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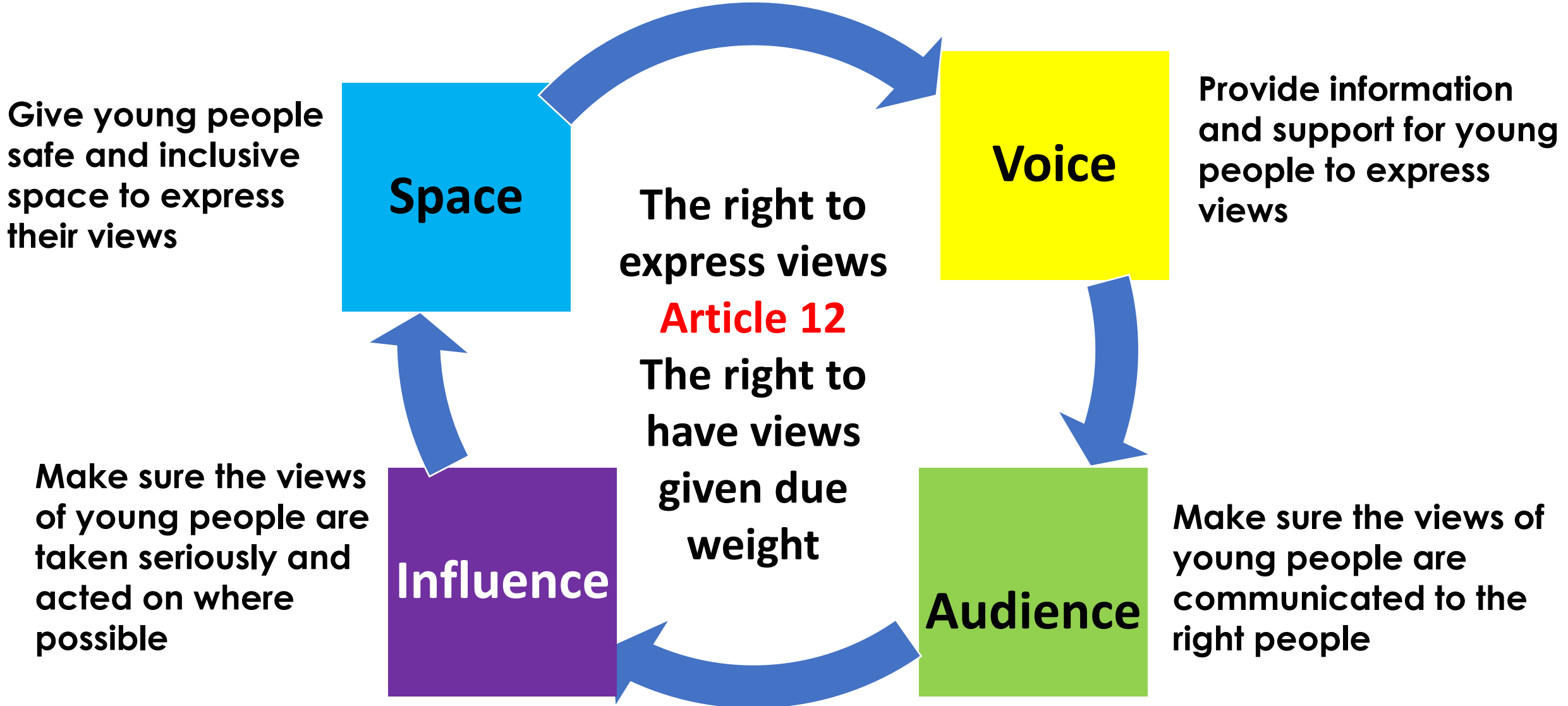
Norfolk Children's Services

**Participation and
Co-production**

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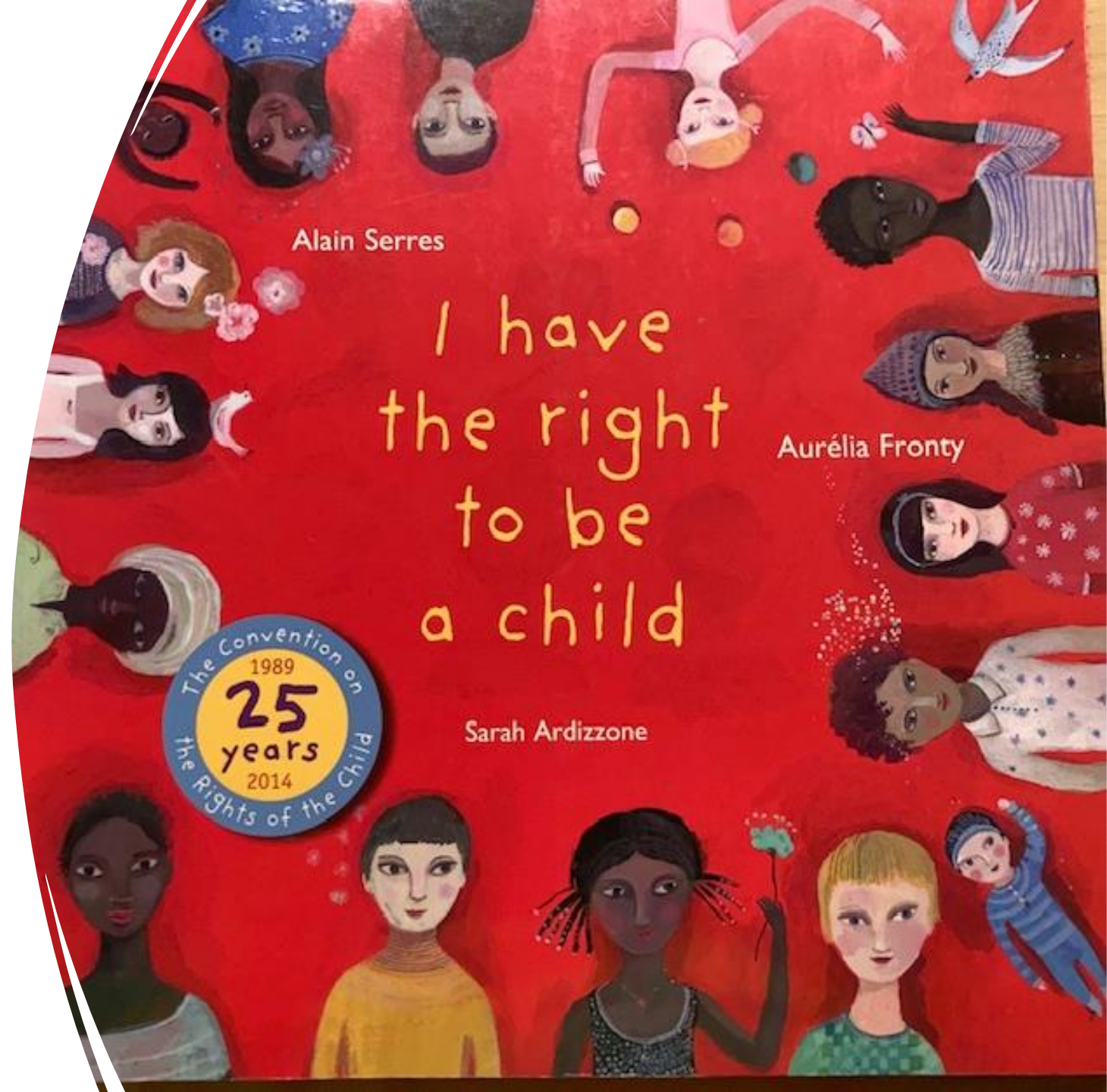
The Lundy Model of Participation

in Norfolk we have adopted the Lundy model as our approach to participation



UN – Charter of children's Rights

- § 2 Respect for children's rights
- § 12 Consideration of the child's will
- § 13 Freedom of expression and information
- § 14 thoughts - conscience and religious freedom
- § 17 Access to information





VOICE

Questions to reflect on

Has enough information they need to form a view?

Have people been asked for their views from the outset?

Are we clear on the outcomes and objectives we want to achieve?

Does your organisation have a culture where participation will be meaningful?



SPACE

Questions to reflect on

Have we adapted information and the venue to make it accessible, friendly and safe for all?

Have people been asked about ways of communication?

Are staff appropriately trained and supported? E.g. SEND

Have people from a variety of backgrounds been able to have an input?

AUDIENCE

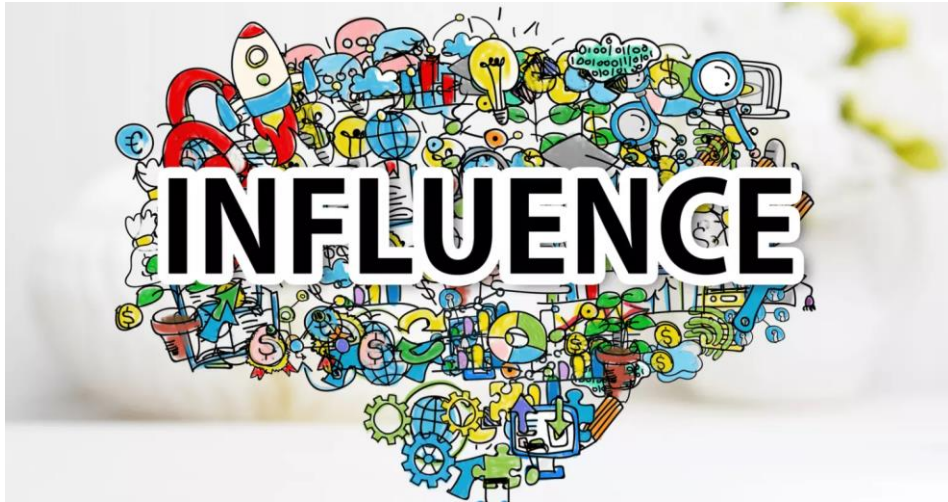
Questions to reflect on

Are appropriate decision makers involved and engaged?

Do these decision makers have the power to make the change is needed?

Do people know the audience their views are being shared with and what will happen afterwards?

Its more powerful when participants speak to decision makers directly, how do we make this happen?



Questions to reflect on

What changed as result of participants involvement?

Have participants been told how their views influenced a decision?

And if not, have they been told why?

Is there a process in place for participants to hold decision makers to account?

When and how will participants see the impact of their participation?

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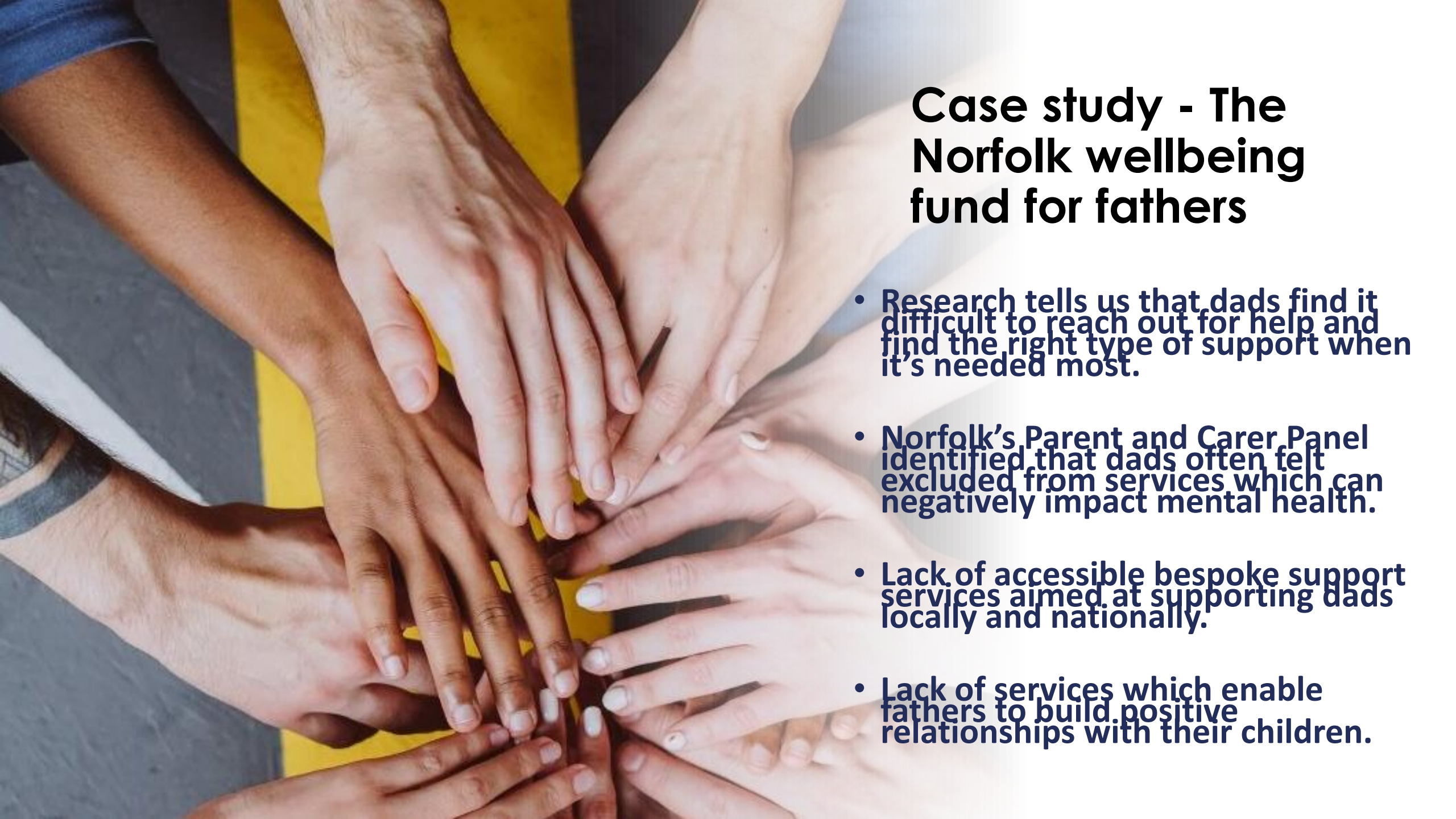


Norfolk's Priorities

- ✓ **Strengthening statutory sector engagement**, reaching children, young people and parents involved in all children's social care pathways
- ✓ **Strengthening SEND** participation and engagement linked to the WSoA work
- ✓ Ensuring a broad representation of children, young people and parents/carers to develop Norfolk's prevention and early help offer, including implementation of **Norfolk's Start for Life and Family Hubs programme**
- ✓ Linking participation and engagement activity through the Children and Young People Strategic Alliance
- ✓ **Ensuring all participation work is joined up** and working together across the system internally and externally
- ✓ **Safeguarding Children's Partnership** is influenced by children, young people and families, including a particular focus on **fathers' voice**
- ✓ **Norfolk Youth Parliament** has greater influence and voice in decision making locally and nationally
- ✓ **Improve best practice linked to participation**, including mandatory training and the All Together Quality
- ✓ **Ensuring participation is representative** and inclusive of a wide range of backgrounds, including participation work around anti-racism
- ✓ Developing participation and engagement with **children under 10 years old**
- ✓ Supporting children and young people's engagement in **mental health transformation**



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- Research tells us that dads find it difficult to reach out for help and find the right type of support when it's needed most.
- Norfolk's Parent and Carer Panel identified that dads often felt excluded from services which can negatively impact mental health.
- Lack of accessible bespoke support services aimed at supporting dads locally and nationally.
- Lack of services which enable fathers to build positive relationships with their children.



Co-producing fathers' wellbeing fund

- £140,000 of funding awarded to VCS organisations to:
- Improve perinatal mental health and support services for fathers.
- Increase opportunities to build strong father and infant relationships.

“I am immensely proud of my involvement in the dads funding process and sincerely hope that this much needed financial support can help many local groups, charities and fathers across the region.”

Jonathon - Norfolk's Parent and Carer Panel

What have we achieved?

Awarded funding to 17 projects across Norfolk

Range of different projects available

