

FJYPB Update Presentation

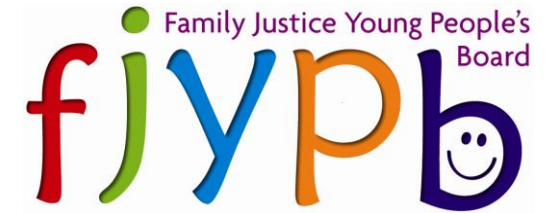
Cafcass Board 13.07.2022





**WE ARE VERY
EXCITED TO
WELCOME 28 NEW
MEMBERS ONTO THE
BOARD! WE NOW
HAVE 79 MEMBERS
OF THE FJYPB.**

FJYPB Priorities 2022



Communication

- Extend our focus on improving language and communications with children and young people to outside Cafcass too - involving local authorities, the judiciary and local charities.
- To challenge stakeholders to reduce the delays in the family courts.
- The new FJYPB website to be live in 2022 and to develop an FJYPB social media platform.
- To continue to promote and distribute the FJYPB Book 'In Our Shoes' across all stakeholders in family justice.

Information

- Continuing the work developing our PSHE Lesson for children and young people to understand the family court and what they can expect from proceedings.
- Make subject access requests understandable and accessible to all children and young people.
- Working with local authorities to encourage social workers to share their recommendations with children and young people before they are submitted to the family court.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

- Launch our Equality, Diversity and Inclusion National Charter.
- Improve the diversity and information to be improved especially around collecting data which might impact research and improve service.
- To continue to raise the awareness of the uniqueness of every child and young person and why it is important to respectfully discuss diversity with each child and young person.

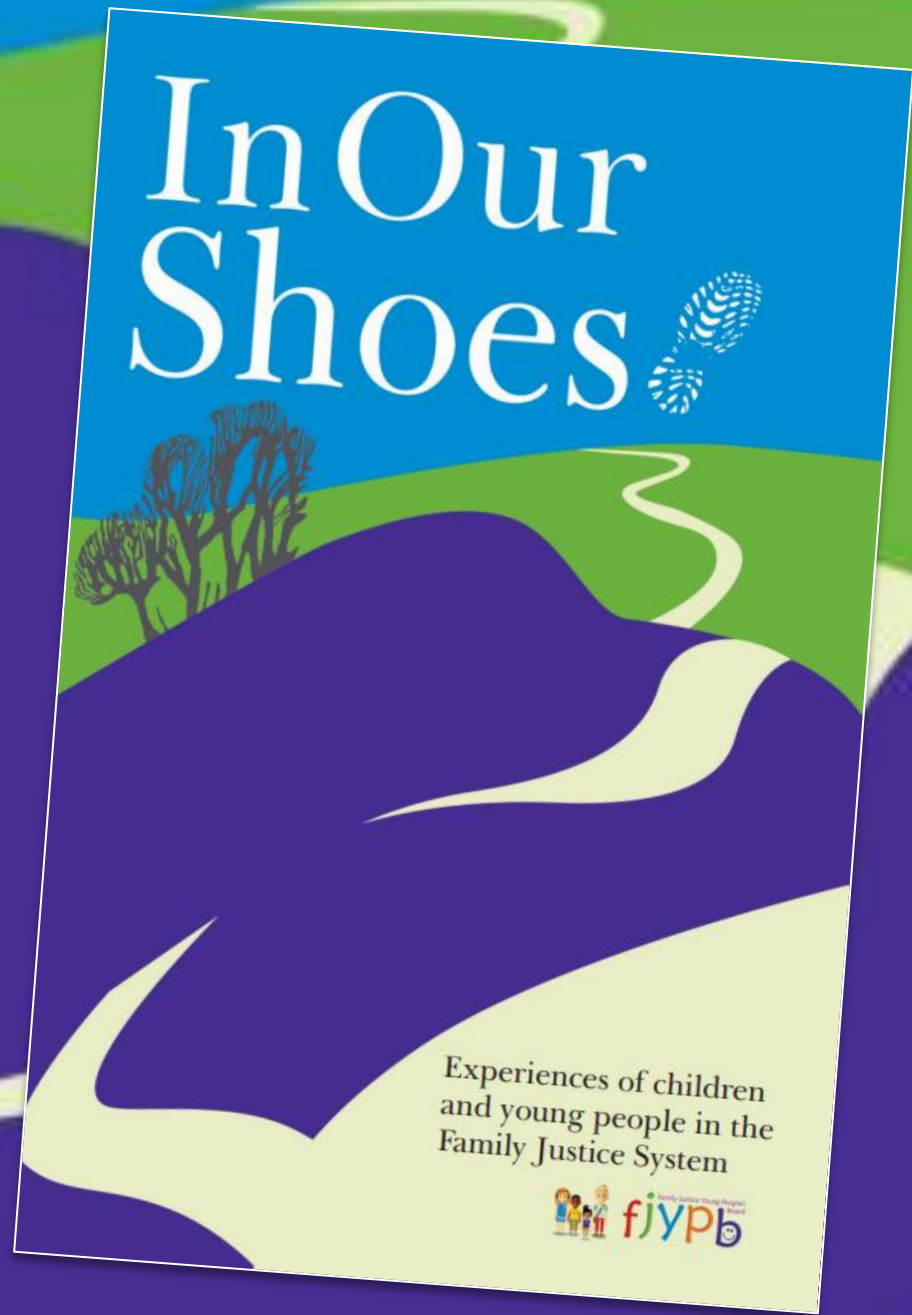
Domestic Abuse

- To continue to raise the awareness of the impact domestic abuse on children and young people.
- Launch our Domestic Abuse (impact on children and young people) National Charter.

Promote the Voice of the Child

- Working with stakeholder to ensure that the voice of the child is embedded into policy and practice.
- To host our 10th Voice of the Child Conference.

In Our Shoes



The Impact



IN OUR SHOES HAS BEEN
DOWNLOADED 2,815 TIMES FROM THE
CAFCASS WEBSITE!



WE HAVE SENT OUT OVER 500 COPIES
OF OUR BOOK TO CAFCASS OFFICES,
KEY STAKEHOLDERS AND INDIVIDUALS.



*Minister Quince: “powerful insight into impact”
“particularly struck by bravery and passion”*

Well done, what an amazing event – I have been moved to tears hearing the experiences shared but I have been left feeling inspired and motivated to continue to learn from these experiences and to always strive to better.

Typing with tears: I just wanted to say what a wonderful publication, I have shared it far and wide to give practitioners some perspective about the young peoples lives that we are dealing with. Massive congrats to every single one of you!!!!

Lord Wolfson: “You have created a unique and invaluable resource for anyone who works in family justice, both within government and the wider family justice system”

Domestic Abuse Commissioners Office: We found it to be an incredibly moving and insightful read. We are currently in the process of drafting a policy report on the Family Court, in which we have included several quotes from the book which we found to be particularly compelling. We have of course fully referenced the book and hope that this helps bring to light the much-needed voice of children and young people which is central to this work.



Word Busting

FJYPB and Cafcass Work Programme 2022

Regional Performance Boards

- To participate in Regional Performance Boards.
- To develop FJYPB members to accessing and auditing children's reports as part of the benchmarking exercise.

Feedback Strategy including children's complaints

- To undertake a bi-annual review of children's complaints.
- To work with Cafcass to improve the level and quality of children's feedback.

Domestic Abuse: Decisions made about contact here there is known issues related to domestic abuse.

- FJYPB Domestic abuse e-learning to be included in induction programmes.
- Participation on the Learning and Development Board.
- To work with Cafcass to ensuring FCA's are asking the right questions when experiencing domestic abuse.

Cafcass Recruitment

- To establish the process that ensures that FJYPB have involved in all Cafcass staff interviews.

Estates

- To work with estates to design the Cafcass offices of the future, starting with the Brighton office.
- FJYPB office 'Make Overs' to recommence.

Language and Communication

- The FJYPB work busting team to work together to complete the busted 20 words by August 2022.
- Creating a child friendly video to explain what Cafcass is and does.
- To develop Top Tips for EIT to ensure they capture the voice of the child.

FJYPB and Cafcass Work Programme 2022

Delays in the Family Courts

- FJYPB to scrutinise actions taken by Cafcass to reduce delays within the family courts.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

- To produce a practitioner guide and to include the questions developed by the FJYPB to assist asking children and young people about their diversity.
- To produce mock good practice video interviews discussing diversity. The interviews will share best practice on asking children and young people about their diversity.

Transparency

- To work with Cafcass in response to the Transparency Review and how Cafcass supports children and young people through this.

Subject Access Request

- To create a child friendly guide on how to submit a subject access request.
- To work with Cafcass to update the SAR policy to make it more child friendly.

FJYPB Book 'In Our Shoes'

- To review the impact of the book across the family justice system.

Childrens voices in care proceedings

- To develop a pilot in local authorities for the recommendations of social workers to be share with children and young people prior to submitting them to court.

Coming up...



A spiral-bound desk calendar with a light brown cover and a black metal spiral binding. The calendar is positioned on a white surface against a blue background. The calendar page is open to a grid showing the days of the week and the numbers 1 through 31. The days of the week are labeled at the top: SUN, MON, TUE, WED, THU, FRI, SAT. The numbers 1 through 31 are arranged in a grid, with the first row starting with 1 on Wednesday. The numbers 5, 12, 19, and 26 are printed in a larger, bold font. The numbers 10, 11, 18, 25, and 31 are printed in a smaller font. The numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, and 30 are printed in a standard font. The calendar is slightly tilted to the right.

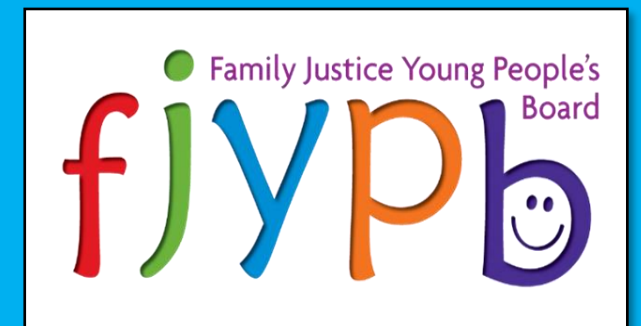
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VOICE OF THE CHILD

#VOTC2022

Delays in the Family Courts:

The impact on children and young people





In Our Shoes Audiobook

We want to make sure that everyone can access 'In Our Shoes' in a way that is suitable for them.

We will be recording the pieces from our book and these will be made available on our FJYPB website in 2022!

Our challenges to you



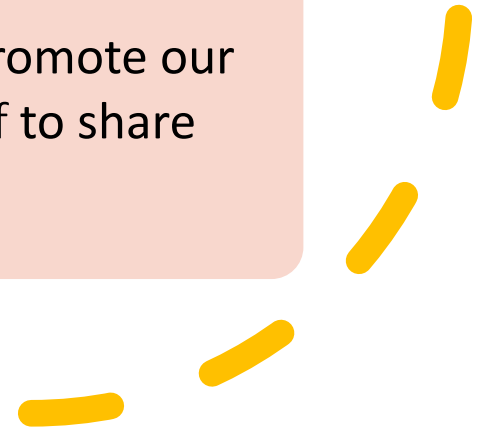
To demonstrate at the Voice of the Child Conference the actions Cafcass have taken to reduce delays in the family courts.



To ensure that the alternatives to busted words are taken forward as standard practice?



Support us by continuing to promote our book and encourage your staff to share their feedback with us.



Contact Us

We would love to hear from you! To get in touch, please email us at FJYPB@cafcass.gov.uk

