and was well received. It has helped to ignite conversation regarding communication, directories, and valuing the importance of self-help/signposting.
- The ultimate would be to make it accessible to the public through its own app, but accessing the current format does require a licence (which costs).
- \*An online demo of the current mapping work can be organised any time for anyone interested in seeing it\*

### Corporate Parenting

- Clear process for work experience placements now agreed with HR (Jo Sandbrook and Amber Forrest) and tested with the Harbours team – unfortunately, we didn't need the placement after working through this as the young person secured a Commis Chef job at No.17 (which is obviously good news), but we have a clear process in place now. Donna Glover from SWISCo has also been involved in these conversations and is fully on board.
- We are currently working with a cohort of young people – from the previous GWR work experience project (Care Experience Team/Early Help referred) and from Eat That Frog following completion of The Princes Trust course, from the Foyer, from previous work experience placements with Groundworks etc. and are working hard to support young people in to accessing apprenticeships.
- We have also started a pilot piece of work funded by DfE in partnership with the Torbay Youth Trust, South Devon College and the Virtual School for young people in care or care experienced and in further education or interested/transitioning in to further education. This piece of work is for 3 terms and is providing 39 hours per week of 'detached youth worker' support to help offer a young person-directed approach to help address any needs they identify and to offer additional stability around their education.

### Where I live

- Logo design is being progressed through Sophie De Sousa (Participation Worker) and young people she is engaging with.
- Feedback has been gathered from young people through the HAF programme, the Exeter University Research project and is being gathered through the HAF extension project focussing on what services and activities children, young people and families want to access in their community.
- Young people have been involved in discussions regarding potential improvements and what they would like to see happen to the Windmill Centre which have contributed to our Youth Innovation Fund application.
- We are also supporting and promoting the recent introduction of the 'My Health, My School' surveys which has been commissioned for 3 years and are 'whole school' surveys with anonymised information available via a report to the Local Authority. Questions asked to young people are regarding their health, mental health, physical exercise etc. and this is broken down in to age, gender, SEND, living arrangement etc. which can help influence future decision making and determine the needs of young people and families through school settings.

### Ambassador Programme

- Awaiting a core group meeting to discuss.

### Exploitation

- Additional section of the regular CYPEG meetings to discuss CFT elements.
- Raising awareness: Additional training sessions for all workforce who have contact with children and young people have been organised.
- Safer spaces: Discussions are continuing regarding venues and accreditation. Changes to the Family Hub model, made by Government, have altered the immediate plans, however the intention to work with existing settings and the voluntary and community sector on this matter is still very much a priority.

**Future Planning:**

- Plan to link in with the Torbay Story – no further discussions have yet taken place with the TDA – I did email, and they said that they have young people involved already, however discussions have been had with some young people over the summer and I am aware that there are several plans for young people to take the lead and be involved in some video/recorded communications coming up.
- A webpage for the CFT has now been drafted but is on hold due to the wider website development discussions and the recruitment of a web designer.
- Have an agreement in place with all strategy holders to a) see whether CYP have been considered b) whether there are accessible versions for CYP c) whether they have been involved where possible/needed – links with SEND improvement journey also. – this is being developed with the Learning Academy and aligned with the Restorative Practice and Trauma Informed work.