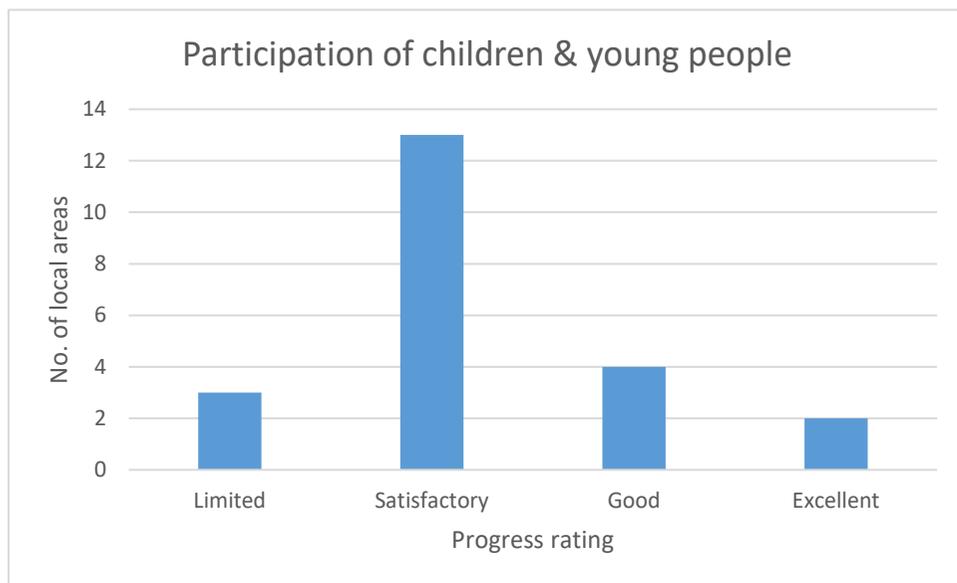




Children & young people with SEND: Participation in NW

The rapid response survey, conducted annually, by the SEND relational network invites North West Local Authority areas and partners to assess their progress in ten areas relating to SEND. The 2018 findings in relation to the participation of children and young people are as follows:



The need to strengthen the participation of children and young people was a key area for areas reporting limited and satisfactory progress. In general participation of young people was further developed than that of children. Engagement in the EHC process and strategic involvement was very variable in reach and practice. Good and excellent progress was generally evidenced by specific groups of young people and evidence of pupil voice in EHC plans.

Participation contacts and activity for 2017 to 2019 are listed on the following pages.

LA Area Contact	Group	2017	2018	2019
<p>Blackburn with Darwen</p> <p>Saskia Rose Saskia.rose@blackburn.gov.uk 01254 666516</p>	<p>Bringing Us Together</p>		<p>Group called 'Bringing us together' C&YP with SEND forum established by KIDS – has particularly attracted children with complex needs.</p> <p>Hi, yeah that would be good. We do have a SEND forum that meets quarterly that is run in partnership with the CWD team at Duke st.</p> <p>We work with YP to get their views on different things from health to education and youth services. It is led by Saskia Rose.</p>	<p>Transition guide for children and young people, filming to promote increased participation in the forum, rebranding of the forum and agreeing its future purpose, engagement on various topics to support service developments/improved communications with children and young people</p>
<p>Blackpool</p> <p>Rebecca Booth Children's Services engagement lead Rebecca.booth7@nhs.uk 01253 956652</p>			<p>Newly appointed YP's voice co-ordinator who is working in schools and the hospital to engage with YP and collect their views on services.</p>	
<p>Bolton</p> <p>Ciara Steele Youth Worker Ciara.steele@bolton.gov.uk Grace Crosby Youth Worker</p>				

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<p>Bury</p> <p>Erica Douglas Osborn Specialist EP E.DouglasOsborn@bury.gov.uk 0161 253 6404</p> <p>Heather Walton Participation Worker h.walton@bury.gov.uk</p> <p>Dave Heald Participation Worker d.heald@bury.gov.uk</p> <p>Dave Beesley d.beesley@bury.gov.uk</p> <p>Adele Crowshaw Participation Worker A.Crowshaw@bury.gov.uk</p> <p>Andy Smith Andrewsmith4271@gmail.com</p> <p>J. Thomson J.Thomson@bury.gov.uk Youth service</p>	<p>Bury STARS Children in Care Council Youth Cabinet Post 16 SEND group</p>		<p>Bury STARS Children in Care Council Youth Cabinet Post 16 SEND group</p>	<p>Bury STARS Children in Care Council Youth cabinet SEND football group SEND youth groups: Wed – Youth service Thurs – STARS Fri – Youth service Jigsaw</p>

<p>Cheshire East</p> <p>Fiona Ellis SEND participation worker Fiona.ellis@cheshireeast.gov.uk 07794437078/01625 384320</p> <p>Annie Britton Lead participation worker Annie.britton@cheshireeast.gov.uk 07890321844</p> <p>Carrie Charlesworth Participation worker Carrie.charlesworth@cheshireeast.gov.uk</p>	<p>SEND Youth Forum (11 – 25 years)</p>		<p>SEND Youth Forum: 11 – 25 years Group to give young people with additional needs an opportunity to participate in decision making. Purpose of group: To make positive changes for children and young people with SEND, make meaningful decisions about wider SEND support and delivery. Meet once a month in Macclesfield and once a month in Crewe. Reviewing EHCP processes & paperwork, involvement with public speaking at partnership events, making a film in partnership with the Emotionally Healthy Schools Project – funding from Cheshire East Youth Support service. Working C&YP's Trust Board priority leads to review and amend the C&YP's Plan ready for relaunch in 2019. Developing mental health training from the perspective of young people to be delivered to professionals, teachers, health. Etc.</p>	<p>SEND voice calendar to measure impact of improvements to wider SEND services. Calendar is in line with our written statement of action. www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/together Definition of coproduction – Together SEND C&YP involved in selection and recruitment for all children and family staff. SEND C&YP create survey for other C&YP. SEND C&YP are young priority leads at the Children's Trust Board. SEND youth forum twice per month in the North and South. Relaunching participation strategy and Children and Young People's Plan. SEND termly events for primary and secondary schools. Themes: education, health, care, commissioning</p>
<p>Cheshire West & Chester</p> <p>Angela Steadman External relationships manager tel:0300 123 7001</p>	<p>Clever Champions (8 – 15 years)</p>	<p>Young people attend termly meetings to discuss various topics but all relating to SEND policy and practice and improving services. Young people have given their views on the following this year: · Local offer-a specific section for young people</p>	<p>Clever Champions group meet termly– Designed a new logo for the group and are designing a new leaflet to share with other young people. Given their views on the High Needs Black consultation</p>	<p>Recent achievements have been their influence on short breaks chosen to be delivered in the area and supporting the development of a young people section in the local offer</p>

<p>Angela.steadman@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Leaflets for Information, advice and Support Service · Documentation for assessment for EHC Plans-forms used to collect their views · Short Breaks –young people were involved in the evaluation of bids in the tendering process · Social media-what do they use, is this helpful to get messages out to them- in particular thinking about IAS Service and Local Offer and how we reach young people. <p>CWaC Disabled Children Service Review-gathering views of young people on how services might be improved and ideas for changing culture, policy and practice.</p> <p>School Champion Group-disabled children & young people reps from special schools & 1 main stream primary</p>	<p>Youth Council / Disability Awareness Group</p> <p>The YP will be shouting about positive disability awareness, knocking down barriers and creating opportunities for young people with disabilities. Reviewing local activities.</p> <p>Young people can Rate and Review services either directly on the local offer or through the tools available on the sorter outer pages on the local offer.</p> <p>I think the development of such a SEND forum would be valuable although maybe further exploration is needed as to how we also involve and include young people who are SEND in existing structures and regional forums rather than perhaps replicating or potentially creating an additional one. One of the issues from my own perspective in involving young people who are SEND would be how to create greater inclusivity than a separate structure or forum rather than one specifically for SEND young people. One of the other issues from a logistics point of view is that the participation work which is part of my role equates to around just 7.5/8hrs of my work time a week. The majority of my role from an allocated time perspective is</p>	
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			<p>connected to that of my Quality Assurance work with vol sector youth groups in Cheshire West rather than that of young people's participation in terms of it being a 80/20 split. This would make it challenging being involved with any specific work with an SEND forum given the amount of time I have available for participation related work.</p> <p>Additionally, it would be a challenge getting SEND young people together also because of transport logistics on a regular basis as well.</p>	
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<p>Halton</p> <p>John Bucknall John.bucknall@halton.gov.uk 0151 511 7262</p> <p>Mal Hampson</p>	Bright Sparks		Bright Sparks supports young people to be involved in decision making.	

<p>01928713877</p> <p>John Hunt John.haltonspeakout@gmail.com http://www.haltonspeakout.co.uk/bright-sparks/</p>	<p>Halton Speak Out</p>			
<p>Knowsley</p> <p>Kelly Carey SEN Education officer Kelly.carey@knowsley.gov.uk</p> <p>Bridgette Brennan SEND Youth Worker Bridgette.brennan@youthmutual.co.uk</p> <p>Helen Forshaw Youth Voice Helen.forshaw@youthmutual.co.uk</p> <p>Phil Hogan Education Officer (Post 16) Phil.hogan@knowsley.gov.uk</p>		<p>As a service we deliver group sessions to young people to increase their awareness of EHCP's, how they can have a say and why their voice is the most important. We deliver the sessions in a fun manor to suit the needs of the young people. They all get to take away a certificate of attendance, and a booklet which outlines what they like, don't like, what they would like to do in the future. All referrals we receive we always encourage the young person to complete their views with us, to ensure that they feel empowered and have a chance to put their views across. We encourage they young people to think about attending meetings and offer our support throughout.</p>	<p>Knowsley Youth Mutual</p>	<p>ALS Club</p> <p>Moving Senses run by Carmen Escalente</p> <p>Consultations – C&YP</p> <p>Youth cabinet – SEND people on Club representatives – SEND C&YP on</p> <p>C&YP sit on Knowsley Board</p> <p>Specific SEND group that YP 13 – 25 can go on. Work with YP to become co-producers and own leaders</p> <p>Involve C&YP in SEND symposium and other events. Deliver song and dance performances to say what is important to them and what they want.</p> <p>Getting C&YP involved in the coproduction of their EHCPs by various means of their choosing – could be within context of meeting (multi-agency) in which are asked to put their views on flip chart pieces of</p>

				<p>paper around room. Can write their views relating to things like “What is important to me” but can also do this via use of photos. Can do at a venue of their choosing. Can do with trusted adult if they don’t want to do in meeting or via ICT/communication devices. Get C&YP views from local offer website and Have Your Say on Knowsley Council website. Post-16 C&YP get sent experience of EHCP process survey to feedback on draft EHCP 5 min. check in surveys supported by Big Group – KDC adults with SEND (but also incl 19-25)</p>
<p>Lancashire</p> <p>Dylan Williams Team manager participation service - Barnardos 01772629470 Dylan.williams@barnardos.org.uk</p> <p>Gareth Jenkins Communications & engagement lead Gareth.jenkins@lancashire.gov.uk</p>	POWAR		<p>POWAR 6 – 25 years Variety of meetings/activities each week but the main POWAR council meets monthly. Purpose – To have a voice in all services in the LA and in Barnardos. Young inspectors, young researchers, C&YP sit on interview panels and provide training to staff and volunteers. NHS staff interviews. Presented CRAE report to Parliament. Inspecting short breaks activities and the local hospital children’s ward. Working on a 2.5 year stories to connect project with UCLAN, taking part in SEND collaborative workshops, input to the Ofsted SEND inspection.</p>	<p>Same work continues from last year</p> <p>POWAR members are currently looking at a campaign on issues that they face to make a change</p> <p>Attending School Councils School open days</p>

<p>Liverpool</p> <p>Dale Blackburn 07841145852</p> <p>Caitlin Ruddy Participation officer Caitlin.ruddy@liverpool.gov.uk</p> <p>Kirsty Molyneux Participation officer Kirsty.molyneux@liverpool.gov.uk</p> <p>Sarah Spoor 0151 228 0324 s.spoor@sandfieldpark.liverpool.sch.uk</p>	<p>The Champions</p>		<p>12 – 25 years Meet fortnightly Purpose – To advise and discussion to steer the direction of activity for disabled young people locally to ensure that services remain needs led. Taking part in consultations around suitability of current local provision and the disability sport offer and creating an anti-bullying drama piece to inform and inspire other young people to speak up. YP with SEN working alongside other students producing a series of films on the services Liverpool offers to families and young people. A group of YP involved in the recent design and production of a leaflet to promote the new draft SEND strategy. School age: School champions – group of young people from Sandfield Park, Redbridge High, Bankview High schools and ACE (Alder Centre for Education). The group are supported by school staff and meet each week at 3.30. The group work on different projects in partnership with different</p>	

			organisations to help create a more accessible city.	
<p>Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust Jacqui Rogers Trust Transition Service, Lead Nurse Jacqui.rogers@alderhey.nhs.uk</p>				<p>Children & YP's and parents forum meets quarterly – have developed and shaped the transition work/resources www.10stepstransition.org.uk</p> <p>  AH 10 Steps what Alder Hey Special good transition look:Transition Register 2(  Transition pathway Transition to Adult 10 steps 2017-08-26Services Policy - C62.</p>
<p>Manchester Judith Onley j.onley@manchester.gov.uk Michael Gallon m.gallon@manchester.gov.uk Michelle Devine Head of Access m.devine@manchester.gov.uk Isobel Booler Strategic Head of School QA and SEND i.booler@manchester.gov.uk</p>		<p>Getting young people to ring into IAS, rather their parents, can be challenging. Here's Manchester's response: "We did a survey of a number of young people with SEND. In response to some of the questions we found that if they were to ask for information, advice and support nearly all of them would go to someone they already know and trust and would not consider ringing a service they didn't know. If it was a service they did know, they still preferred a face to face conversation.</p>	<p>Recently appointed a project manager to take forward work on participation of C&YP. Colleges are holding events with learners to gather their views on what they want to change within college and across the local area – these feed into Boards. IAS service has had a temporary post, the aim of which was to build capacity of colleges/agencies to provide information, advice and support – this followed research into who/where from young people want to receive information. They said they wanted to be able to ask trusted adults, rather than call IAS or other services.</p>	<p>Educational Psychology Service from One Education now has 'voice of the child' interest group with allocated EP time to look at internal practice and working with the LA to empower/move towards co-production.</p> <p>Manchester Youth Council Youth Forum</p>

<p>Ben Powell Lead Educational Psychologist Ben.powell@oneeducation.co.uk</p> <p>Sally Eccleston Educational Psychologist Sally.eccleston@oneeducation.co.uk</p>		<p>So, we decided that if they won't come to us, we will go to them. This meant adapting the role rather than working the usual 8 – 4pm. Using our services that can be found on the local offer, such as youth clubs, centres, activity groups – walking, cycling, BMX, cooking etc, we worked with the existing agencies to connect with the young people who use their services. This take the form of getting involved with what they are doing and teasing out their voices as to what works and what doesn't. Using the CDC pack 'Your rights Your future' has been insightful not only for the young people but also for the services working with them. A recent conversation with a tutor found that although they'd worked with some young people for between three and five years they didn't know the extent of their hopes and dreams and ways they might want to be supported. Teasing this information out of young people creatively has been a positive way to build a</p>		
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		<p>relationship with them and get them used to making decisions for themselves knowing they can question what support they are and should be getting. As the IAS role is time limited there has been benefit to showing services how to access the information themselves, how they can deliver the training and the benefits to be gained. The next phase is to convince schools and colleges to do this on a regular basis. Services have used Manchester's initiative "What does a good week look like?", and how that could be planned for, to engage young people in looking at their futures.</p> <p>The outcome of a creative project working with young people to film their issues and how the local offer and IAS can be supportive will soon be available on the local offer and shared with other services, schools and colleges.</p>		
Oldham	Barrier Breakers	Creative projects working with Gallery Oldham to create a more disability young person friendly exhibitions/creative	Barrier Breakers 11 – 21 years Youth voice vehicle for young people with additional needs and disabilities	Commissioning training so young people are young commissioners – for short breaks, tenders, etc.

<p>Dayna Brannick 0161 770 3120 Dayna.brannick@oldham.gov.uk</p> <p>Jodie Barber Jodie.barber@oldham.gov.uk 0161 770 3117</p> <p>Chris Lewis Chris.lewis@oldham.gov.uk</p>		<p>projects with positive mental health with young carers etc.</p>		<p>SEND engagement events with (POINT) parent/carer > Quarterly community events. YP input into organisation and consultation undertaken. Local offer consultation. EHC review meeting, consultation with wider YP through schools and colleges. Shaping improvements for service. Videos on local offer / personal budget explanation E-safety awareness (coward e-lion)</p>
<p>Rochdale</p> <p>Wayne Taylor Wayne.taylor@rochdale.gov.uk 01706 925112</p> <p>Robert Morrow Lead Youth Work Manager Robert.morrow@rochdale.gov.uk</p>	<p>Youth Forum</p>		<p>Youth Forum for disabled young people Evidence of pupil voice in EHCPs Co-production of services such as Thrive Dedicated SEND youth participation officer in post.</p>	
<p>Salford</p> <p>Gemma Smith Salford SENDIASS Gemma.smith@salford.gov.uk</p> <p>Jeanette Thomas</p>			<p>Strong Voice of the Child advisory group. Seldom Heard events with SEND groups including elected members and Council leadership and CCG pledges by leaders to SEND cohorts.</p>	<p>SENDIASS</p> <p>Development of this service will involve more young people. We are starting drop-ins to increase accessibility of the service as well as having a focus group of young people to help us develop ideas. Looking to do videos developed</p>

Jeanette.thomas@salford.gov.uk				by young people/ for young people as well as self advocacy workshops led by young people
<p>Sefton</p> <p>Maria Simpson SEN & Inclusion policy development officer Maria.simpson@sefton.gov.uk</p> <p>Andrew Jennings SEND Local offer officer Andrew.jennings@sefton.gov.uk</p> <p>Cathy Harley c.harley@rowanpark.co.uk</p>	<p>SEND reference group</p> <p>(Not used)</p>	<p>In Sefton we have developed a Young Person's friendly App known as Sefton SAVVY' which will become an accessible gateway to our Local Offer. Workshops were delivered in a number of our schools both mainstream and specialist to gain the young people's views around their top 6 picks from the Local Offer. The App will now be populated with the young people's responses. The young people can also upload content to the App themselves and can share information with their friends and peers. The App can also be used to enable key partners across Sefton to showcase their services and outline what support they offer to children and young people with SEN/D. You can download it for free from Google Play or the App store.</p> <p>We have also set up a young person's reference group which meets quarterly to discuss</p>	<p>14 – 25 years</p> <p>Peer mentoring by original young people.</p> <p>Young people with SEND meet on a quarterly basis to highlight the issues which are important to them and to look at ways that their issues and aspirations can be fed into how SEN/D services are designed and delivered</p> <p>Survey response:</p> <p> Sefton.docx</p>	<p>Rather than have stand alone group, going to work with Special Schools Council, young advisers, senior manager from special school, voluntary sector, mainstream rep</p>

		<p>issues relevant to young people with SEN/D and to enable the lived experiences of young people to influence and shape to have how support and services are designed and delivered in the future. The reference group is made up of young people from a wide range of schools and colleges across the borough (both mainstream and specialist) and has been designed in such a way that original reference group members will become 'buddies' to newer members. This will enable the group to reach out to a wide range of young people and also encourage 'peer support' and opportunities for our young people to build upon their strengths and consolidate both prior and new learning which will support in their 'Preparation for Adulthood'. In the new academic term – the young people are going to name the group so that they have ownership over it.</p> <p>We have also developed a number of creative films to showcase the different types of support available to children and young people with SEN/D and their parents and carers.</p>		
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		<p>This work was collaboration between Sefton’s SEN and Inclusion Service, Atomic Productions and Rix Wiki. The two key films featuring young people are:</p> <p>a) Having a Voice – which captures some of the ways we are imbedding the participation of young people with SEN/D across our Local Authority Area. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CNsgMw7hluQ&feature=youtu.be</p> <p>b) EHCP – Told by Sefton Young People – An animated film which looks at the EHCP process from a young person’s perspective and something we want to use as a tool with our key partners to ensure that the wishes, feelings and aspirations of the young people remain at the heart of the EHCP process. Young people were actively involved in every aspect of the production of this film including. Designing</p>		<p>Films are still used and are on local offer.</p>
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		<p>the storyboard, producing art work and undertaking the voice over's.</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cO4P1udvwX4&feature=youtu.be</p> <p>c) Emily's Journey. This film features a young person called Emily and shows how SEN support works for her and enables her to learn, grow and develop alongside her peers.</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=weinKAW-O44&feature=youtu.be</p>		
<p>St Helens</p> <p>Helen Sharratt Children & Young People's Consultation & review officer helensharratt@sthelens.gov.uk k 01744 671866</p> <p>Nazia Nabi Youth Council nazianabi@sthelens.gov.uk</p>	Catalyst – St Helens	<p>St Helens was been chosen as the next Leapfrog site by UCLAN. It is funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council and partners with the Institute of Design and Innovation at the Glasgow School of Art) and aims to design and evaluate new creative approaches to consultation and engagement. This will be focussed on children with SEND. The project will explore how the value and</p>	<p>Feedback from YP with SEND shows positive results in terms of young being listened to and being able to influence the support they are provided with.</p>	<p>Priorities from our C&YP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To grow the 'Big Chat Group', the central group for children and young people to come together to make a difference and make friends • To develop 'Little Chat Groups' in schools/colleges • To get all workers to develop their own one page profiles to share with us • To work on preparing for adulthood

<p>Matthew Cunliffe SEND lead for Youth Service matthewcunliffe@sthelens.gov.uk</p>		<p>distinctiveness of creative engagement data such as stories can be retained while it is reliably translated into a form that informs decision making.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To co-produce the SEND strategy • To review and update the local offer website • To help improve how views are collated for EHCPs
<p>Stockport</p> <p>Sherann Hillman Sherann.hillman@pipstockport.org</p> <p>Tracy Ryan Tracy.ryan@kids.org.uk</p> <p>Maria McCaffrey Independent Consultant (Children's) NHS Stockport CCG Maria.mccaffrey1@nhs.net</p>	<p>Stockport Youth Action Forum (SAYS) 16 – 24 years</p>		<p>SAYS Meet fortnightly. Heavily involved in shaping Preparing for Adulthood in Stockport, including local offer. 12 – 25 years Support young disabled people to deliver training on participation. The voice of the child is clearly identifiable through the EHC plan and is an area of focus when EHC plans are moderated.</p>	
<p>Tameside</p>	<p>Shaping Our Inclusion</p>		<p>Shaping Our Inclusion project centred on working with young disabled people who are interested in activism, campaigning and leadership</p>	

<p>Trafford</p> <p>Mark Bailey Mark.bailey@trafford.gov.uk 0161 912 5094</p> <p>Carol Thistlethwaite EHC team Carol.thistlethwaite@trafford.gov.uk</p> <p>Adrian Beesley Adrian.beesley@trafford.gov.uk</p>			<p>C&YP are encouraged to engage in their EHC process and express their views and feedback. Let's Talk SEND events.</p>	<p>Monthly drop ins including evenings run by the EHC team</p>
<p>Warrington</p> <p>Pip Horne pip@advocacyhub.org.uk 07792 594740</p> <p>Carl Miller Education and employment adviser carl.miller@warrington.gov.uk</p> <p>Maria Rankin Access to Learning Officer (Post 16 SEN)</p>		<p>As a service we deliver group sessions to young people to increase their awareness of EHCP's, how they can have a say and why their voice is the most important. We deliver the sessions in a fun manor to suit the needs of the young people. They all get to take away a certificate of</p>	<p>Speak Up are commissioned to facilitate from Oi Listen (self-advocacy group for YP with disabilities). YP from the Oi Listen group have participated in the recruitment of staff of the Integrated Services Team, the development of the local offer and its current review. Intelligence from the group has informed the SEND strategy and commissioning strategy. Within the current format of EHC plans C&YP have their own 'All About me' page which was developed in conjunction with C&YP.</p>	<p>Engagement on re do of local offer web site, engagement on SEND strategy priorities, creating an easy read summary of SEND strategy priorities.</p> <p>Supported internship forum to improve quality of provision.</p> <p>Regular feedback on various topics completed quarterly.</p> <p>In work with partnerships delivering Warrington Disability Awareness Day – chance to engage with new voices.</p>

mrankin@warrington.gov.uk		<p>attendance, and a booklet which outlines what they like, don't like, what they would like to do in the future.</p> <p>All referrals we receive we always encourage the young person to complete their views with us, to ensure that they feel empowered and have a chance to put their views across. We encourage they young people to think about attending meetings and offer our support throughout.</p>	<p>I'm doing a new job here in Warrington. It's not directly related to Participation but is focussed on outcomes for SEND.</p> <p>Please can you keep me updated on this project? I'll forward as best I can but there is no individual lead for SEND youth voice as far as I am (yet) aware.</p>	<p>Focus on improving process of the EHCP and Annual Review. Better reflection of YP's current position and area of improvement not historical</p>
<p>Wigan</p> <p>Clare Todd Clare.todd@wigan.gov.uk</p> <p>Lorraine Price Lorraine.price@wigan.gov.uk</p> <p>Lisa Morris l.morris1@wigan.gov.uk</p>	<p>Wigan Youth Together</p> <p>Range of groups for young people: Youth Cabinet CiC Byou Locality groups</p>		<p>SEND Youth Voice Group 13 – 25 years</p> <p>Developing a participation strategy and have a number of events planned to consult with parents and YP.</p>	<p>Meeting with all stakeholders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combine services and look at funding streams/work already being completed with teams that can be joined • Take the cycle of co-production to our meeting • Map services/work • Attend NW meeting
<p>Wirral</p>	<p>SEND Youth Voice group –</p>	<p>As a service we deliver group sessions to young people to increase their awareness of EHCP's, how they can have a</p>	<p>All children with SEND have a person centred plan.</p>	<p>Jan 2019 – SEND Youth Voice group and local offer hosted annual conference – Focus on independence, transport, relationships and safety. 85</p>

<p>Sally Tittle sallytittle@wirral.gov.uk 0151 666 4488</p> <p>Seline Wakerley Wirral SEND participation and engagement 0151 666 3707 Seline.wakerley@wirral.gov.uk</p> <p>Julie Hudson Coproduction lead 0151 666 5600 Julie.hudson@wirral.gov.uk</p> <p>Poppy Cain Local offer apprentice</p>	<p>Numbers growing</p>	<p>say and why their voice is the most important. We deliver the sessions in a fun manor to suit the needs of the young people. They all get to take away a certificate of attendance, and a booklet which outlines what they like, don't like, what they would like to do in the future. All referrals we receive we always encourage the young person to complete their views with us, to ensure that they feel empowered and have a chance to put their views across. We encourage they young people to think about attending meetings and offer our support throughout.</p>	<p>I think having a SEND Youth Voice group is a great idea. We have been running our group for over 2yrs and they have their own conference and are involved in working with the local offer worker, our Youth Conference and speak in Parliament. There are around 9 members. This has been successful in challenging other young people, organisations and services who affect and make decisions. Making them reflect on practice and awareness of capturing the voice of the young person not only their parent or carer. Feel free to contact me if you want to any more information.</p> <p>Nov 2018 – Local offer lead arranged an event with DWP and Chamber of Commerce to address employment issues and progress paid work options.</p>	<p>strong attendees from the triad of Health, education and Social care plus uniformed services, charity groups and voluntary sector. Pledges made and local offer lead will project manage the offered pledges.</p> <p>March 2019 – Coproduction event with Rotherham Voices group. £10K paid to kick start effective partnership working. Awaiting final report</p>
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			Dec 2018 – Wirral's SEND Youth Voice Group delivered training to first year student nurses to help them have a better appreciation of how to care for patients with a learning disability	
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