INITIAL WORKSHOP
Community of practice forum on Research

This initial practice forum looked at essentially meeting researchers in the field such as Jim Anglin, Michael Nunno, and Charlie Izzo who have been heavily influential in the development of CARE and TCI over the past several years. Other practitioners attending this group including those from Australia, Scotland, Switzerland, England, Ireland, Israel, and the USA. Questions participants were asked to consider included: What’s happening in residential and foster care at the minute? What makes our young people tick? What works with our young people to help spur their development? What organizational and attitudinal change strategies work at the different levels? And how do we use this knowledge to create the right conditions for our kids to flourish? The discussion also extended to thinking about how we collaborate to ask the right questions and if we are going to carry out research, how do we do this well? Finally, how does this lead to an agreed vision that we can all strive for together? A number of research related papers were shared, including the recent CARE efficacy study which will be shared with the NHSCT CARE leadership forum.

SOME OTHER THOUGHTS
How do we best start to integrate research into our practice and how do we all become involved, including our yp? What do we focus on i.e. staff-yp interactions, yp knowledge/opinions of CARE? How do we stay up to date with relevant research…book and journal clubs run on a monthly basis, newsletters etc.

KEY ELEMENTS OF THE CARE EFFICACY STUDY (MAY, 2016)
11 Sites, 48 mths
- Measures taken pre 12 mths & post-intervention for 36 mths
- 7 core measures e.g. aggression, threats to staff, absconding.
- CARE Implementation progress was assessed via 7 domains e.g. efforts to integrate CARE, quality of staff-yp interactions.
- Significant declines found in aggression toward staff, property destruction, and absconding.