

## WORKSHOP NOTES

### Review of Halton Children's Trust Arrangements – 31.10.19

#### Attendees:

Mil Vasic (HBC), Tracey Coffey (HBC), Ann McIntyre (HBC), Pauline Jones (HHT), Leah Priestly Black (HYC), Liv Eren (HYC), Ellis Lloyd Jones (HYC), Elliot Walker (HYC), Emily Louise Mahon (HYC), Phil McClure (Young Addaction), Thileepan Logeswaran (UK Youth Parliament), Yasmin Oultram Harding (Bright Sparks), Callum Oultram Harding (Bright Sparks), Kaitlin Taylor (Bright Sparks), Yvonne Smallman (HSO), Cllr. Tom McInerney (HBC), Sean Barlow (Cheshire Fire & Rescue), Cllr. Dave Cargill (HBC), Eileen O'Meara (HBC Public Health), Michelle Creed (Halton CCG), Dot Roberts (HBC), Kelly Collier (HBC), Tracy Ryan (HBC)

Presentation led by Policy Team to review current and possible future structure/governance arrangements. Group discussion by Board members on proposed option A, option B and blank canvas ideas with feedback from groups outlined below.

#### **Table 1 Feedback**

Trust to be more flexible in its meeting arrangements and sub-groups. Exec Group to meet quarterly

#### Positives

- + Smaller Exec Group to get things done ("agenda")
- + Like the Question Time type themed events
- + Stronger emphasis on Themes – scrutiny of the "as is" and "after recommendations"
- + Exec Group as tasked to hold sub-groups, partners/members accountable
- + Increase wider partnership engagement and future provision e.g. housing

#### Negatives

- Virtual means lose face 2 face accountability and discussion – need to bear in mind that these previous discussions have not made any impact or fostered any changes

#### **Table 2 Feedback**

Question Times are good but no interaction - prefer smaller focus groups

If virtual would lose face 2 face and do we actually read emails when we need to?

Children and young people not aware of the work happening in sub-groups – these need stronger links  
High Anxiety, SEND etc

#### **Table 3 Feedback**

Option B but with more improvements

Discussing different issue each session

Meeting every 6-8 weeks

If a burning issue arises young people can attend one of the groups to raise it

Set Topics but don't rule out discussion of other issues.

If topic is agreed in advance, Halton Speak Out can work with children and young people in schools (Special schools) to prep them for events/theme

Want one point of contact to raise issues

Avoid jargon, clear headings and information in Easy Read format

#### **Next Steps Agreed**

- Next meeting to take place November/December to follow-up discussions
- Reps from ALL groups to attend and deliver a 10 minutes update on the current work or consultations they've done with other young people on what's important to them.
- The Trust will want to see how this fits/links to the three Trust Priorities.
- **Groups to attend Trust meeting and provide update =**
  - Bright Sparks
  - Halton Youth Cabinet
  - Children in Care Council
  - Young Carers
  - College/School Student Councils
  - Halton SEND Carers Forum