



Re evaluation for Investing in Children membership:

5 Brough Close

5 Brough Close currently has three young people living there. The atmosphere in the house was very relaxed.

A wide variety of activities generally take place on a weekly basis which the young people themselves ask for. These include:

Football	Cinemas
Pool	Swimming
Gym	Boxing

Other activities that the staff develop along with the young people are life skills courses. They also offer incentive schemes for attending school/work of which they are rewarded with Argos vouchers and mobile phone vouchers.

At the moment the young people are digging the garden to plant flowers in order to make the place brighter. They were all asked recently to put their views forward on how they would like the house to look because the house is to be modernised shortly.

Young peoples meetings generally take place during meal times as that is when everyone in the house is together. The young people can discuss anything at this time and it is their opportunity to set the agenda and raise any issues they would like to be discussed. If there are any problems in the house they tend to be resolved pretty quick by group discussions etc.

From speaking to the young people it was clear that there was significant **evidence of dialogue and change**. This is shown from the comments the young people made.

Firstly I met with Shaun who is 14years old and has lived in the house since January 07. He said **"I like everything in the house and enjoy living here because they listen to you! If you want something you just got to ask and they will try to get you it as long as it's a sensible idea"**.

Shaun also said **" Things are negotiable we are currently trying to organise a trip to Lightwater Valley and are going to be going sometime over the summer"**.

I then talked to Billy who also said he enjoyed living at 5 Brough Close and that he had asked to go camping and recently went to Beadale.

Finally I spoke with another Shaun who is 15 years old he has lived in the house for approximately three years now.

Shaun said **" I like everything about living here, the workers listen to you. I asked to go away for a holiday and in the summer I am going to Haggerston Castle."**

All three young people agreed that the house was very fair and recommended that 5 Brough Close receive renewal of their Investing in Children membership.

Following my discussions with staff and the young people I would recommend that 5 Brough Close has it's Investing in Children membership renewed. I would like to thank all the staff and in particular the young people.

Thank you and well done.

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