



66 children and young people responded to the survey. A response rate of just under 8%.

'Get Involved' Survey findings

A summary of the results for Children Looked After and Care Leavers aged 4 to 24 years old

We asked the following:

1. What is going well...
2. What could be better...
3. How children and young people would like to get involved with Children's Services.

What is going well?

- Nearly all children and young people said they felt either **very safe** or **safe**.
- 59 young people (89%) said they had **friends** they trust to talk with.
- 61 young people (92%) said they spend **regular time with family**.
- 80% of children and young people said they know their children's rights/ human rights.
- Almost all young people said they get asked their view **'All of the time'** or **'Some of the time.'**
- Young people said their Social Worker, Teachers/school staff and foster carers (top three) ask them about their viewpoint.

Positives (going well) for young people

- Education and learning opportunities.
- Seeing siblings.
- Youth club.
- Hobbies.
- Having a safe place.
- Safe adults to support young people.





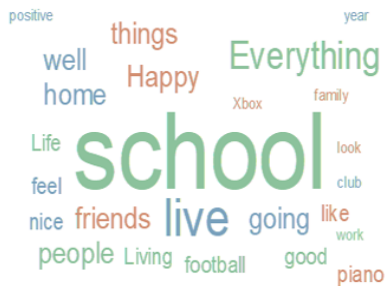
My education and learning opportunities

I feel safe and comfortable where I live. I am comfortable around the people who look after me. I've got people who care about me. I've got things in my future to look forward to

I get to see my brothers

My mam is always asking me stuff

What is positive (going well) for you?



I think its good I'm going to school, that I have friends and I am doing well

Where I live

My work and self-development

School, and I go to a club down the community centre by my house and it's called youth club

I'm in a happy safe place

I'm feeling happy

I have people who I can talk to I am now supported to present myself as a girl with confidence

What could be better...

4 to 10 years old

- Make sure young people know who their Social Worker is and other trusted adults.
- More activities in the community.
- Some young people want to know about their children's rights.

11 to 15 years old

- Looking at a range of different ways to keep in touch with family.
- Living closer to family.
- Wellbeing- to feel better about yourself.

16 to 24 years old

- Access to information about mental health and wellbeing services.
- More activities to do in the community.



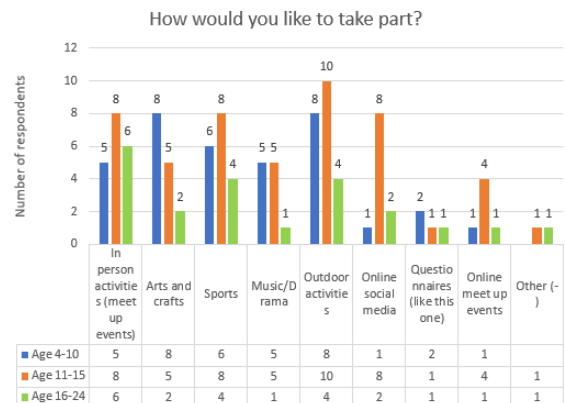
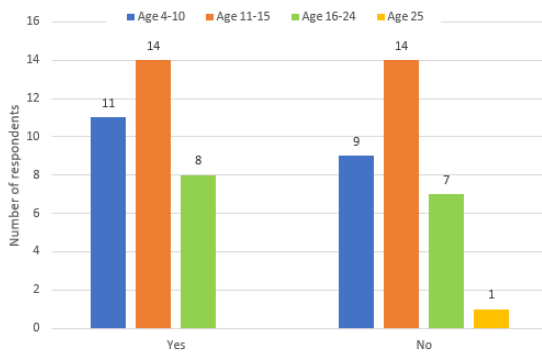
- Housing and tenancy support.
- Benefits support.

Getting involved with other care experienced young people

Gaming events such as an esports team

Indoor activities

Would you like to attend activities with other care experienced young people?



Think I would have benefited from this when I was younger

Parties

Attending activities with other care experienced young people

- 33 young people said **yes** (51%).
- 31 said **no** (49%).
- 2 young people **skipped** the question.

How would you like to take part? (Click all that apply)

1. Outdoor activities= 22 clicks
2. In person activities= 19 clicks
3. Sports= 18 clicks
4. Arts and crafts= 15 clicks
5. Online social media= 11 clicks
6. Music and drama= 11 clicks
7. Online meet up events= 6 clicks
8. Questionnaires= 4 clicks
9. Other= 2 clicks

Recommendations

- **Make sure that all trusted adults explain who they are.** Consider leaving child friendly information such as 'All about me' profiles or a child friendly letter to the young person before meeting them or with a change of Social Worker/ key member of staff.
- **Access to information.** To develop information in a range of formats that can be easily accessed and shared. Young people **16+** have told us they want easy access to information for benefits, housing, tenancy support and funding entitlements.
- **Children and young people have told us how they want to get involved.** They would like more in person meet up events, activities with nature, sports, arts and crafts and music and drama.
- **To look at different ways to keep in touch with family.** Young people have told us they would like more contact with their families.
- **Mental Health and wellbeing support.** Young people would like further support with their mental health and wellbeing activities.

