

Taking part: the role of children & young people in the MCRN

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The importance of involving children, young people & parents in MCRN activities

- It is ethically right for children and young people (and their families) to have a say in research that may have an impact on their health
- It helps to ensure the issues that are researched are those that are important to children and families
- It means that the outputs of studies are more likely to become known to other children and families, helping to achieve greater awareness
- It can bring many benefits to the children and young people who get involved, for example: specific skills, different experiences, valuable recognition



Becoming involved!

“Always had a passion for medicine since I was young and have a strong desire to be a paediatric consultant...”(17yr old)

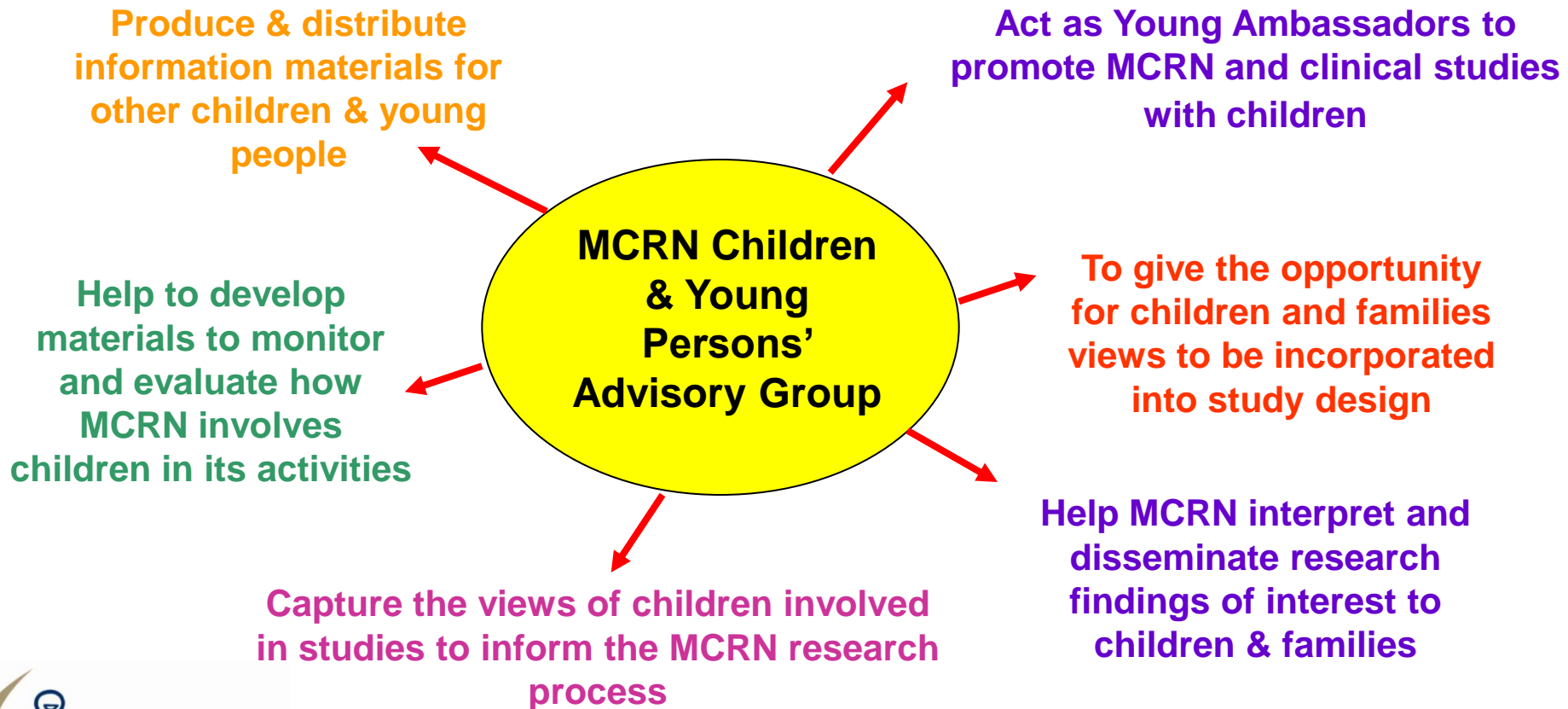
“ I would like to make a change” (8yr old)

“I feel that my participation can help with the treatment of children with illnesses” (14yr old)

“ I think it will be good to see and know what happens in research” (13yr old)



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What the group has done so far!



Designed a name and logo for the
Advisory Group



Taken part in activities to develop the
young person's section on the MCRN
website

Commented on children & young people's patient
information sheets

Taken part in a clinical studies role play



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