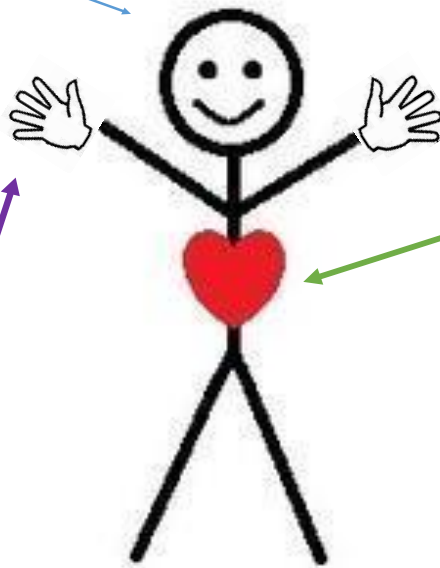


What Makes a Good Social Worker or Family Support Practitioner?

Results from consultations with BANES Senior In Care Council, Junior In Care Council and Care Leavers

HEAD -What they should know:

- Know what young people are into and have lots of ideas about games to play
- Know that each young person is different- some may want to go out for meetings and others may want to stay in
- Know about life by having experienced lots of different things to have made them who they are
- Know that social work is not all in the book
- Know about attachment theory and put it into practice



HEART- What kind of person they should be:

- Nice, kind, warm, friendly and patient
- Adaptable – have a good sense of humour but also able to be serious sometimes
- Calm – particularly when young person does something you don't like
- To be someone I can trust, who treats me with respect and who speaks to me at my level (not younger than who I am)
- Willing to get to know me and understand me as a unique person
- To be someone who will stick by me, even when I am having a bad day
- A person who sticks to their word

HANDS – What they should do and help us with:

- Help to build my confidence so I can make more friends, push myself further and speak in front of people
- Help me to say what I think and get my point across
- Encourage me to join in at school and take part in school activities
- Show me the pros and cons and help me make decisions on my own
- Take action on what we have said and make changes happen as soon as possible

