

INSPECTOR NEWS



ISSUE 4 - WINTER EDITION

Welcome to the Fourth edition of the Inspector News, the Young Inspectors newsletter.

The Young Inspectors programme is 23 months old and we wanted to let you know what we have been up, what's coming up and how you can become a young inspector OR how your friends/family could find out more to join the team.

We hope you enjoy reading the newsletter and look out for the 4th edition.

News Update

- In the past 22 months we have carried 31 inspections of services, which have contributed to 201 improvements.
- We raised £351 for Safe at Last Charity and £667 for Rotherham Children's Hospital and £385 for RotherFM Toy Appeal through cake sales and raffles.
- The Young Inspectors became the Winners of the National Children & Young People's Now Awards for the 'Volunteer and Social Action Award 2017'

Improvements have been made to:

- Website - Quality, range and access to information.
- Building - Numerous repairs, maintenance, cleaning and gardening carried out.
- Quality of information - Customer access points including signage, leaflets, notice boards, welcome books and new furnishings.
- Service improvements - Such as improved flexibility of services, earlier intervention, increased communication options e.g. text messaging, increased ongoing and post discharge support and stronger links with mental health services.
- New procedures - For example 'meet and greet', moving in and moving out procedures and increased choice for meals and activities.
- Improved access to activities and creativity around where work takes place with young people.
- Young Inspector experiences and findings - Informed a wider variety of staff training, new training matrix and induction files.

What the Young Inspectors offer?

- Training on becoming a young inspector
- A Volunteer Accreditation for being part of the young inspectors to add onto your CV (optional).
- A Fun rewarding activity twice a year (chosen by young people).
- Fundraising activities for local charities.
- To meet new friends and learn new skills.
- Opportunity to improve your confidence and self-esteem.
- Make a positive difference to other young people in Rotherham.

What the Young inspectors say.

- “During young inspector’s I have developed analytical skills, developed skills of working well in a group with others and planning the next steps. I have met new people and developed my communication skills as I socialise with them”
- “I have done things such as inspecting different places which I had never thought of doing”
- “Young inspectors improves my confidence and my language”
- “I learn a lot of things for example I meet people and make new friends which is really important to me”.
- “I have met new people, and we have inspected services and in the group we all respect each other’s opinions which is very important”.
- “I like how we are all friends and we can all work together to achieve things like raising money for Safe@Last and the Hospital. We raised over £1000”.

Want to find out more about the programme or you want to become a Young Inspector?

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