

VSK'S PARTICIPATION TEAM

The way we do things: Challenge Cards

Background to the Development of the Challenge Cards

Looked after Children requested the opportunity to have their voices heard by those who work for Kent County Council, and who make the decisions about how they are cared for away from their families. They wanted a chance to express their views, opinions and share experiences of being a child in care or a care leaver.

To improve the experiences of care and leaving care Challenge Cards have been developed; young people can then hold corporate parents to account. This has been framed at request of the young people into: - **You Said, We Did.**

You Said

We want our views, experiences and voices to be listened to and heard.

We Did

Your VSK Participation Team have worked to create a new "Challenge Card" that you can use to write down and express your views.

The Challenges are agreed by the one of the Kent Children in Care Councils (Super Council, OCYPC or YAC), then are taken to a meeting with Senior Officers who work for Kent County Council for them to discuss and decide upon. They will then report back to us and we will advise you of the outcome.



These challenge cards, will help to improve the future services and ways of working with children and Young people in care and without your help we wouldn't know what should be doing or things we could change. So Speak up. Be heard and be a part of changing the lives of others!

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