

Bright Spots Surveys for CiC:

We are working with Coram as a Bright Spots Programme Partner. This unique programme, developed with the University of Bristol, will help us to explore and demonstrate the impact we are having on children and young people's care experience and wellbeing.

In early 2018 we will be asking for your help to support children and young people to participate in the 'Your Life, Your Care' survey and the 'Your Life Beyond Care' survey. These 10 minute online surveys give children and young people a voice by providing an opportunity for them to share their experiences of care and how they feel about their lives.

The Virtual School with Designated Teachers are aiming to support the undertaking of the surveys in schools. This may not be appropriate for all young people and therefore, if you think it's not suitable please liaise with your Area Learning Advocate. If young people are not in school then consider who would be best placed to support them to complete the survey.

The surveys measure wellbeing with a focus on **resilience, rights, relationships** and **recovery**.

Key Information:

- The survey is evidence based, has been developed over four years and it enables a wider group of children and young people to participate, not just those who are members of the Children in Care Council or Care Leaver Forum;
- It supports service improvement by helping the Local Authority to understand the life experiences of Care and leaving Care. Coram will provide an in-depth analysis of the findings and compare these with (a) the general population (b) Children in Care Nationally and (c) Devon's children over time (by repeating the survey). There will be a detailed report with summaries for staff, children and young people that is age appropriate;
- The survey was designed by children and young people for children and young people. 140 Children in Care participated in the design;
- It is quick (10 minutes) and easy to complete. It is recommended that younger children and those with additional needs complete the survey with the help of a trusted adult;
- There are three age appropriate surveys for Children in Care (4-7 years, 8-11 years and 11-18 years) and also a Care Leavers survey.
- All data is confidential and handled securely.

You can find out more about the programme [here](#).