

CCoM: Children Caring on the Move

Care Object Interview

Check in + on a scale of 1-10 how are you feeling today emotionally and physically?

Icebreaker – number game

Introduction

- Thanks for agreeing to do the interview.
- [Introduce ourselves]
- We are doing this research to find out more about children and young people who have come to the UK alone.
- We want to find out more about how you are cared for and how you care for others.
- We are also interested in the problems you face and any issues you have with the system.
- We hope this research will improve how you and others are treated in the UK.

Consent

- You only have to answer the questions that you want to. You can stop any time. It is up to you. You can also come to us later to answer, if you don't want to answer straight away
- If you want, we can repeat the questions or ask it in a different way.
- We can take a break anytime you want.
- We may tell people the things you say, but we won't tell them your name or who you are. We hope you also won't talk about what other people say here with others.
- In case you are worried, we are sitting in rooms with closed doors so nobody should be able to overhear our conversation. If there are any interruptions from other people entering the room, we will pause the interview and only start again once they have left.
- Is it ok if I record this? I will only share it with the research team. It is only to help us remember what you say.
- Do you have any questions before we turn the recorder on?

[Turn recorder] I am just turning recorder on. Are you ok to do the interview and have us record it?

As you know we are going to do an interview about care.

- Care means different things to different people. What does “care” mean to you?

[If not, it’s no problem you can just describe an object.

Would you like an example? I brought xxx]

- What is your object and what does it mean to you?
 - Why is it important to you?
 - How does the object make you feel?
 - How would you feel if you lost it?
- Did you come to the UK with the object?

Care

- Who do you care about?
 - How do you support them and show them you care?
 - How have you cared for other young people who have come here by themselves?
 - Why do you think young people have to care for each other?
- Who cares for you? How do they show you they care?
 - Does your social worker, foster carer, or solicitor care for you? Do your friends care for you? How?)

Your life in the UK

- Could you tell me a bit more about what it was like when you arrived in the UK:
 - How old were you when you arrived in the UK?
 - How did you feel when you arrived in the UK?

- How does it feel now?
- How do you find life in the UK and life back home?
- What are your plans for the future?
- What advice would you give to a young person who has newly arrived in the UK?
What advice would you give to yourself when you first arrived in the UK?
- My last question is: If you could change one thing about the system, what would it be?

Closing:

- Do you have any questions?
- Thank you! That is the end of all the interview questions. I just want to ask you a few questions about the interview itself. How was it for you and what can we do better?
- Would you be happy for us to contact you to do a follow up interview?
- Would you recommend being interviewed to one of your friends?