



Briefing for:	Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee
Title:	Ministerial Stocktake
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The Care Matters White Paper proposed the introduction of an Annual Ministerial Stocktake for the care system to review progress in improving outcomes for children and young people in care.

On the **21 And 22 July 2009** Roger Morgan, Children's Rights Director for England and Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Children, Young People and Families Baroness Delyth Morgan, invited children and young people from all local authorities across the UK to share their views of life in care. Over the two days. 90 councils and approx. 140 children and young people took part.

Kieran, an 18 year-old Haringey care leaver and a member of staff from the Participation Team attended the event on the 22 July, which was held at the Science Museum. Children and young people who attended took part in an interactive voting session and discussion on care issues in the Museums IMAX Theatre.

Topics and questions covered at the event included:

- How well are councils doing at keeping children in care safe?
- Are children in your authority allowed to stay overnight at friend's houses?
- Have you ever been discriminated against because you are a child in care?
- How well are councils doing at helping children in care prepare to get good jobs in the future?



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The findings from the two days along with issues that children and young people raised with the Minster, will be compiled by Roger Morgan in to a report called 'Messages to the Minster'; this will initially go to the Minster and DCSF and will be published in time for the November DCSF Stocktake. The 'Message to the Minister' report will be published publicly by the Children's Rights Director and fed directly to the government decision makers.

Attachments:

PowerPoint presentation with feedback from interactive questionnaire.