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| **Welcome back to the 2nd quarterly e-newsletter for**  **Barnardo’s Leeds Children’s Rights**  **& Advocacy Service** |
| **Reminder of what we do**  We work with children and young people:   * Aged 0-19 years where they are children who are **looked after** * Aged 0-18 where they are children and young people with **SEN** and disabilities (up to 25 where they have an Education Health and Care plan) * Care leavers up to aged 21 * Aged 10 to 17 who are currently or about to become subject to a **Child Protection Plan** with Leeds City Council (younger children may be referred where appropriate) * Young people in custody, in particular those detained in secure units or youth offending institutions (would liaise with the advocacy service already operating in the unit to ensure that young people were supported when they were leaving – if needed) * Children and young people who are subject to a **Child In Need Plan**. |
| **We can support children & young people** In review meetings, In decisions that are being made, In disruption meetings, In LADO meetings, In placement moves, About contact, About school, Supporting unaccompanied asylum seekers, Signposting young people to legal professionals, Ensuring they are aware of their rights, Supporting them to access the formal complaints process |
| Think before you send - Leeds Children’s Rights have been supporting the Leeds Safeguarding “Think before you send” campaign, targeting young people on the consequences of sending sexual images. If your organisation provides a service to young people you too can help support the campaign by displaying the posters or linking to the website: <http://www.leedslscb.org.uk/sexting> |
| **Educational Health & Care Plan Advocacy**  Leeds Children’s Rights are offering an advocacy service to young people going through the transition from a Statement of Educational Needs or Learning Difficulties Assessment (LDA) to an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) or those moving on a plan for the first time.   * **An advocate can help ensure a young person’s views, wishes and aspirations are present through the process.** * **We can support a young person to attend meetings, have their voice heard and resolve any issues that may arise.**   For more information or to make a referral please contact us and speak to Eleanor on 0113 2395578  MC900288988[2]    **Are you following @LCRS\_Barnardos on Twitter? We now have over 140 followers! Look out for our latest tweets about what’s happening at Leeds Children’s Rights.** |
| **Did you know we have an Emergency OUT OF HOURS for YOUNG PEOPLE/CHILDREN to use?**  **Whilst our general office number 01132395570 or Freephone number 08006527212 is available from 9 – 5pm. Leeds Children’s Rights are also available for Young people/children from 8am – 9am + 5pm – 9pm Monday to Friday plus 10am – 6pm on weekends/bank holidays.**  **As stated, this out of hours service is available for young people to use only (not professionals making referrals).** |
| **Total Respect**  **This year we have delivered:**  **2 X one day Manager’s courses.**  **4 X  two day Total Respects**  **3 X one day Total Respect especially adapted for the designated teachers for looked after children.**  **We are also in the process of training up six new potential total respect trainers (4 male and two female) aged between  17yrs old and 21 yrs old. Subject to funding we are hoping to continue to deliver similar sessions throughout next year – we will keep you posted with future dates to book on.**  C:\Users\nicky.midgley\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\X0DOU0MY\4-New_Job-655x280[1].jpg |
| C:\Users\nicky.midgley\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\EWET4OY7\new2[1].jpg  **Due to demand Leeds Children’s Rights are now recruiting a new Children’s Rights worker to add to our team, which means we can respond even more efficiently to young people/children ☺** |
| **Institutional language has no place in children's homes!**  We are all guilty of using acronyms that become part of our everyday language and almost meaningless.  At Leeds Children’s Rights Service we are told all of the time by young people that they don’t like the term “LAC” because it implies that that they are “lacking in something” and whenever possible we will encourage people not to use it.  The article below makes an interesting read and will hopefully encourage all of us to think about the words we use and the possible impact they can have on the people we work with!  <http://www.theguardian.com/social-care-network/social-life-blog/2015/aug/26/institutional-language-has-no-place-in-childrens-homes>   |  | | --- | | **Would you like us to attend your team meetings?**  **Whilst we are incredibly busy, we do like to spread the word to make sure everone knows & understands what we as a service can offer the young people, who you are dealing with. Therefore if you would like us to visit your team meetings to talk about what we do, please feel free to contact us to set a date.** |   **Team contact details:**  **Shelly Eades- Jones – Leeds Children’s Rights Manager**  Email: [shelly.eadesjones@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:shelly.eadesjones@barnardos.org.uk)  Tel no: 01132 395589  **Nicky Midgley – Service Administrator / Anne Smith – Service Administrator**  Email [nicky.midgley@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:nicky.midgley@barnardos.org.uk) / [anne.smith2@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:anne.smith2@barnardos.org.uk)  Tel no: 01132 395570  **Cheryl Reeves - Senior Practitioner & advocate**  Email: [cheryl.reeves@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:cheryl.reeves@barnardos.org.uk)  Tel: 01132 395576  **Kasim Aswat – Advocate**  Email: [kasim.aswat@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:kasim.aswat@barnardos.org.uk)  Tel: 01132 395599  **Rosie Cooke –Advocate**  Email: [rosie.cooke@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:rosie.cooke@barnardos.org.uk)  Tel: 01132 395586  **Eleanor McGilp - ( Specialist Disability Advocate)**  Email: [eleanor.mcgilp@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:eleanor.mcgilp@barnardos.org.uk)  Tel : 01132395578  **Additionally in our team we have**  **Jeanette Smith – Team leader, CSE/Reg 44**  **Email:** [Jeanette.smith@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:Jeanette.smith@barnardos.org.uk)  **Tel : 0113 2395589**  **Diane Holdsworth - CSE worker**  Email: [diane.holdsworth@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:diane.holdsworth@barnardos.org.uk)  Tel: 01132395570  **Vicky Dobie – CSE worker**  Email: [Victoria.dobie@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:Victoria.dobie@barnardos.org.uk)  Tel: 01132395570  **How do I refer?**  If you are working with a young person who you feel would benefit from our service then please get in touch.  Tel : **0113 2395570 or 0800 6527212**  Email: [**leedschildrensrightsservice@barnardos.org.uk**](mailto:leedschildrensrightsservice@barnardos.org.uk)  Website : **www.leedschildrensrights.org**    **Find us on: Facebook Twitter**  **leedschildrensrights @LCRS\_Barnardos** |