



Report on: The Local Offer Isle of Wight

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Methodology

As part of engaging Young people's voices and opinions within the Local Offer, myself and Sammi from Medina House school as young people what they thought of the Local Offer website and what the Local offer is.

We asked five different young people aged between seven and ten who had multiple and various disabilities and additional needs. All children were could communicate verbally and could use a computer. There were two males and three females.

Report Summary

The front page

The front cover of the Local offer had positive comments from young people explaining it was colourful and good pictures. One of the young people said it was fantasic and there were lots of things to do.

However, most young people expressed that they thought it was games and fun activities to do. When asked which was the most appealing section to them. All children picked the section 0-4. When asking them why it's because they said they like the picture with hand prints. When asking what the page was about children said it was about puzzles (due to the puzzle picture). They also said it was too play games.

Next page

When clicking on the leisure and activity page after the children said it was boring and there were no colours. Young people stated they would like more colours and pictures that related to them to make it interesting. They also stated there was too many words and too much writing.

Audio

Some young people could make the audio come on but some could not even after being shown a few times. Young people said they didn't like the voice as it sounded weird and one child could not stop laughing while it was reading. Most of the children just wanted to play with the audio to make it keep speaking. When asking them what the computer had said all young people just picked up key words such as 'sports' 'swimming pool' and 'birthday'. Young people could not understand the context with what was spoken about.

Symbols

When hovering over words to look at the symbols young people stated it was too long for the symbol to come up and wanted to move on very quickly to other things as they got bored waiting. Some children could read the symbols and knew what they meant but all children stated they would like just one symbol as they only recognised one symbol, two at maximum. When covering up the symbol children knew they found it difficult to know what word it was. Young people also struggled to hold the mouse over the words for a long period of time for the symbol to appear.

Local offer

We asked children what the Local offer was, some children didn't know and one asked if it was something you got in the shop. We asked if their parents/carers would use the offer to find information. Most children said their parents would go on here but some stated they would not.

6.0 Feedback from Local offer team