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Projects (formerly known as Commissions) – What Partners need to know:

Background

Our Hearings, Our Voice (OHOV) is a children and young people's board for the Children's Hearings System. OHOV is an independent board for children and young people from across Scotland between the ages of 8-18, who have experience of the Children's Hearings System.

The first group of Board Members were recruited in the autumn of 2018 and came together in Glasgow for the first time in November 2018. Since their first meeting, the young people have met a further three times (Glasgow again, Inverness and Edinburgh).

In the short time they have been together, the young people have spent time building relationships, designed their logo (which we think looks fantastic!), developed their agreements (for how they will work together) and identified priorities for action, change and improvement. They have also welcomed a visit from Maree Todd, Minister for Children and Young People.

Projects

The Board Members have recently begun working on a range of Projects and we are excited to be receiving a number of other requests from organisations and individuals keen to work with Our Hearings, Our Voice. This is fantastic news and the young people are enjoying the Projects so far. However, to ensure we have a consistent approach, and that the young people are supported appropriately and not over-burdened, we have put the following guidance into place. This is based on the model of the CAFCASS Family Justice Young People's Board.

OHOV Projects Process

- **Partners and Organisations submit all requests to the OHOV Project Lead with proposals for Projects/short term pieces of work – e.g. creating resources for children and young people, involvement in recruitment, action research, co-designing and delivering training, policy planning, inspections etc.**
- **The OHOV Team forward Project opportunities to all Board Members.**
- **Board Members choose which Projects they want to be involved in.**
- **The OHOV Team ensure fair and manageable distribution of Projects to all Board Members.**





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- *OHOV Team support (and train where required) Board Members to carry out Projects.*
- *Where appropriate, Board Members will provide feedback in the form of verbal feedback, short reports and recommendations to Partners.*
- *Partner/Organisations should provide feedback to the OHOV Team for Board Members, to ensure they know what impact their input has had.*
- *Please note - Projects are over and above Board Meetings so will be dependent on the Board Members/OHOV Team's capacity. Once fully defined, Project requests that fit with the Board's priorities for change will be given priority.*

We appreciate your support with this approach as it will ensure that all Board Members have equity of opportunity to carry out a wide range of Projects.

How to get in touch

If you have an idea for a Project or a piece of work, then it is easy to get in touch. You can contact us via:

Email: ourhearings-ourvoice@gov.scot
Phone: **0131 244 8579 / 07393 803646**
By post: **Our Hearings, Our Voice, 36 Enterprise House, Springkerse Business Park, Stirling, FK7 7UF**

Coming soon...

We are about to start building a dedicated website for Our Hearings, Our Voice. It will be launched later this year. It will keep you up to date on the work of the board and will include blogs and news from the board members. **You will also be able to get in touch with us with any requests for Projects via the website too.**

In the meantime, you can still find out about our work via our temporary website, which you can access [here](#).

Thank you for your ongoing support and we look forward to working with you soon.

Jacqui Dunbar, Project Lead
Our Hearings, Our Voice

