

**Report To:** Health & Social Care Committee      **Date:** 20 August 2020

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**Subject:** Champions Board Proud2Care

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## 1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Health and Social Care Committee of Proud2Care's activities, and partnership in establishing Inverclyde's Champions Board over the last 3 years.
- 1.2 The report will further outline a proposal for Proud2Care's partnership with the Champions Board over the next two years.

## 2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The vision of the Council and the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) is for nurturing and compassionate communities to work together to assist everyone to live active, healthy and fulfilling lives. Proud2Care and Inverclyde's Champions Board are an example of co-production in the aim to deliver this vision.
- 2.2 Over the last 3 years Proud2Care has established itself as a widening network of care-experienced young people who share their experiences to inform the way they are supported and share with others within their communities
- 2.3 The impact of care-experienced young people has been tangible. They have been involved in activities at both a national and local level, informing the national consultation around the Independent Care Review and hosting a Better Children's Hearing event in Inverclyde to design a local action plan. In total in 2019/20 this has meant:
  - 83 care-experienced young people have engaged in Champions Board related activities
  - 224 sessions to support Champions Board involvement have taken place
  - 47 representatives from service providers and corporate parents have attended Champions Board activities
- 2.4 The establishment of Inverclyde's Champions Board and Proud2Care was supported by Life Changes Trust funding for three years, 2017- 2020. Proud2Care activity has been facilitated by HSCP staff alongside Your Voice who in turn have provided employment opportunities for two care-experienced young people.
- 2.5 The Life Changes Trust has agreed additional 2 year funding aimed at widening opportunities for care-experienced young people and their families, however since the original funding applications were made and agreed, emerging themes have been identified and will require to be taken forward, including the impact of Covid- 19 on our community, the delivery of Inverclyde's response and pledges to the National Care Review and delivery of the HSCP Strategic Plan Big Actions.

- 2.6 Extending the involvement and funding to Your Voice for a further period of 18 months would allow Proud2Care's activities to continue on the same scale and progress the activities outlined above.

### **3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

3.1 It is recommended that the Health and Social Care Committee :

- a. Notes the content of the report.
- b. Agrees the proposal to continued funding and resourcing of Proud2Care, including partnership with Your Voice.

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## **4.0 BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 Inverclyde's partnership with the Life Changes Trust and development of Proud2Care began in April 2017. Its objective was to invest and support the inclusion and empowerment of our care-experienced young people. The focus was to build over time, a confident and resilient group to establish and participate effectively in the Champions Board network.
- 4.2 This has been achieved in the three years of the match funding with LCT. It has been supported by corporate parents across the community planning partnership; to build networks of support and to grow the confidence of Proud2Care. This has been through inclusion to develop their interests, empowerment to participate in consultations, and by providing intergenerational opportunities to have an understanding of citizenship to achieve their goals. The consequence of these positive experiences has been to promote feelings of self-efficacy; that their contribution matters.
- 4.3 Life Changes Trust approved further funding for 20/21 and 21/22. This equates to £50,000 per year. The aim of this is to develop a trauma-informed approach to engagement with a wider group of care-experienced children, young people and their families supporting personal growth and resilience through the concept of "Windows of Happiness". It is based on caring relationships that endure over time and helps build a legacy for other care-experienced children and young people to follow and emulate. One of the first projects will be with kinships carers and their family members, in partnership with RigArts and Clyde Muirshiel, focusing on local heritage, sharing of stories and through a shared art project building on a sense of citizenship and sense of belonging.
- 4.4 Since the establishment of Proud2Care and the Champions Board, a number of events have occurred that need a coordinated response – the impact of Covid -19 across our community, the progression of HSCP Big Actions and the delivery of The Promise outlined in the National Care Review will all benefit from care-experienced young people and their carers' insight and ideas.

## **5.0 PROPOSALS**

- 5.1 The partnership with Your Voice is integral to supporting Proud2Care and Champions Board activity currently and in the future, in addition to which it has provided employment opportunity for two care-experienced young people. It is therefore proposed that £90,000 from the Transformation Fund be provided to enable the continued partnership with Your Voice over 18 months in conjunction with a budget of £20,000 to support continued Proud2Care activity.

## **6.0 IMPLICATIONS**

### **Finance**

6.1 Financial Implications:

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
Children& Families	Trans Fund	20/21	£70,000		
Children & Families	Trans Fund	21/20	£40,000		

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

**Legal**

6.2 None

**Human Resources**

6.3 None

**Equalities**

6.4 Equalities

(a) Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES
x	NO – This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a substantive change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, no Equality Impact Assessment is required

(b) Fairer Scotland Duty

If this report affects or proposes any major strategic decision:-

Has there been active consideration of how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome?

x	YES – The work of the Champions Board includes aims to reduce inequalities faced by care-experienced children and young people across Inverclyde.
	NO

(c) Data Protection

Has a Data Protection Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES.
X	NO

**Repopulation**

6.5 None.

**7.0 CONSULTATIONS**

7.1 The report has been prepared by the Chief Officer of Inverclyde Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) after due consideration with relevant senior officers in the HSCP

**8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

8.1 Proud2Care Report



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Annual Report v15.p