

Participation Service Update

June 2023

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Children (aged 4-17) have the opportunity to provide feedback at least once-yearly

My carers are good and take care of me very well.

I would like to see my dog during Family Time.

My Social Worker doesn't always return my calls.

My Social Worker does her job well; she is calm and collected.

I love my placement – the staff really care about me.

I want my Social Worker to check in with me more often.

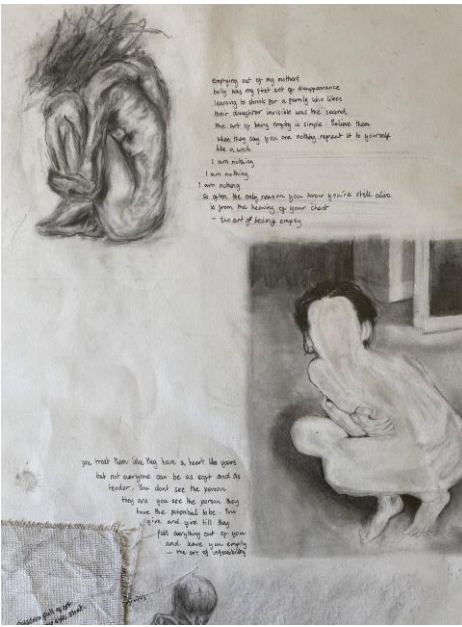
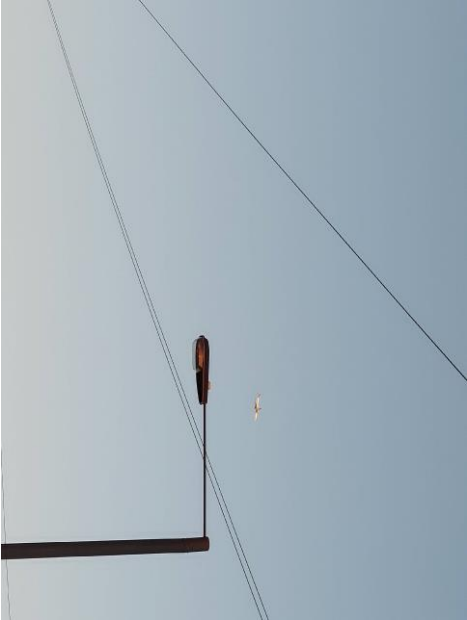
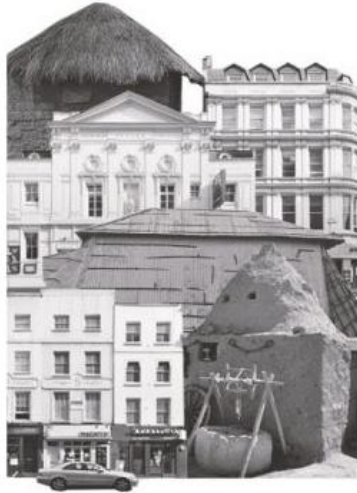
Key themes:

- all young people could identify a safe, trusted adult with whom they could discuss their worries
- many young people expressed difficulties around timely communication with their Social Worker
- two young people requested a change of Social Worker; these changes have been actioned within three months
- most young people felt uncertainty around the role of the Independent Reviewing Officer
- all young people were satisfied with their placement

Since January 2023, we have:

- connected 18 young people with free gym memberships
- begun hosting Children In Care Council meetings
- hosted a Care-Experienced Art Exhibition, showcasing the work of 12 young artists
- recommenced events and activities for children looked after – with 33 young people attending trips to Thorpe Park, Flip Out, Wembley Stadium and Wicked

Participation Activities



Care-Experienced Art Exhibition

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