



# Dorset's CLiCC Yearbook

2019

# A BIG #YouthVoice THANK YOU!

Thank you to each and every one of you.

I have been blown away by how much you have all changed since joining CLiCC, how your confidence and skills have improved and how you have shared your voice with decision makers to improve things for other children and young people in care. Dorset is a better place because of your hard work, determination and "can do" attitudes.

I hope you enjoy looking back at some of our fun #YouthVoice adventures 2019!

Ann Haigh - Youth Voice & Insight Officer.



# Before & After

You should all be so proud of yourselves! Each of you have achieved things you didn't think you could do this year! From...

- Standing in front of a room full of people and challenging them to improve services for children in care
- Sitting on interview panels for senior executive jobs
- Facilitating activity days and training days for professionals and foster carers
- Travelling to London to share our #YouthVoice adventures with other groups...

You have made new friends, developed high profile contacts, had so much fun and dare I say it - even been a bit cheeky along the way!

Here are a few of my personal #YouthVoice highlights...



CLiCC regularly attend and challenge corporate parent board meetings with the BIG Chiefs of Dorset Council. You have facilitated diagonal slice meetings; supporting 150 professionals understand what children are telling them from the results of your satisfaction survey. You regularly facilitate junior and children in care activity days, sit on interview/ commissioning panels and inspect services. So much work and so much impact on improving services across Dorset for children in care.



The "What Does It Mean To Be A Child In Care" training days, you designed and now deliver! these have been a HUGE success. So much so, they want even more! This is down to your teamwork and facilitation skills, and being real with professionals about what worked and what didn't work with the care you received. You have influenced so many professionals and challenged them to be better. Professionals are promising to be kind, to listen better and keep their promises.

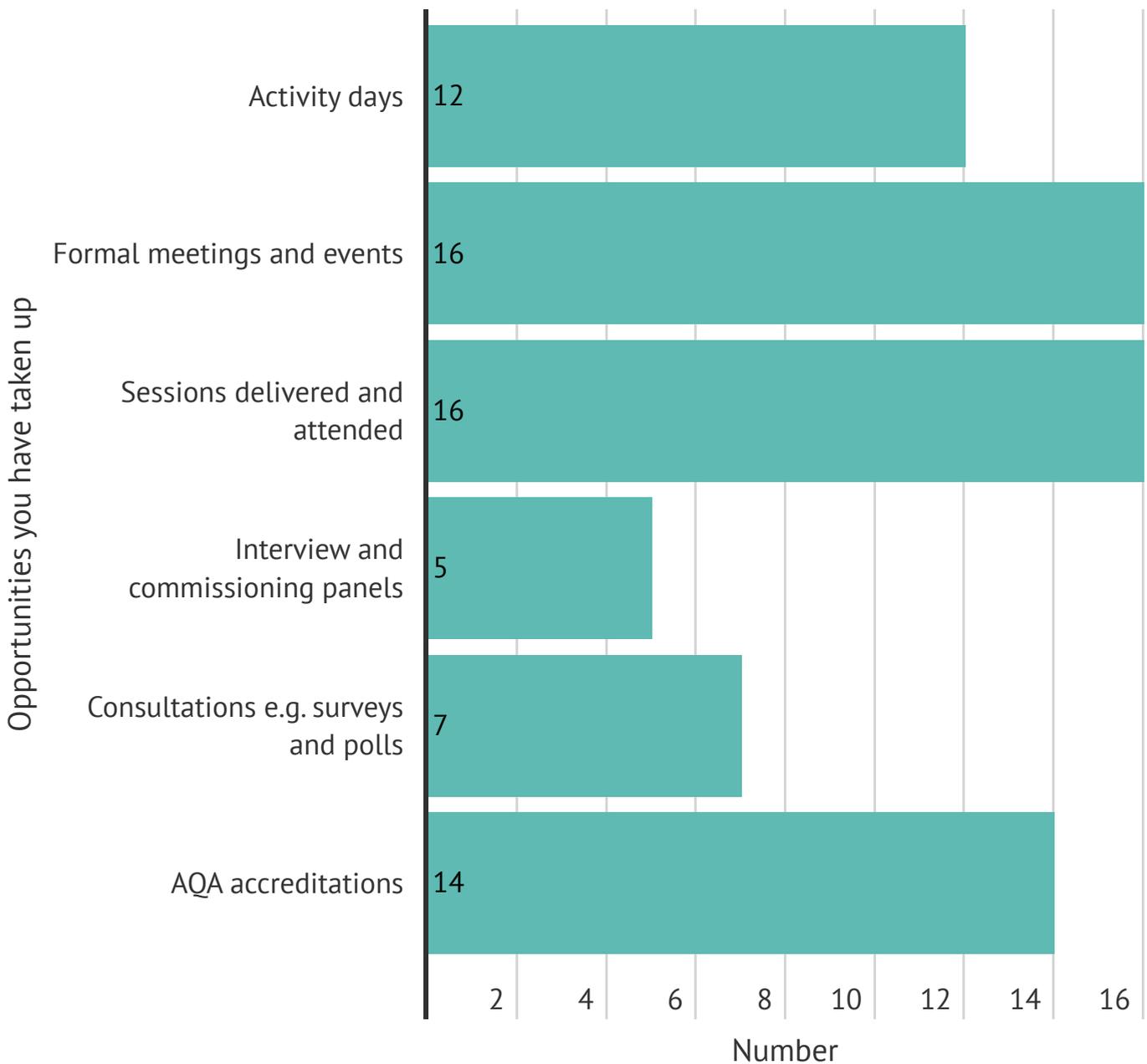


As a result of you speaking with and challenging corporate parents, social workers will now carry business cards with contact details of out of hours numbers, so young people always know how to contact them.

# Achievements



What an active year you have had.  
Well done to you ALL!



# Accomplishments



By doing all of that, you have accomplished all of this...



Distributed, Your Care Space Packs to every child and young person in Dorset's care. They have been so well received that other teams wanted their own. So, you designed 2 more packs with summary videos that are now live on [Dorsetforyou.gov.uk](http://Dorsetforyou.gov.uk)! 2019's new #YouthVoice packs:

- Your Care Spotlight Packs for children, going through child protection processes and who are children in need.
- Corporate Parenting Spotlight Packs for Corporate Parents!

You have written, edited and produced 2 copies of Dorset's #YouthVoice MAG - to give children and young people in Dorset's care games to play, competitions to take part in and useful information.

## Dorset's #YouthVoice MAG



You have delivered training days to 73 professionals and foster carers - about what it's like growing up in care. You have helped them think about how they listen to you, manage your expectations and work with you so you can live your best life.

# Accomplishments



There's more! Read on...



You helped us look at what was working, what wasn't and where the gaps are to Children in Care's #YouthVoice offer. You came up with brilliant ideas of hosting social activities across the county for Care Leavers to come to and chat about their experiences. You will be leading on setting these up in 2020!

You have taken part in designing a Snapchat campaign to raise awareness of child exploitation across Dorset. It was so brilliant, 250,000 children, young people and parents saw this. Well done!



You have met so many new people and made lots of new friends this year. You have all stayed in the same place, gone to school regularly and started to look at independent living skills. You have asked for help when you needed it. Awesome sauce!

# Accomplishments



Wowza, and this....



You supported 74 children and young people in care complete your satisfaction survey. That's 18% of all those in Dorset's care, which is brilliant! Because of that high number, 123 decision makers promised things to help improve services for children and young people in care.

You presented at Dorset's AND Hampshire's Family Justice Conferences, wowing the crowds so much that 278 delegates promised to change their practice - to be kinder to children and young people in care; to keep their promises and listen more effectively. Just WOW!



You had 12 entries to your Christmas card competition. You chose the winners and then got them designed into Christmas cards.

You sold 500 cards and made £178 profit. This has given you the funds to pay for Dorset #YouthVoice MAG edition 3. Brillo-pads!

# Accomplishments



## **Dorset's Award Ceremony re-named**

You renamed the Children in Care Awards to the Dorset Star Awards. You even came up with some new entry categories.



## **Wessex FM Young Person of the Year**

Hanna was nominated and WON Wessex FM Young Person of the Year AND a Diana Award. Her presentations took place in the swanky Weymouth sailing club and in Cardiff. She has been to London to talk to other Diana Award winners, to make the experience better for other young people too!



## **Redesigned Virtual School logo**

With the Virtual School Head Teacher and his team, you helped them think about how to communicate what they do, to children in care.



## **Inspected sexual health services and careers services**

With other young people, you mystery shopped, interviewed managers, ran focus groups AND presented your findings to the BIG Chiefs. Your findings will help them design better services for all children and young people in Dorset.



## **Influenced £460,000 of salary decisions**

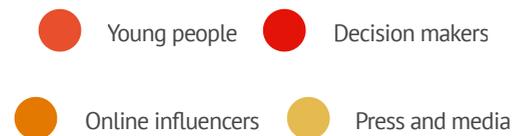
By supporting recruitment panels, you have helped Dorset (and Participation People) recruit the best people for the job!

# #YouthVoice Impact

You have worked with Directors, Chief Executives (including teaching them how to floss!), Team Managers, Foster Carers and Social Workers.

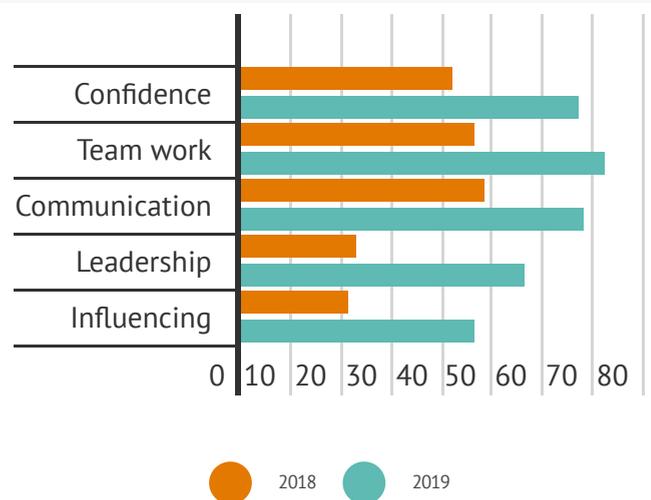


You have also worked with other children and young people in care to give them a LOUD #YouthVoice.



You have learnt so many skills and developed new techniques for influencing decision makers this year.

Watching your confidence grow; working with children at activity days to help them have their voice; hearing more positivity; seeing you wanting to help other people and watching you influence change is remarkable. #PROUD



Other decisions you have influenced this year:

- A re-structure of the Corporate Parent Board to make it more accessible and youth friendly
- Made booking taxi's simpler and easier. Foster carers are now able to book taxi's themselves.
- Social Workers to carry contact detail cards, so you can contact them without waiting for your foster carer to.
- Corporate Parents to be more accountable to children in Dorset's care with 11 challenge cards presented.
- Ensuring social workers respond quickly and put their out of office on when they are ill or on holiday.
- Made forms, letters and social media posts from Dorset Council to be more youth friendly.
- Responding to Ofsted's comments on their recent inspection, offering to help improve services together with decision makers.



# Your memories

This page is for you to write or draw your own CLiCC memories...

What was your BIGGEST achievement this year?



Write about friends you have made here...



What's your next #YouthVoice adventure?



What new skills are you taking with you?



# What people say



"I love the training days and helping professionals see things from our perspective. It's good for me to see things from theirs too."

CJ, Care Leaver

Decision makers Skills  
Facilitation Influence Volunteering  
Listened to Fun Training  
Inspiring Friends Pizza Empowered  
Social #YouthVoice  
Corporate Parents Awards Residential Involved

What we have heard you say to describe your experience...

