

Update from The Chair of Children and Young People Select Committee

REPORT ON FAMILY LIVES SHOWCASE AT HOUSE of LORDS 22/10/15

Host – Earl of Listowel

- 55 people present including boroughs and funders/possible funders/London Community Rehabilitation Company (the now private company running probation)

Focus on:-

Children and young people's services – including 'Teen Boundaries' work, which includes cyber bullying, sexting etc. and can provide 5 sessions for 11-18 years olds relating to such issues (clearly differentiated to meet specific age and group needs and knowledge) and key contact for London and South east is Kath Collins (kathc@familylives.org.uk).

Family support for those with 'team around the family' – used in Westminster and other boroughs. They don't use the term "troubled families" as creates stigma.

Independent support – e.g. with parents facing issues with move from SEN to EHCP and into adult care under local authority

Early intervention and support through work with single isolated mothers

Work with families where there is substance/alcohol abuse or addiction – not always young people

Bullying UK – focus on anti-bullying day on 20/11/15 and www.bullying.co.uk has section as to how to support and get involved

Action for Prisoners' and Offenders' Families – useful connection as part of the work the group does – as possible use or referral route

- Some excellent case studies and the 'Teen Boundaries' is a real potential for tutorial work connected to safe college week, or any week as can be calibrated to cover the areas the group(s) need
- Provided Council card to the organiser of Teen Boundaries as could be useful for CYP team

Caveat –

- Funding reduced considerably since 2010; need £4 million just to keep going; 2/3 are volunteers but all trained the same

Hilary Moore, 23/10/15