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Peterborough City Council's Safeguarding team is celebrating after winning an award for using a special app which helps children in social care get their voice across to professionals.

The Mind of My Own (MOMO) app is an award-winning app for children and young people that helps 8-21 year-olds in social care express their views, get more involved with meetings and make better decisions.

Peterborough City Council is one of several authorities using MOMO, which guides users through a process of working out their thoughts, views, wishes and feelings, turning them into a statement and then giving them the option to send it to a worker.

At the recent annual MOMO conference, Peterborough City Council won the 'Most Improved' award, as a result of the authority seeing a big increase in uptake of the app since it was relaunched in December.

Before the relaunch, Peterborough was receiving an average of 12 MOMO statements per quarter, however, between December 2017 and February 2018, a total of 98 statements were received through young people and worker accounts.

Sam Smith, Peterborough City Council's Cabinet Member for Children's Services, said: "I am extremely proud of the team for their dedicated work in helping to promote the MOMO app, they fully deserve this accolade.

"We are fully committed to helping children in care obtain the best possible outcomes and the MOMO app is making a positive difference to children in care across the city."

Beatrice Koroma from MOMO, said: "We want to thank and congratulate Peterborough City Council for making a conscious effort to actively promote the use of MOMO across all services and to their staff for effectively using MOMO as a direct work tool.

"It's good to know that children and young people using your services enjoy using MOMO as an effective way to share their views, and that workers are finding the information gathered from MOMO statements helpful for interventions and care planning."