Customer Relations Children & Families Service, Leeds City Council

Approach	How parents / carers have a voice and influence	What works well	Challenges faced
Telephone calls, emails, meetings, website, leaflets	Feedback from complaints to services, to the practice improvement group. We use	Talking parents through school complaints and discuss best ways to approach the school – managing	No formal role in school complaints so only so far we can be involved but we try to encourage positive
Coach parents prior to attendance at stage two and three panels	feedback to improve services, initiate new policies and procedures.	emotions, empowering parents to challenge	relationships between parents and school staff.
Customer satisfaction calls at end of complaints	We liaise with schools to put the parent's voice across. We advise schools to use the learning from complaints to encourage complaining parents to get involved with school activities/initiatives.		