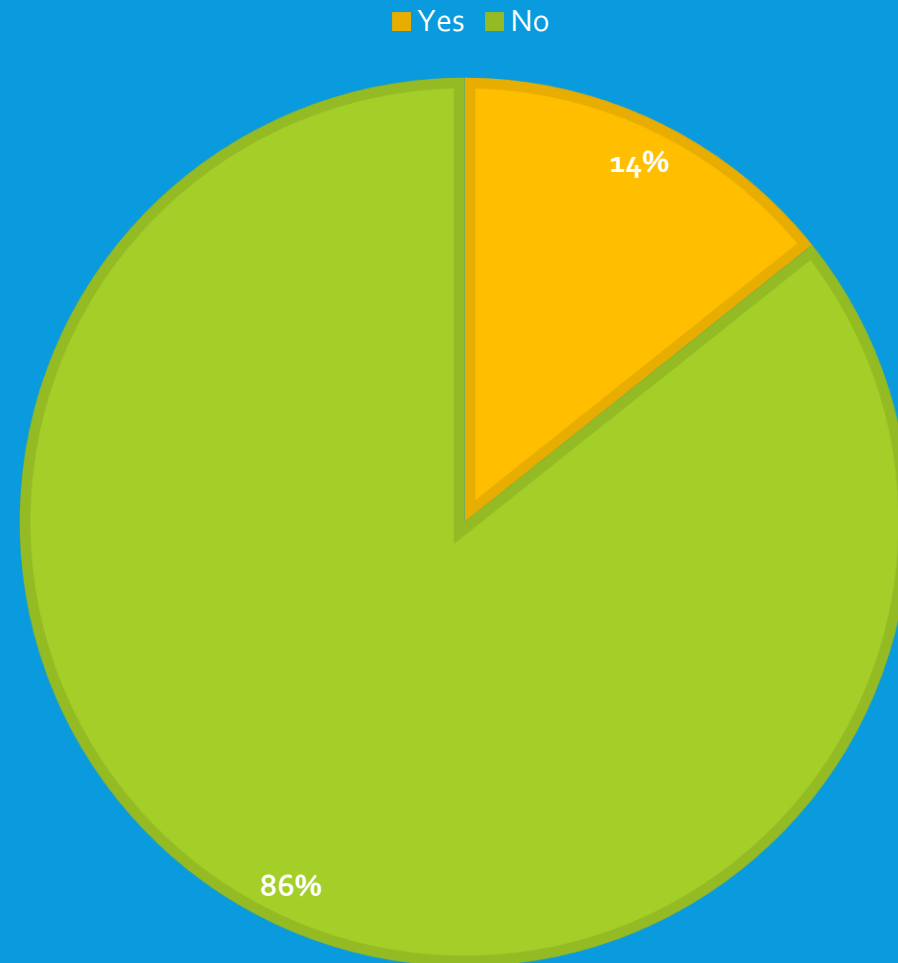


Cared for Pledge – Young People's Feedback

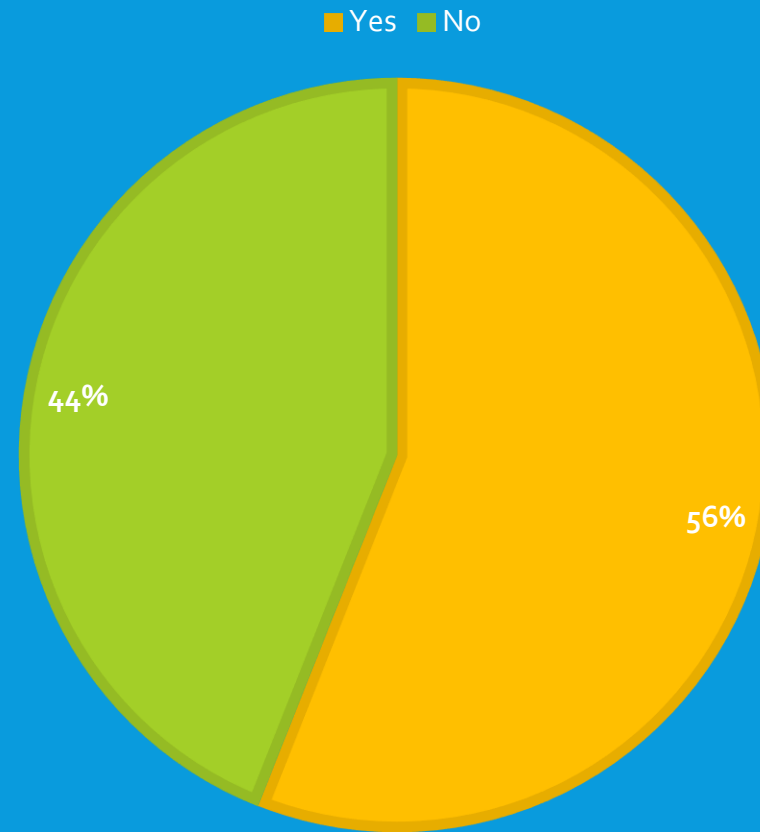
Presentation for the Overview & Scrutiny Board

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HAVE YOUNG PEOPLE HEARD OF THE CARED FOR PLEDGE?



HAVE TORBAY COUNCIL STAFF HEARD OF THE CARED FOR PLEDGE?



Honesty!

Safety!

Support on
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THE MAIN PRIORITIES OF THE PLEDGE

HONESTY



- “No lies! Keep things simple! Don’t push the pledge on anyone!”
- No false promises should be made – “do not say something if you’re not 100%”
- The young people need to be actively listened to and their needs prioritised

SAFETY



- Need to create a nurture a space for young people that is safe, comfortable and welcoming.
- “We are more likely to open up and engage if these needs are met”.

SUPPORT ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S TERMS



- All meetings, participation projects, and events must be organised with the input of young people.
- Recognise that sometimes young people may not want support - be mindful of needs and always be present.
- “DO NOT treat us as you would your own child”.
- “What if we don’t want you to know about our past?”

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- The consensus among our young people is that they would rather be informed about the Pledge from a trusted person – social worker, teacher, parent, carer for example.
- Would rather be told about it through school by teachers, and the pledge should be posted on community boards or be given out as flyers at schools.
- One of our young people even questioned whether having a pledge at all is worth it, because they felt like it hasn't been produced with them in mind.

SUMMARY

- 86% of young people and 44% of adults had not heard of our Pledge
- The priorities for our young people with regards to the Pledge are;
 - Honesty: no lies and no fake promises
 - Safety: a safe, welcoming, and comfortable space
 - Support on young people's terms: know when to offer and when to not offer support.
- Young people want to get information about the pledge from someone they trust, be it a teacher, social worker, parent/carer, or anyone else they choose.

Thank you!