

0-25 Transformation: Highlight Report

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Sub-Group/Programme:
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Voice of the Child

Work programme context:

The Voice of the Child group meets in sequence prior to the Safeguarding Children's Partnership and the 0-25 group to review the agenda items and to ensure young people have an opportunity to contribute to the agenda

Voice of the Child is a priority for the 0-25 group

Youth Council members contributed to the Neglect Thriving Families strategy supporting the work on the outcomes framework

Youth Council members and FFCC member attend the VoC

Other groups are consulted You Can, LGBTQ+, and these operating online. Other youth groups not in contact due to furlough.

Programme structure and implementation:

Project has linked with the Make a Difference Project and the next stage is the implementation of the Salford Standards for Listening for Children, Young People and Families

The youth groups have been consulted from across the city and young people's views of COVID lockdown have been compiled.

Progress summary (last 8 weeks): *(high level and by exception)*

Dates of meetings in the period and engagement of members.

22nd September 2020 Voice of the Child meeting on Teams – Reps from the Youth Council and Fight for Change Council, Safeguarding Unit and Youth Service

Meeting discussed

- Young people's return to school and college. Comments from young people included how stressful it was, how it was a challenge staying with the same people in parts of the school, how disruptive it was when they were sent home to socially isolate, how one way systems worked in schools, and how good it was to see friends. Those young people starting college talked about large bubbles of whole year groups, rotas and not being able to have a proper science lesson.

2nd December 2020 Voice of the Child meeting on Teams Reps from the Youth Council and Fight for Change Council, and Youth Service. Meeting discussed Locality Plan, Public Health annual report, Discussion around Anti racism pledge (Fight for Change Council), a discussion on Child Criminal Exploitation and the Mean streets report

Make Your Mark Ballot implemented in November 2020. Education in expected votes from previous year due to COVID and schools other priorities. Results expected Dec 10th 2020

Outlook summary: (next 8 weeks)

Review the Children's Commissioner report, "Mean streets" and the video for young people. Review locally the questions in the report and get a sense that that is this true for young people in Salford.

Build on Fight for Change Anti-Racism pledge and the Youth Council could work together on a wider statement on other issues like sexism and homophobia and seek support from the young people in schools, i.e. head boy/girl endorsement.

Attend the Youth Alliance, Greater Manchester young people's hustings for the Greater Manchester Mayoral elections.

Link with colleagues in Leisure and Health to give young people's input into the work on Childhood Obesity

Develop a plan for 2021 and priorities for the Voice of the child group including a work plan based on the local priorities based on the results of the Make your mark ballots

Upcoming Milestones/Next steps/Key Decisions	Date
Consider Make Your Mark Ballot results Support implementation of Salford Standards for listening to children young people and families and learning loops Develop and 2021/2 work plan for Voice of the Child Group Build up membership of the Voice of the Child group Shift from virtual digital to actual in person meetings in COVID secure environments	End Jan 2021 Review March 2021 By End March 2021 Review March 2021 By Feb 2021

Financial spend/requests:

None

Risks

Young people feeling screen fatigue and engagement in Voice of the Child group is limited
 Young people deciding not to engage in the Voice of the Child meetings

Summary of Risk	Summary of Mitigation	RAG Rating
Online meetings with young people	1. Consider COVID secure actual meetings	
Preparation for meetings by support workers	1. Send out details of meetings and agenda items in advance	

Issues for escalation (through 0-25 Advisory Board and/or Commissioning Committee)

None