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Durham Children in Care Council (CiCC) – November 2023 Highlights.

- The older CiCC group have contributed ideas to the leaving care packs. For example, being provided with a reference, CV as well as a guide to living locally and shopping. CiCC also liked the suggested name of the packs which is 'Good Start Packs'.
- Both CiCC groups have begun to review the 'Language that Cares' document to update it.
- CiCC members and foster carers have reviewed the Freedom Card. A report has been shared with DCC to consider in line with applying for Investing in Children Membership Award™ based on changes that can be made.
- CiCC members shared their ideas and opinions regarding pathway plans.
- CiCC members are participating in a Sub group with DCC staff to share ideas and suggestions about care reviews alongside the IRO Team and the Participation and Engagement Officer to make them better.

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- One CiCC member was recently involved in the interview panel for a new Mockingbird Hub lead carer and received really positive feedback.
- CiCC members are contributing to discussions about the opening of the care leavers hub in Stanley.
- The Know, What, When guide has been finalised and young people involved will present this to CPP next year.
- CiCC members have reviewed the Education Fun Fund guidelines. This has had an impact on the number of applications received that are written by young people. This includes an increase in case studies demonstrating the impact.
- 156 application have been made of which 93 are for care experienced young people - See examples of applications recently written by young people and recent case studies on the following slides.

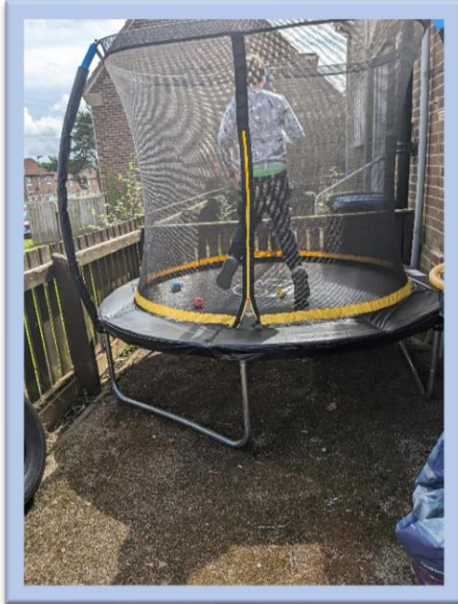


Quality football gear



“I feel very happy to get the education fun fund. I have enjoyed choosing quality football gear and I can’t wait to use them. It makes me feel like I just want to get out onto the pitch and I am excited for what the season brings. I was able to get my new football boots customised with my nickname on. I will let you know how the season is going in a few months and I know this will help me with my learning. Thank you”

Written by Ryan



It's Trampoline Time

- Just before the summer holidays Jakson was successful in being granted funding through Education Fun Fund programme for a new trampoline.
- This Trampoline has given Jakson opportunities to spend time safe outside in his garden over the summer holidays. Jakson loves trampolining at school and being able to do this at home also has been a massive help for Jakson.
- This has also given Jakson opportunities to share with his Grandma whilst she has been caring for him over the summer holidays and given them time to enjoy outdoors together!

Feedback from Jakson's Dad Lee:

"Thank you for the trampoline for Jakson its great. It has now enabled him to get out of the house as I don't have a garden and it will help his confidence , I just have a yard and he now can go outside in the yard and play on the trampoline it is very much appreciated thank you again"

Also, a big thank you from Jakson!

Fishing & Learning

How much money are you applying for? (maximum £150)

£130

What will you spend the money on?

~~I fishing books and~~ Fishing books and
rods because it helps me ~~to~~ take
me mind of things like being in care.

How will the money help you with your education?

as if I buy fishing books it can
help me read and.



Thinking of others at Christmas

How much money are you applying for? (maximum £150)

£150

What will you spend the money on?

I want to use the 150 pound to buy 3
£50 gifts for young people who will get
nothing this christmas.

How will the money help you with your education?

The money will help empower me to
give something back this christmas. It's
a reminder to the true spirit of christmas.

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