

Outcomes from children social care services

Information about the study to include when writing to user's organisations

I am contacting you about a very important and much needed study that aims to develop a robust and comprehensive outcomes framework for children's social care services. Starting from a robust literature review, we will then work in collaboration with children and families who use these services and local authority staff, we will develop a set of outcomes that reflect the needs and wishes of users of these services and the aspirations of those responsible for delivering children's social care.

The study is funded by the Nuffield Foundation and is supported by an advisory group which includes academic experts, service user and local authority representatives. The study is being carried out by a group of researchers from NatCen Social Research, the Rees Centre for Research in Fostering and Education at the University of Oxford and the Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families.

We will engage parents and young people, as well as other family members with experience of children's social care services to seek their views about on their expectations and wishes from these services. We are also recruiting parents and young people to co-facilitate the user consultations and work alongside the research team to disseminate the findings to national and local policy makers, to ensure that there is a service users voice throughout the work.

As your organisation represents potential users of children's social care services we would like to give you the opportunity to inform the research by offering any young people you work with, the chance to participate in events to discuss the emerging findings and influence the outcomes of our work. Each young person involved would be invited to an interactive event, for which we would recognise their input with a voucher for £10

If you think you have a relevant group of young people or individuals, whom you believe would be interested in meeting us and being part of an interactive session on this work, please contact Nick Morgan, Youth Participation Officer on this project at Nicholas.Morgan@annafreud.org

We will then be in touch to arrange a time and date for us to visit your group.