

Participation and Voices
"Having a voice"

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

since July 2009-Oct 2011

We asked for clarification about Children and young people keeping pets in children's homes

We work with the Children's Advocate to help other children and young people find out what this service has to offer

In December 2011—The CEO and Minister for D&C Attended our VIP Council Meeting and assisted with our election for co-chair of the VIP Council

We have met the Champion for Children and Young People in Care. He comes to meetings and has attended team building days with us - this was a really good way to get to know him and what his role is.

VOICES IN PARTICIPATION COUNCIL (VIP)

We have met the Assistant Director and keep in regular contact through the chair of the VIP Council

We have met the Chief Executive who supports us in making a positive contribution for young people in care on the IOM

We give information to children and young people in care who do not attend VIP Council meetings and take part in organising and helping at play sessions for younger children who would not enjoy sitting around at table at our meetings.

We have carried out research on Allowances; children and young people in care receive, when we analysed the research we made a suggestion to the Department of Social Care to make all amounts for allowances the same across each care provider

This helped young people in care understand how the allowance system works and gave young people a fair say in this process.

The Department of Social Care looked at the policy if a child or young person wanted to stay overnight at a friends house - sometimes police checks were required which could take up to 3 months! The new policy should make this process a lot more young person friendly and not take so long.

For our next project - we are producing a DVD about the care system on the IOM