

YOUNG PEOPLE'S REPORT CASI 2011



VOYPIC has started an exciting survey called CASI. CASI stands for Computer Assisted Self-interviewing. It asked questions about care, being involved in decisions, education, lifestyle and key relationships. CASI is our way of making sure people hear our voice!



WHO TOOK PART IN CASI?

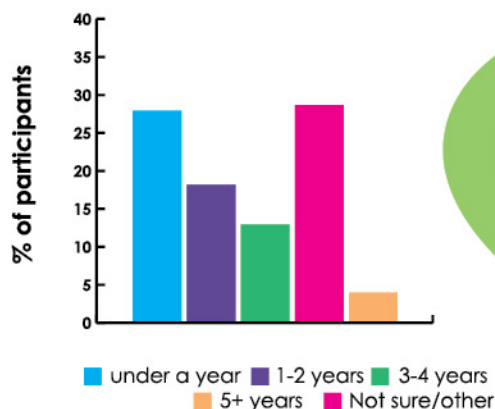
121 children and young people in care throughout Northern Ireland aged 8 to 18 took part in the CASI 2011 survey. They did this online or with VOYPIC staff on a laptop. As well as this report written by young people, there's a more detailed report - check out the VOYPIC website for it.



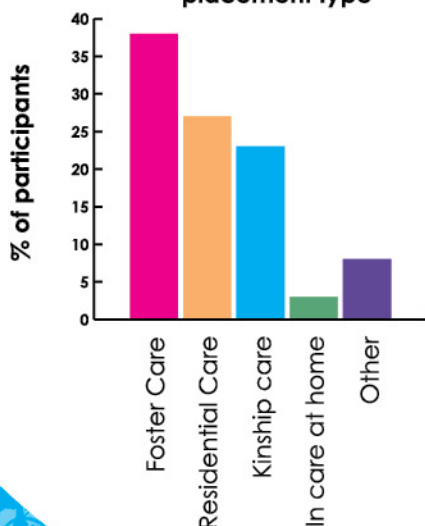
WHERE WE LIVE...

80% of us feel safe where we live and 72% feel settled where we live

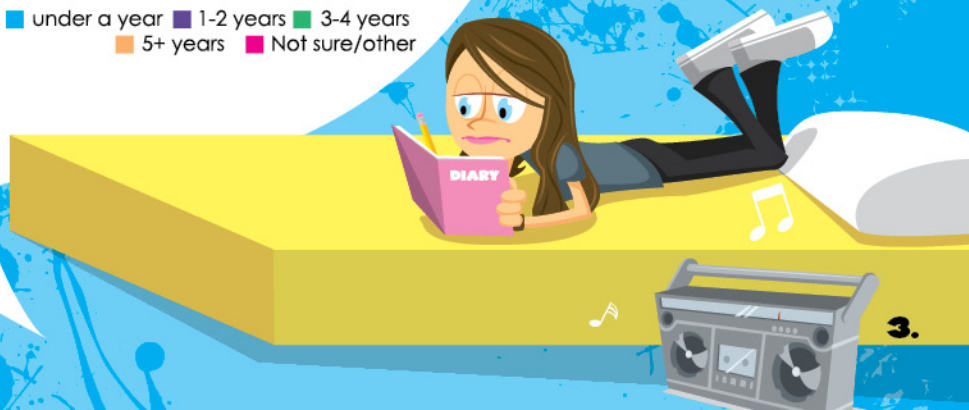
How long have you been living in your current placement



placement type



"I enjoy where I live and to me it's home"



WHAT WE SAID ABOUT HEALTH

CASI asked us loads of stuff about diet, nutrition, weight, alcohol and smoking and 75% of us said our diet is healthy!

40% of us exercise at least five days a week!

16% of us eat five portions of fruit and veg a day

50% eat breakfast five or more days a week!

17% of us need help to stop smoking!

73% of us have seen a dentist


76% of us have seen a GP recently

40% of us worry about our health

This suggests more
needs to be done to
help us to be
healthy and happy!



MONEY! WE LOVE IT.



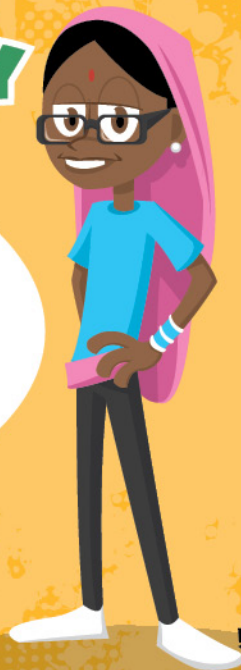
"I'm not very good at saving money"

CASI ASKED US ABOUT MONEY

- **86%** of us get pocket money
- **62%** of us under the age of 12 have a bank account
- **55%** of us try and save money
- **54%** of us spend ALL of our money each week

OUR COMMUNITY

Some of us are living in a different community from where we come from. But **55%** of us get on well with other young people in our area and **74%** of us feel safe in our neighbourhood





"I like my teachers.
They are very
understanding and I
like the school. All in
all it's brilliant!"

60% of us never miss
or dodge school!

73% of us get on well
with others at school
and

79% of us are not
bullied at school!

CASI ASKED US WHAT OUR HOBBIES ARE

We said we like:

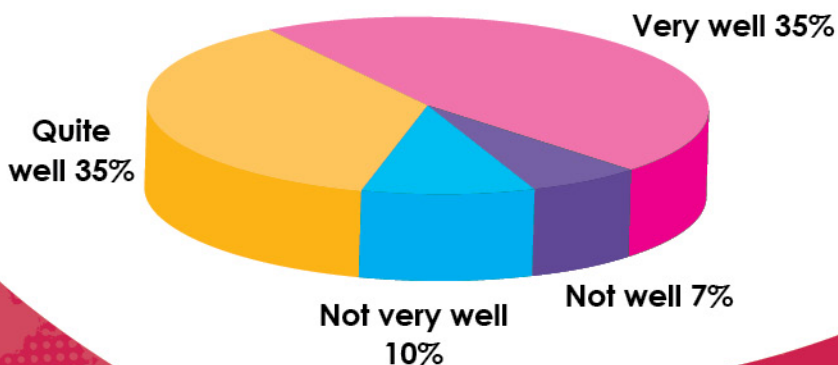
- Listening to music
- Shopping
- Sport
- Drama
- Texting
- Spending time with friends
- Playing computer games
- Facebook
- Watching TV
- Youth clubs
- Spending time with family, especially parents!

WHAT WE REALLY THINK ABOUT SCHOOL

Research says kids in care are more likely to leave school with no qualifications and more likely to be unemployed. But CASI found out 88% of us are in school, college, or training and 58% of us enjoy school!



CASI ASKED US HOW WELL WE WERE GETTING ON AT SCHOOL



ISSUES WE THINK ARE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

BEING LISTENED TO

- I want someone to listen to me
- I think it's important for all young people in care to have a voice and to have a decision in things while they are in care. I feel like most people in care do not really have a voice especially if they are under 18 and it's not fair. If they had more say in what decisions are being made or what is happening they would be a lot happier

CONTACT

- It is important for kids in care to see their families. Contact is so important
- People need to know how not being with your parents can affect you



IMPORTANT FOR ALL NG PEOPLE IN CARE



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PLACEMENT

- It's important for kids in care to have someone to talk to and a carer who won't give up on you: I have been an idiot to my carers but they still kept me and now I see them as my mum and dad

INFORMATION AND SUPPORT

- It's hard not having proper support when you find out the reasons why you are in care
- Our lives should not be too open to social workers and the people who get to read our LAC reports. Young people should get to read the LAC report on their own before going into the LAC review

EQUALITY

- Try and tear down the stereotype that we are not normal or a criminal and people should know it is not our fault that we are in care!

IMPORTANT FOR ALL NG PEOPLE IN CARE

SUPPORT

- We need help with issues, especially finance, independent living, family contact, education and the justice system
- My foster carer is fantastic and I love her as though she is my real mum. She accepted me into her home and she gave me trust when she didn't have to and I am very fortunate to have found her!



We had our say in CASI 2011,
why don't you have your say in
CASI 2012? If you want to find
out more about CASI 2011 or
how to take part in CASI 2012,
log onto our website:

www.voypic.org



HERE'S WHY YOU SHOULD DO THE CASI 2012 SURVEY...

"CASI helped
me discuss
things with
my carers!"

"CASI is
easy to do"

"I hope what
I said makes
a difference"

