



Minutes of the Meeting 24th October 2011

Present

Geordie
Chris
Nicole
Aaron
Claire
Paige

Kerry (Children's Rights Assistant)
Jodie (Children's Rights Assistant)
Nicola Cheeseman (Sessional Worker)
Di Pugh (Practice Educator)

Apologies

Kira
Ashley
Gemma Waygood (East Riding Safeguarding Children's Board)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Kerry introduced Di Pugh and explained that she was here to observe Kerry as part of her degree. Everyone was ok with this

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

Kerry handed round minutes of the last meeting and asked if everyone had got them through the post. Most of the group had.

3. Updates

The Children in Care Council is a group of young people who are looked after who meet monthly to discuss and raise issues about things they would like to improve/change for young people in care.

The group met recently and talked about training for councillors and a health questionnaire.

The TAG group are a group of young people who are from families who foster and meet every other month to talk about what it is like being part of a family who foster and to make fostering services better. The group are meeting tomorrow to talk about training with the fostering team and also to do an assessment of a fostering social worker.

4. Safeguarding Newsletter

Kerry handed round the groups article in the Safeguarding Board's newsletter. The group suggested that it includes more photos next time and needs more colour to show that it is a piece of work done by a group of young people. The group also felt that it was too much writing on one page and would be better more spread out. The group would also like to have their signatures on the article next time. Kerry said she would pass this information on to Gemma.

5. Top Winter Tips Leaflet

Kerry handed round the final leaflet that the group had produced and said that this had been sent to all schools in the East Riding. Some of the group also took some leaflets to put in colleges or places where they thought young people would be able to access them.

6. Christmas Special Edition

The group split into two to talk about what they would like to do for a Christmas special edition. The group decided they would like it to be in a format of a Christmas card with a holly border and cover topics on drinking i.e. remember you can have a good time without drinking; getting your drink spiked is it worth it; getting liver damage - is it worth it; getting caught and getting in trouble with the police - is it worth it. A topic on Christmas trees and fire safety - turning off/unplug lights. Also to have a topic on Christmas presents and privacy settings getting across the message again as in the E-Safety leaflet. The group felt it would also be good if there was room to put something in about new year

and fireworks safety. Kerry said she would pass on the groups ideas for John to put something together for next months meeting.

7. Vouchers

Kerry asked the group about vouchers and if we preferred vouchers or would like food instead. Everyone agreed they would like vouchers and if possible to have food at special events eg Christmas and Easter and have a little sort of party event with a short meeting then games etc.

The group asked if it would be possible to have the christmas meeting 5-7pm instead of 3-5pm so everyone could come along. Kerry said this wouldn't be a problem.

8. Accreditations

Kerry reminded everyone to keep evidence for their accreditation folders. Kerry said she would bring the files along to the next meeting to update them.

9. Chair and Minutes

Thanks to Claire for chairing the meeting today and to Chris for taking the minutes.

The chair and minute taker for the next meeting is to be arranged at the next meeting.

10. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Monday 28th November 3pm to 5pm. **Please don't forget to let Kerry know ASAP if you want to come to make sure you get a place!**

Thanks everyone!!