

Durham CiCC Learning Together Session Report

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Introduction

Investing in Children supported a young person with care experience acting as an advisor to 11 Police and Community Support Officers with Durham & Darlington Constabulary who all have duties and responsibilities to connect with communities that include young people homes and keeping young people safe. The care experienced advisor had knowledge growing up in care connecting with the police and go missing procedures.

The number of attendees who rated the questions

Attendees	11				
	1 Strongly Agree	2 Agree	3 Neither agree nor disagree OR no reply	4 Disagree	5 Strongly Disagree
I got to listen and learn from a care experienced advisor.	8	3	0	0	0
I found out ways to better support care experienced young people.	6	4	1	0	0
I feel more confident about this area of work.	6	4	1	0	0
I learned about better practices from colleagues.	5	4	2	0	0
Overall, I thought the session was excellent	6	4	1	0	0

In total there were 11 attendees who completed the feedback form from the Durham CiCC Learning Together session on 28th August 2022 with a young person with care experience acting as an advisor.

We have broken down the feedback and produced them into percentages which will show what the attendees thought of the event and whether or not they thought the event was useful to them.

From 11 attendees:

I got to listen and learn from a care experienced advisor.

73% strongly agree

27% agree

I found out ways to better support care experienced young people.

55% strongly agree

36% agree

9% neither agree nor disagree

I feel more confident about this area of work

55% strongly agree

36% agree

9% neither agree nor disagree

I learned about better practices from colleagues.

46% strongly agree

36% agree

18% neither agree nor disagree

Overall, I thought the event was excellent

55% strongly agree

36% agree

9% neither agree nor disagree

Looking at these percentages we can see that attendees strongly agree the session was excellent and that they will use the information / knowledge they have gained from this session in future practice.

On the feedback form there were some questions which attendees filled in, here are some of the comments from the attendees:

I enjoyed...

The interaction.

Listening to Charlee.

Listening to first hand experienced.

Hearing Charlee's story.

Charlee's input.

I was surprised by...

The lack of positive experiences from PCO's.

What leads to young people going missing.

Amount who go missing.

Funding available to young people/ services.

The lack of transparency and communication with partner agencies.

How little police link in with other agencies when talking to people in care.

I was most interested in...

Charlee's feedback.

Different areas where other PCO's work.

How Charlee feels we should deal with young people.

Listening to Charlee's experience.

Hearing what works when engaging with people in care.

The reasons for young people going missing.

I felt inspired by:

Charlee's experience of what she can do to engage with other children.

Charlee's story.

Charlee's change.

Charlee's advice not to give up on young people.

Charlee's story and how she has turned her life around.

Hearing I could make a difference to a young person.

I'm most enthusiastic about:

What the buddy scheme can achieve.

Engaging with young people.

Trying to help children who need it.

Building better relationships.

Using the advice given in the homes in my area.

Putting what I've learnt into practice.

Using the shared knowledge moving forward in my role as a PCSO.

Further engagement.

Encouraging others to do the same.

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