

**CICC CPP Meeting minutes**  
**24/10/2017**

**Attendees**

**CICC**

JW  
AR  
ATS  
CTS  
MB  
RH  
AM

**Adults**

Peter Brookes  
Joyce Charlton  
Maura Mckeon  
Karen Robb  
Mami Simmons  
Wendy Taylor  
Christine Potts  
Ellie

**Corporate Parenting Session**

For this part of the meeting the CICC had invited members of the Corporate Parenting Panel to their meeting. To start the session we did the 'About me' questionnaire to emphasise what it feels like to be a young person in care and everyone knowing everything about you. Everyone said that there was questions on the sheet that they felt uncomfortable answering as everyone got to read their questionnaire.

***Agree/Disagree Activity***

Around the room we had four corners: Strongly agree, Agree, Strongly disagree and disagree. We read out the following statements and got all members to go to the corner they felt was their view on the statement.

1. Things are getting better for all children and young people in County Durham.
2. Things are getting better for looked after children and young people in Durham.
3. Children and young people in the care system have a voice
4. Children and young people know best

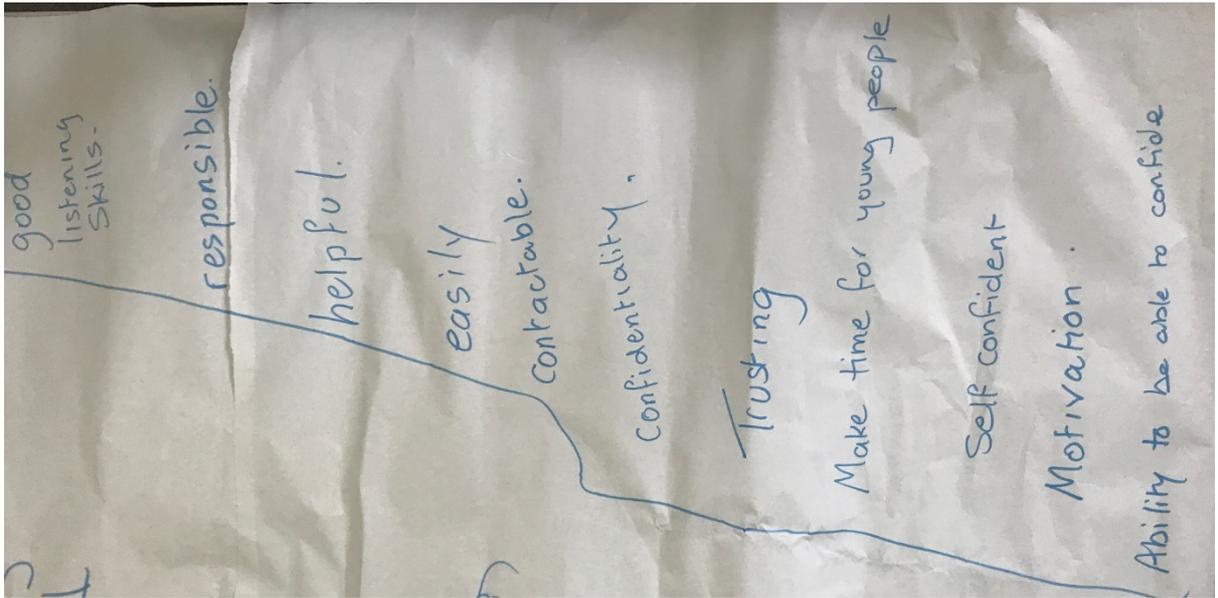
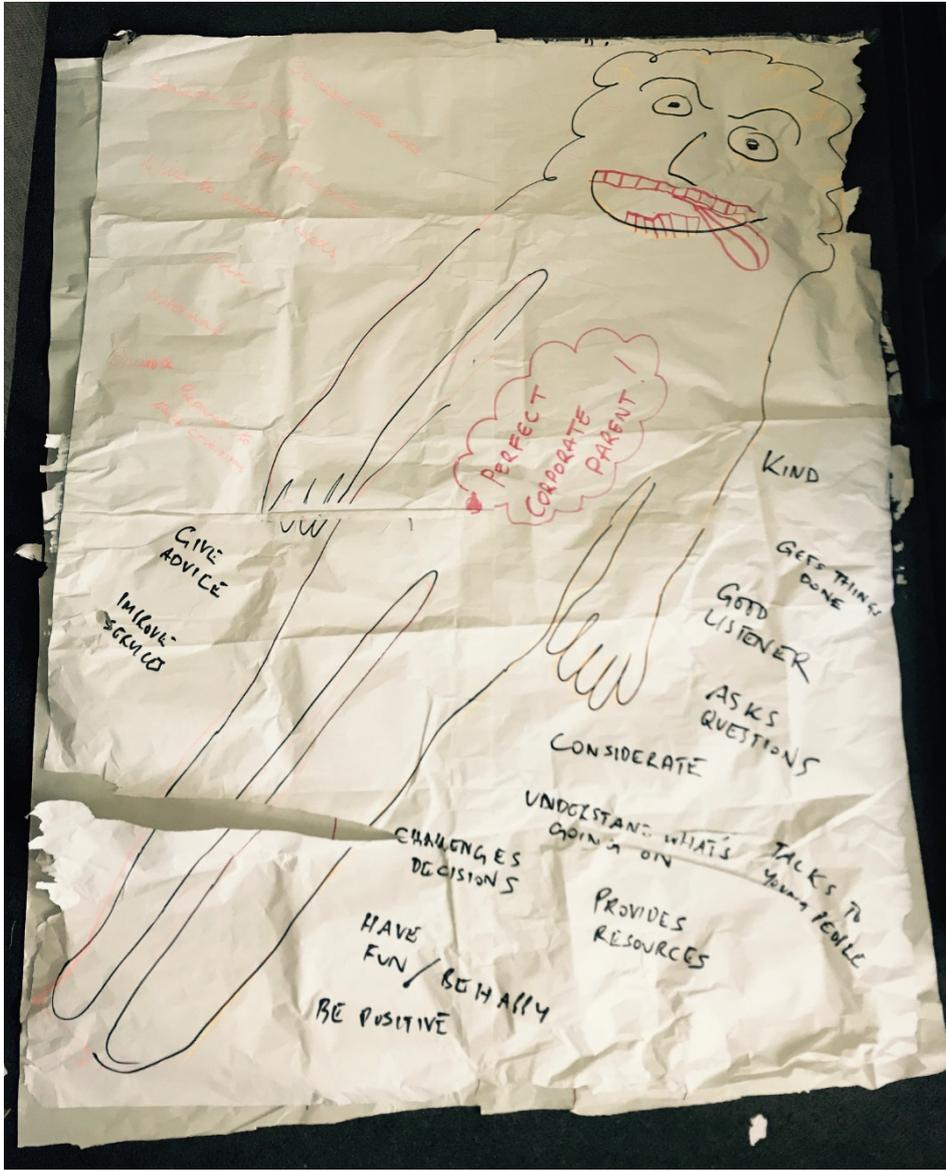
The activity went really well and was good at finding out people's views and perspectives. Discussions took place after each statement

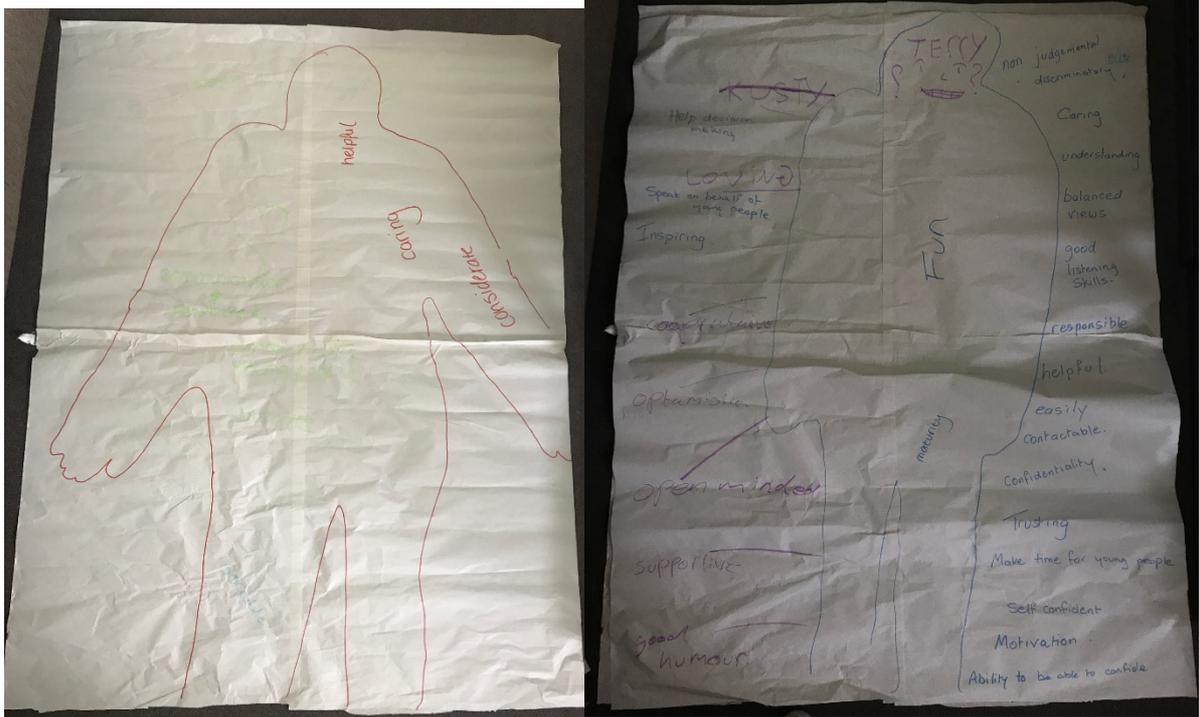
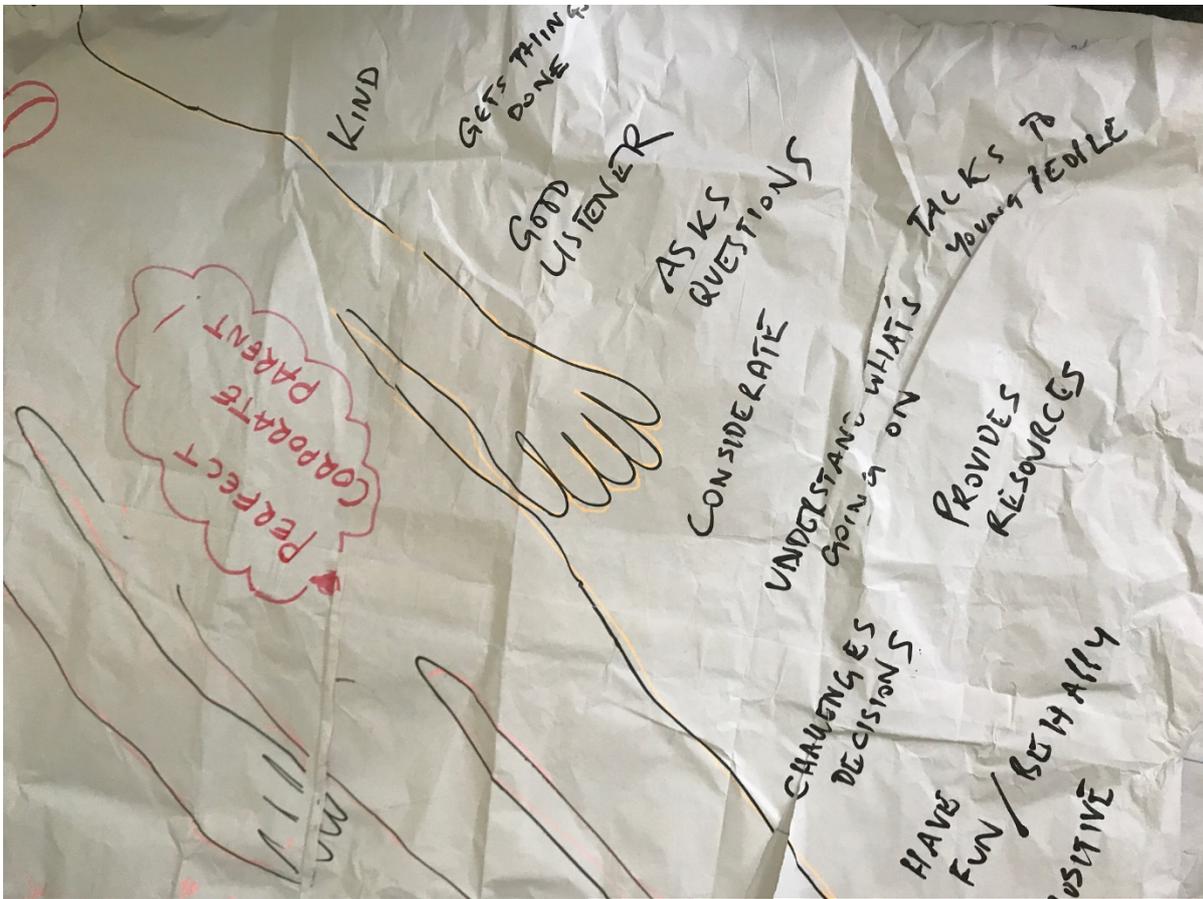
***What Makes The Perfect Corporate Parent?***

Everyone broke into three smaller groups and each group was given 4 pieces of flip chart that had been taped together. Each group had to discuss what they thought makes the perfect corporate parent. They then had to create using the flipchart paper the perfect corporate parent using key words.

The following were suggested from all groups:

- **Have good communication skills**
- **Always give feedback to children and young people**
- **Listens to children and young people and take action**
- **Stick to the complaints guidelines of 5 days to feed-back things/answer any questions**
- **Advocate the voice of LAC**
- **Give good advice / Mentor to LAC**
- **Non Judgemental**
- **Don't discriminate /be open minded**
- **Approachable/accessible**





**Discussion Time**

The next activity included having discussions as a large group regarding the following questions:

1. How can Corporate Parents develop and improve links/relationships with CICC Members and looked after children?

Answers included:

- Regular sessions with CICC Members and CPP Members.
- A page to be created on the CiCC Website about Corporate Parents, who they are, what they do and how to contact your local member.

- More promotion of Corporate parents to LAC through the looked after teams/services
- Corporate Parents to become mentors/offer support to LAC in their area

2. *Often looked after children and young people are portrayed negatively in the media. How can CPP help the CICC to promote the positive work of Looked after children and young people?*

Answer:

- *Positive monthly articles should be produced and published in partnership on a monthly basis.*

3. What are CPP members committing to do? (One promise from each member)

**Each** person was given a star to write on a promise they were going to make following tonight's meeting. This included something they are going to do:

The following was said:

CICC Members

- To continue to be a helpful support for young people in whatever way possible
- To continue to be part of the family we created (cicc)
- Making sure young people have a voice
- Make a change
- Make the change so that young people have the same social worker throughout
- I promise to help chair the meeting and help other young people

CPP/DCC Staff

- Be more active in getting more looked after children's views
- Ensure young people are more actively involved in recruitment of carers and staff and it becomes mandatory
- To explore the possibility of young people's attendance at CICC to be included in foster carer contracts
- Make more young people be heard
- To ensure that all young people are looked after the same and receive any help that they need
- Use my voice to speak to for you
- Listen more

## **Conclusion**

Actions from the meeting:

- Look into DCC involving children and young people in all recruitment of looked after staff.
- Look into foster carers contracts to see if a commitment to engage in supporting their LAC in having a voice and Durham CICC could be added.
- Producing monthly articles in partnership with CICC, Looked after teams and CPP to promote positive stories and images of LAC.
- Creating a page on the CICC Website about Corporate Parents and how to access them
- Offer a training session for CPP to become mentors to LAC in their area
- Continue the 6 monthly sessions for CICC and CPP Members.

**Next CICC Meeting is on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November – 5 till 7pm at North Road Methodist Church Hall, Durham**