



FAMILY JUSTICE YOUNG PEOPLE'S BOARD

Update for Cafcass Board Meeting

23rd March 2018

1. Ofsted

Members of the Family Justice Young People's Board met with Brenda McLaughlin, Lead Inspector, as part of the recent Ofsted inspection. Brenda also attended part of an FJYP Board meeting to gain an insight into how the Board operates.

Ofsted was impressed with the work and impact of the Board, calling it 'outstanding'.

2. FJYPB Recruitment

The deadline for applications for the recent FJYPB recruitment campaign recently closed on 28th February 2018. The FJYPB received over 29 applications from young people across England and Wales. Of those 29 young people, 27 have been invited to attend an FJYPB-led interview day on 9th April and 12th May.

If successful, new members will be invited to attend an induction session in the summer to gain a better understanding of their role, a brief introduction and breakdown of the family justice system and to familiarise them and their parents/carer with our policies and procedures.

3. Cafcass Board Member and Chair Recruitment

FJYPB members have recently been involved in the recent recruitment of new Cafcass Board members and a new Cafcass Chair. The FJYPB members had their own young person's panel asking a list of tailored questions to each candidate. The views of the FJYPB were shared with the final panel for consideration.

4. HMCTS CYP Strategy Working Group

The FJYPB remain a part of the HMCTS CYP Strategy Working Group. This strategy will focus on the commitment of HMCTS to engage children and young people in the design of future services. The FJYPB has the opportunity to join the conversation on a number of topics. The next meeting will take place on 10th April 2018 in London.

5. Voice of the Child Conference 2018

The FJYPB are planning and preparing for the annual Voice of the Child 2018 conference. The Board have agreed on the following:

- The conference will take place on Tuesday 24th July 2018 in Manchester.
- The theme of the conference is 'promoting resilience for children and young people' across the family justice system.
- To invite a range of speakers and stakeholders, such as the President of the Family Division and young people's groups.

'Save the Date' invitations for Cafcass staff will be sent out in the usual way via Assistant Directors in March 2018.

6. Wales

The FJYPB continue having a lead role to develop impact from children and young people in Wales. Recent commissions included:

- Representatives from Cafcass Cymru attended the recent FJYPB meeting in December 2017 to run a workshop in which members helped design some items to promote the UNCRC to young service users across Wales.
- Two FJYPB members took part in a recent interview panel to recruit a new Deputy Chief Executive for Cafcass Cymru. The day was a success and Cafcass Cymru commented that they were *"so pleased to get young people involved in the recruitment process in a meaningful way and...were all really happy with how it went. Please pass on our thanks the members for their professionalism and straight forward approach to the process, they were both a credit to the FJYPB and the work you all do"*
- Some members also attended the Cafcass Cymru Advisory Committee to provide an update on the work of the Board and to raise our profile across various agencies across Wales.

The FJYPB also looking forward to participating in the following future commissions in Wales, which include:

- To present and deliver a workshop at the first Cafcass Cymru conference in May 2018.
- The FJYPB have been commissioned to sit as part of the interview panel for the role of Cafcass Cymru Head of Operations for South West that will take place 19th March 2018.

Costs are covered by the Welsh Government and Cafcass Cymru.

The Family Justice Young People's Board