

CORPORATE PARENTING SUB-COMMITTEE



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Date of Next Meeting

The Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee is due to meet next on Wednesday 19 September 2018 at 4.00pm in the Kreis Viersen Room, Shire Hall, Cambridge.

The Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee comprises the following members:

Councillor Lis Every (Chairman) Councillor Anne Hay (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Anna Bradnam Councillor Adela Costello and Councillor Claire Richards

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CORPORATE PARENTING SUB-COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday 25 April 2018

Time: 16.30-18.35pm

Venue: Room 128, Shire Hall, Cambridge

Present: Councillors L Every (Chairman), A Hay (Vice Chairman), A Bradnam, A Costello and C Richards

Co-opted Members: P Asker and S Day

Apologies: None

24. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no apologies for absence or declarations of interest.

25. MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 21 FEBRUARY 2018

The minutes of the meeting on 21 February 2018 were agreed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

26. ACTION LOG

The Committee reviewed and noted the Action Log. The Chairman stated that it had been resolved at the previous meeting to ask the Chairman of the Children and Young People (CYP) Committee and the Executive Director for People and Communities to consider adding the question of possible council tax discounts or exemptions for care leavers to the agenda for a future CYP meeting. It was anticipated that this would go to the next CYP meeting and officers were investigating the issue in more detail in order to provide the necessary facts and figures to enable the Committee to make a considered decision.

27. CO-OPTION OF TWO YOUNG PEOPLE'S REPRESENTATIVES

The Chairman stated that she was delighted to report that two young people had agreed to join the Sub-Committee as non-voting Co-opted members to represent the views of the county's Looked After Children and care leavers. The appointments would be for a period of two years with the option of extending this for a further year by mutual agreement. The Co-opted members would bring forward items for consideration representing all age groups and cohorts and she welcomed and encouraged their full participation in the Sub-Committee's work. It was important to be mindful that the Co-opted members' role was to represent the collective views and experience of Looked After Children and care leavers in Cambridgeshire. Whilst this might on occasion include aspects of their own experience she reminded all present that meetings were a public forum and that no personal information would be offered or sought.

It was resolved to:

- a) co-opt P Asker and S Day as non-voting members of the Sub-Committee for a period of two years, with the option of extending this for a further year by mutual consent.

28. YOUNG PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION

The Participation Service Development Managers welcomed the co-option of two young people's representatives to the Sub-Committee. A third young person had agreed to attend as a substitute if needed and it was hoped to identify an additional substitute to try to make sure two young people were able to attend every meeting. Following each meeting the Co-opted members would provide feedback on what was discussed and the decisions taken to all of the county's Looked After Children and care leavers. They would also take a key role through Voices Matter to establish a two way flow of information between the young people and the Sub-Committee. Officers would work with the Co-opted members to agree how best they could support this work.

A number of changes to the staffing and organisation of the Participation Service were reported. These included the appointment of Jacqui Barry and Claire Betteridge as the strategic leads for the service. The recruitment of two participation workers was underway and once appointed they would work with the Co-opted members, Voices Matter, officers and Sub-Committee members to shape the future role of the Participation Service. All Looked After Children and care leavers were being updated about the changes.

During discussion it was noted that:

- The next meeting of Voices Matter had been due to take place in May during the main exam period and so would be rescheduled;
- The annual Fun Day and celebratory events would look a little different this year due to the on-going changes in staffing, although the offer would be fulfilled. Officers would work closely with the Sub-Committee on the shape of this offer in future years. The Chairman commented that she hoped it would be possible to offer a fun outdoor social event this summer at a convenient location, perhaps in the form of a family picnic. She asked that plans for the event and the date should be shared with Members when available;
(**Action:** Participation Service Managers)
- Fiona MacKirdy had now left the County Council and had been replaced by Fiona van den Hout as the Head of County Wide and Looked After Children.

It was resolved to:

- a) note the update regarding the Participation Team and steps to involve young people within the Sub-Committee.

29. PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Assistant Director for Children's Services invited questions on the report and continued feedback on the content and presentation of the information it contained. She noted that the data was correct as of February 2018 which was the most up to date information available at the time the report was published.

The following comments arose in discussion of the report and in response to questions:

- There had again been an issue with late notifications from Social Care impacting on initial health assessments and this had been exacerbated by some large sibling groups coming into care during the period. Officers were working hard to address this issue;
- Paragraph 2.9: The Vice-Chairman noted that in February 2018 73% of the county's Looked After Children were placed with foster carers and 7% in children's homes. She asked that future reports should specify how the remaining children were accommodated to give a complete picture;
(**Action:** Head of Partnerships and Quality Assurance)
- Paragraph 2.10: Members noted a continued reduction in the number of Looked After Children reported missing within the month in the period to February 2018. Officers reported that this reflected the national experience that the number of children going missing tended to reduce during periods of bad weather. In the majority of cases children went missing for very short periods, but there was a formal notification process for any case where a child was missing for more than six hours. This included it being reported to the Assistant Director for Children's Services and a multi-agency team response. Any child going missing was offered a return interview to talk through the reasons for them leaving their placement;
- A Member asked whether any assessment had been carried out of the time and cost implications of social workers visiting those children accommodated outside of the county. Officers confirmed that the Joint Commissioning Unit was very much aware of this issue and was constantly striving to accommodate more children within Cambridgeshire as this offered the best outcomes in the majority of cases, as well as being the most cost effective;
- Officers stated that current practice was to stay in touch with care leavers until the age of 21 or the age of 25 for those still in education. Under new legislation the offer to stay in touch could be extended to all care leavers up to the age of 25 which officers considered a very positive development;
- The Chairman noted that the report stated that a sharp increase had been seen in February 2018 in the number of boys at risk of child sexual exploitation (CSE) and asked for more information. Officers noted that the figures in the report related to all children in Cambridgeshire and not solely to Looked After Children. The CSE risk assessment tool had been agreed by the Local Safeguarding Children Board and was an evidence-based multi-agency bench-marking tool which drew on information from a wide variety of sources including social workers, education and health care professionals, police, parents and the children themselves. Local intelligence was being used to look at what was happening to safeguard any child identified as at risk;

- In response to a question from the Chairman, the Co-opted Young People's representatives stated that they found the current report format more accessible than previous versions;
- Officers stated that the increase in the number of Looked After Children who had three or more placements during the year was by definition a cumulative figure. Whilst no child should have more placements than was necessary there was sometimes a good reason for this, but each case was scrutinised closely. The Vice Chairman asked whether it would be helpful in future reports to show those changes in placement which arose from natural progression and those which resulted in placement breakdown. Officers noted the need to avoid numbers becoming so small that individual children might be identified and suggested that they review the figures and discuss the presentation of this information in future reports with the Chairman before the next meeting. A separate agenda item on placement breakdowns would also be added to the Forward Agenda Plan to allow the Sub-Committee to explore this issue in more detail;
(**Action:** Head of Partnerships and Quality Assurance/ Democratic Services Officer)
- The Assistant Director for Children's Services reported that the Voices Matter panel had offered valid challenge to officers in relation to 'Staying Put', whereby fostered young people in England had the right to stay with their foster families when they reached 18, if both parties agreed. She suggested that this should be added to the Forward Agenda Plan so that the Sub-Committee could examine and hold officers to account on their response;
(**Action:** Democratic Services Officer)
- The Chairman invited the Co-opted members to consider whether there was any additional information they would like to see included in future Performance Reports and let the Participation Service Managers know.
(**Action:** Participation Managers)

Summing up, the Chairman thanked officers for their continued work to develop the content and presentation of the Performance Report to provide the Sub-Committee with key data and to identify trends.

It was resolved to:

- a) review performance in relation to Looked After Children;
- b) comment on the themes and trends identified in the report.

30. VIRTUAL SCHOOL

The Head of the Virtual School stated that in response to a request from Members at the last meeting her report contained current key data relating to the Virtual School and suggested possible areas for future detailed consideration.

The following comments arose in discussion of the report and in response to questions:

- Paragraph 2.1: Members noted higher numbers of Looked After Children in Years 10-13 and asked whether this reflected a change of policy at that point. Officers stated that the majority of mid-term and emergency additions and unaccompanied

asylum seeking children (UASC) were seen within this older age range, leading to higher overall numbers;

- Officers confirmed that the higher percentage of Looked After Children with special educational needs (SEN) amongst the older age groups reflected a standard pattern as additional needs were identified over time;
- The Head of the Virtual School reported a significant number of unscheduled school moves amongst students in Year 11. The Assistant Director for Children's Services stated that officers actively sought to maintain the stability of educational placements during Year 11, but that in some cases it was not possible to achieve this. It could be particularly difficult in the case of young people coming into care at short notice within this age group;
- The Virtual School did not work with pre-Early Years children and it continued to work with young people until they finished their Year 13 studies, so the number of students was not directly comparable with the total number of Looked After Children;
- A Member expressed concern about the holistic outcomes and cost implications of the high number of Looked After children being educated out of county. Officers stated that meetings were carried out by Skype where appropriate to reduce Virtual School staff time and travel costs, but acknowledged that this was a continuing area of challenge;
- Paragraph 2.3: A Member highlighted the relatively small sum of £300 per year of central Government funding for Looked After Early Years children which limited the interventions which could be funded. Officers acknowledged the importance of early intervention to support the best outcomes long-term and stated that an application could be made to fund additional support for Early Years children with specific needs;
- Paragraph 2.4: A Member welcomed the positive impact of the Year 6 Intervention Project, but noted that this was limited to a single year. Officers stated that they were currently examining whether similar interventions might be extended to cover Years 2 to 5 via a top-slice of the pupil premium;
- Officers reported that a second officer had recently been appointed to work with students at Key Stage 5 to allow students to work with the same person throughout Years 11-13. They reported a strong improvement in completion rates for Personal Education Plans (PEPs) for post-16 students from around 40% to around 90% in the most recently reported figures. Careers advice for Looked After Children should be a priority in schools, but it was unclear if this was the case. However, all Looked After Children would have a named Virtual School link person and they could contact them for additional guidance. A Co-opted Member questioned the training that careers advisers received and whether their expectations in relation to Looked After Children were sufficiently aspirational.

The Chairman emphasised the importance of high quality careers advice to all young people and the impact which this could have on their future outcomes. She noted that less of Cambridgeshire's Looked After Children were moving into higher education than those cared for by its statistical neighbours. It was imperative that Looked After Children received the careers advice and support they needed to

enable to them to realise their full potential. The Sub-Committee would welcome a focus on Post 16s and the Year 6 Intervention Project in the next Virtual School report. This should include information on what the new and existing Virtual School staff were doing to support Post 16s generally and with particular regard to accessing further and higher education. Members would also welcome different data being included in the report, including on placement moves. The report in September should focus on admissions, refusals and alternative provision and should again include a section containing current data relating to the Virtual School. (**Action:** Head of the Virtual School).

It was resolved to:

- a) identify and prioritise items for future agendas.

31. LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN: REDUCING THOSE NOT IN EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT OR TRAINING – REFRESHED STRATEGY

The Countywide Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) Manager stated that the county's NEET reduction strategy had recently been reviewed and would be presented to the Children and Families Leadership Team in May 2018. The refreshed strategy aimed to establish cross-directorate support to stop young care leavers becoming NEET. This would include support prior to Year 11 and for the transition to Post 16; within Years 12 and 13; and with moving into employment and in relation to benefits, especially for those in supported housing. It would also cover data, quality assurance and workforce development including training for those supporting young people to ensure the full range of services were offered to them. The agreed version would be shared with the Sub-Committee at a future date. (**Action:** Countywide NEET Manager/ Democratic Services)

The following comments arose in discussion of the report and in response to questions:

- Care leavers were a vulnerable group and their reasons for becoming NEET were varied;
- A Member asked whether Virtual School staff would be working with schools to make sure that Personal Education Plan (PEP) reviews were being carried out promptly and that it was clear who was responsible for making sure this happened;
- Post 16 young people would have a Pathway Plan in addition to a PEP. Both Plans were led by the young person and co-ordinating the two Plans was a developing area of work.

Summing up, the Chairman stated that it would be useful to bring the NEET Strategy back to the Sub-Committee after sign-off. That report should also include NEET Looked After Children figures relating to schools and alternative provision settings and information on quality assurance in relation to alternative provision in relation to Looked After Children. (**Action:** Countywide NEET Manager)

It was resolved:

- a) note the report.

32. FOSTER CARE RECRUITMENT UPDATE

The Residential and Placements Provisions Manager stated that 73% of Cambridgeshire's Looked After Children were currently placed with foster carers. In November 2017 the General Purposes Committee had agreed substantial additional investment from the Council's Transformation Fund to finance a three year programme to recruit additional in-house foster carers. The aim was to launch this new campaign in June 2018. With the permission of the Chairman he tabled a paper providing recent additional information on numbers and types of fostering placements.

The following comments arose in discussion of the report and in response to questions:

- Officers confirmed that existing in-house foster carers and Looked After Children continued to be an integral part of the training provided to new foster carers. A focus group had been established to inform the new three year strategy and included one foster carer who had returned to the in-house fostering service from an independent provider;
- Officers confirmed that they continuously reviewed the support package offered by independent fostering agencies to ensure that the in-house offer remained competitive;
- Feedback from foster carers who had returned to the in-house service suggested that agency carers could sometimes be left with empty beds and that they preferred to be kept busier;
- Officers emphasised the need to be honest and transparent with prospective foster carers about their understanding of a young person;
- Officers confirmed that there were geographical differences in the recruitment of foster carers with it being relatively easier to attract people in Huntingdonshire and Fenland and relatively more difficult to recruit new people in the City;
- A Member asked whether it would be possible to work with independent providers with places in Cambridgeshire to see if they would be willing to allocate these places to Cambridgeshire children in return for the Council offering up places it held with out of county providers. Officers stated that many independent foster carers within the county would have out of county children in settled places and they would not want to disrupt these. They had approached some agencies and asked them to let the Council know when they had places become available within Cambridgeshire. However, there was no requirement on them to comply. The Independent Fostering contract was due for renewal at the end of the year and the issue would be reviewed again then;
- A Co-opted Member asked whether Looked After Children and young people might usefully be involved in recruitment days and activities for prospective new foster carers. Officers confirmed that this option could be explored and reported that some local authorities offer short 'speed-dating' style sessions with existing foster carers, young people, social works and other key stakeholders to give them a flavour of the range of support on offer;

- The Assistant Director for Children's Services stated that the Council's offer to foster care carer's was second to none and that it was vital that prospective foster carers were made aware of the quality of the support package on offer.

Summing up, the Chairman stated that all councillors were acutely aware of the invaluable role played by foster carers and were committed to supporting them in this. She would welcome a further update report in September 2018 and asked that this should include proposals on how the Sub-Committee could actively engage foster carers in its work.

(Action: Residential and Placements Provisions Manager/ Democratic Services Officer)

It was resolved to:

- a) note the report.

33. FORWARD AGENDA PLAN

The Sub-Committee reviewed and commented on the forward agenda plan.

It was resolved to:

- a) note and comment on the agenda plan.

34. SUB-COMMITTEE WORKSHOP AND TRAINING PLAN

The Chairman thanked the Participation Service Development Managers for the useful and informative training session which they had delivered for Sub-Committee members on 10 April 2018. This had been followed by a visit to the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub in Huntingdon which Members had also found most useful. Members confirmed that they would like the next training session to focus on foster care. The Chairman asked that officers should also discuss with Co-opted Members how best to meet their training needs.

(Action: Participation Service Development Managers/ Residential and Placements Provisions Manager)

It was resolved to:

- a) note and comment on the Sub-Committee Training Plan.

35. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Sub-Committee will meet next on Wednesday 13 June 2018 in Meeting Room 2, Huntingdon Library, Princes Street, Huntingdon.

Chairman
(date)

**CORPORATE
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Minutes-Action Log



Summary

The Action Log is a list of all of the things that people have been asked to do at earlier meetings. It is included at each meeting so that members can check that everything is being done. It was last updated on **5 June 2018**

Minutes of 13 December 2017

7.	Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee Workshop/ Training Plan	Sarah-Jane Smedmor/ Jacqui Barry	To arrange visits for Sub-Committee members to the spaces where decisions were made, such as LAC reviews, to see and talk directly to the officers involved in this work.	<p>02.01.17: JB contacted Olly Grant in respect of LAC reviews and Sarah-Jane regarding attendance at the Threshold and Resources Panel and Children and Families Leadership Team for dates for Members to attend.</p> <p>11.04.18: Awaiting Members confirming which meetings they would like to attend with the relevant administrator.</p> <p>05.06.18: Two Looked After Children Reviews identified for a member to attend in July. Dates for Threshold and Resources Panels have been circulated to Sub-Committee members.</p>	Completed
9.	Young People's Participation	Sarah-Jane Smedmor/ Richenda Greenhill	To provide advice on whether Members should undergo a Disclosure and Barring Service check given that it was proposed that they would have direct access to personal information about children and young people in care and, on occasion, direct contact with the children and young people themselves.	<p>08.01.18: The Assistant Director gave the view that Members of the Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee would need to undergo a DBS check in order to fully discharge their duties. Advice sought from the Head of HR.</p> <p>09.04.18: To be processed by Democratic Services.</p>	On-going

Minutes of the meeting on 21 February 2018

15.	Virtual School	Jo Pallett	To include figures for Personal Education Plan (PEP) reviews in the core data in future reports.	<p>20.03.18: To be included in the Virtual School report to the Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee meeting on 25 April 2018.</p> <p>05.06.18: The report to the Sub-Committee meeting on 13 June reports that numbers of completed ePEPs for Post 16 students is over 90% and for young people Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) is 100%</p>	Completed
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Minutes of the meeting on 25 April 2018

28.	Young People's Participation	Jacqui Barry/ Claire Betteridge	To share plans for the annual Fun Day and the date with all members of the Sub-Committee once it had been agreed.	<p>30.05.18: A Picnic in the Park event has been arranged for 1 August 2018. The event will include Fairground Stalls, Bouncy Castle and Crazy Golf. There will also be a Bake Off, where children will be invited to present a Grand Finale Cake that will be judge on the day. Carers will be asked to bring a picnic.</p> <p>Calendar invites have been sent to all members of the Children and Young People Committee, all Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee Members and to the Area Champions for each District.</p>	Completed
29.	Performance Report	Lisa Reid	Members noted that in February 2018 73% of the county's Looked After Children were placed with foster carers and 7% in children's homes and asked that future performance reports should specify how the remaining children were accommodated.	01.06.18: This will be incorporated into future reports as requested.	Completed
		Lisa Reid/ Richenda Greenhill	To add a separate item on Placement Breakdowns to the Agenda Plan.	11.05.18: Added to the Agenda Plan for 21 November 2018.	Completed
		Sarah-Jane Smedmor	To add an item on 'Staying Put' to the Agenda Plan.	11.05.18: Added to the Agenda Plan for 21 November 2018.	Completed

		Jacqui Barry & Claire Betteridge	To follow up whether there is any additional information the Co-opted members would like to see included in future Performance Reports and feed this back to report authors.	01.06.18: This will be explored with the young people and as they become more familiar with agenda and information presented.	Completed
30.	Virtual School	Jo Pallett	<p>To focus on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Post 16 and the Year 6 Intervention Project in the Virtual School report in June 2018. This should include information on what new and existing Virtual School staff were doing to support Post 16s generally and with particular regard to accessing further and higher education. Information on placement moves to be included in the data section. 2. Admissions, refusals and alternative provision in the September report, plus a section containing current data relating to the Virtual School. 	<p>05.06.18: Information on the Post 16 and Year 6 Intervention Project included in the report to the Sub-Committee meeting on 13 June 2018.</p> <p>Information on admissions, refusals and alternative provision will be included in the September report, plus a section containing current data relating to the Virtual School.</p>	On-going

31.	LAC: Refreshed NEET Strategy	Mark Cowdell/ A Wahlandt/ Richenda Greenhill	To bring the NEET Strategy back to the Sub-Committee after sign-off. The report to include a comparison in LAC NEET figures relating to schools and alternative provision settings and information on quality assurance in relation to alternative provision in relation to Looked After Children.	01.06.18: This should be available for the Sub-Committee meeting in September 2018 and has been added to the Agenda Plan.	Completed
32.	Foster Care Recruitment Update	John Heron	To bring a further update report to the meeting in September. This should also provide recommendations on ways to engage foster carers with the Sub-Committee's work.	29.05.18: Added to the Agenda Plan for September 2018.	Completed
34.	Sub-Committee Workshop and Training Plan	Jacqui Barry, Claire Betteridge & John Heron	To arrange a training session on foster care.	01.06.18: Arranged for 24 July 2018 10-12pm, venue to be confirmed.	On-going
		Jacqui Barry & Claire Betteridge	To liaise with the Co-opted members of the Sub-Committee to discuss how best to their training needs.	31.05.18: Members of the Sub-Committee meeting on 12 June 2018 to discuss Corporate Parenting Strategy Refresh/ future training needs.	On-going

CORPORATE PARENTING SUB-COMMITTEE PERFORMANCE REPORT

To: **Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee**

Meeting Date: **13th June 2018**

From: **Lisa Reid
Head of Partnerships and Quality Assurance**

Electoral division(s): **All**

Purpose: **To report on the performance of services for Looked After Children and Care Leavers - as required in legislation and fulfilling the purpose of monitoring and offering advice.**

Recommendation: **The Sub-Committee is asked to review performance for Looked After Children, and comment on the themes and trends identified in this report**

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Summary:

- As of the 31st March 2018 there are 698 Looked After children supported by the Council
- 56% of Looked After children are male, 44% are female
- 8% have a disability
- 55% of the current placements are in-county, with 45% of placements out of county
- Almost 84% of unaccompanied asylum seeking young people are placed out of county
- The proportion of Looked After children being visited within the statutory timescales fell between February and March from 92% to 86%
- The incidents of Looked After children going missing was higher in March than February but the number of Looked After children who went missing only slightly increased between February and March.
- 224 fostering placements are provided by local authority foster carers. 33 children are on Short Breaks (temporary care to support their main placement), and 10 young people are living with foster carers beyond their 18th birthday under 'staying put' arrangements (March 2018).

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 This report provides the Sub-Committee with an overview of performance of services for Looked After Children and Care Leavers. The full performance report can be found in Appendix 1.
- 1.2 Due to the date of the Sub-Committee, data for April is not yet finalised and therefore this data set reports on the statistics to March 2018. Going forward, the Corporate Parenting data set will usually reflect two months of data rather than one as is this case with the report.
- 1.3 Members have asked for fostering data to be added to the Corporate Parenting dashboard. This will be achieved by the time of the next Committee meeting. This report includes information up until March 2018.

2. MAIN ISSUES

- 2.1 The rate of Looked After children per 10,000 of population equates to a rate of 52 and has fluctuated between 50.2 and 52.3 (it was at 51 in April 2017). The national average is 60.0 per 10,000 of population, meaning Cambridgeshire is performing favourably compared to nationally.
- 2.2 55% of the current placements are in-county, with 45% of placements out of county. 83% of unaccompanied asylum seeking young people are placed out

of county and the majority of their placements are located in Peterborough, where their cultural needs are appropriately met.

- 2.3 The proportion of Looked After children being visited within the statutory timescales fell between February and March from 92% to 86%. This was partly due to adverse weather conditions and some visits being declined. Overall, statutory visits have been improving across the service from 70% in April 2017. Performance within the 14-25 service specifically improved in March. Performance on children having their Looked After review in timescales was the same as February as a result of adverse weather conditions and meetings needing to be rescheduled.
- 2.4 Performance around newly Looked After children having their health assessment in 20 days of becoming Looked After fell in March to 21%. 24 children became Looked After in March. Two children did not attend their health assessment appointment, three declined or cancelled, consent was delayed for two children, there was a delay in coordinating an interpreter and a clinic appointment and two children moved before an appointment could be arranged, six children were placed out of County, two have appointments booked and four are waiting for an appointment. Their health assessments are organised by the hosting Primary Care Trust and Cambridgeshire cannot specifically determine when their assessment takes place. The 20 day timescale is national guidance so all Health trusts do work to the same arrangements, but it is important to highlight that Health authorities will prioritise seeing children from their local area before assessing the needs of children placed in their area by other authorities.
- 2.5 Children are placed in a range of accommodation, the detail of which is reflected in the Corporate Parenting Dashboard, but 5% are placed with adopters or potential adopters, 17% are in accommodation that offers varying degrees of support depending on their needs.
- 2.6 There has been an increase in the number of missing incidents between February and March 2018, from 15 to 35 incidents. These incidents have involved 15 children and young people, with one young person going missing on 10 different occasions.

There is a multi-agency approach to missing and supporting children and young people to tell their story. The children and young people are monitored individually and patterns are examined to identify individuals and locations of concern and to plan intervention to break dangerous cycles. This includes return home interviews within 72 hours of the young person being located.

3. SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Resource Implications

The number of children who are Looked After increased by 0.14% since February. Social workers and other staff are travelling distances to visit

children placed out of County. Many of these children are in Independent Fostering Agency placements due to a lack of in-house provision that can meet their needs and this puts pressure on the placement budget.

3.2 Procurement/Contractual/Council Contract Procedure Rules Implications

None

3.3 Statutory, Legal and Risk Implications

Ofsted will consider the data and analysis available to the Sub-Committee when considering the effectiveness off the council's Corporate Parenting Function.

3.4 Equality and Diversity Implications

All children who become Looked After have access to the same service provision irrespective of their age, gender and ethnicity. There is a gap in suitable in-County provision for children and young people seeking asylum, with the majority of placements located in Peterborough.

3.5 Engagement and Communications Implications

None

3.6 Localism and Local Member Involvement

Relevant to all Members in the role as corporate parents.

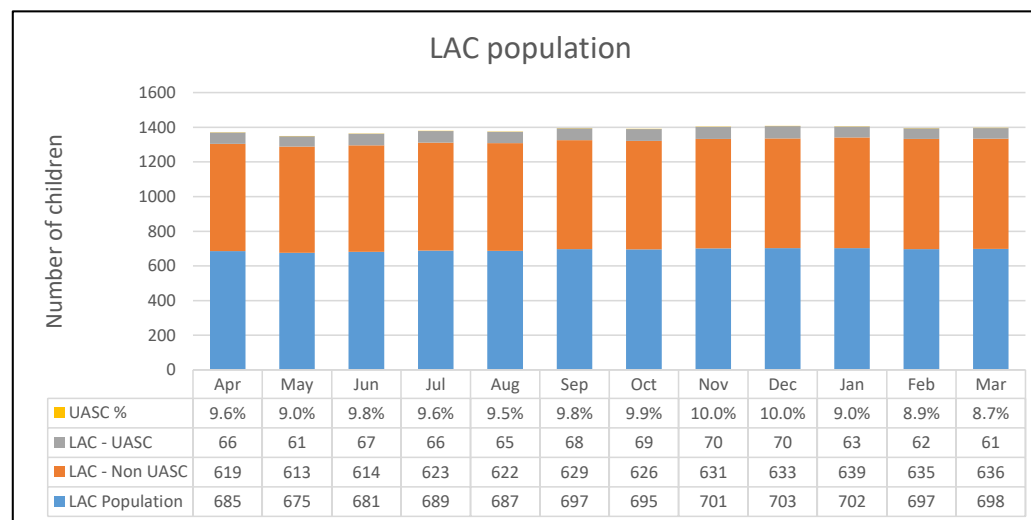
3.7 Public Health Implications

None

Source Documents	Location
Children's Service Performance Dashboard.	Matthew Tullett (Interim) Senior Analyst Business Intelligence Cambridgeshire County Council Octagon, Shire Hall Cambridge CB3 0AP Matthew.Tullett@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Looked After Children - Population

Looked After Children (LAC)	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Trend	Average
LAC Population	685	675	681	689	687	697	695	701	703	702	697	698		693
LAC - Non UASC	619	613	614	623	622	629	626	631	633	639	635	636		627
LAC - UASC	66	61	67	66	65	68	69	70	70	63	62	61		66
UASC %	9.6%	9.0%	9.8%	9.6%	9.5%	9.8%	9.9%	10.0%	10.0%	9.0%	8.9%	8.7%		9.5%
Rate per 10,000	51.0	50.2	50.7	51.3	51.1	51.9	51.7	52.2	52.3	52.3	51.9	52.0		51.5
Became Looked After	21	17	13	36	38	32	23	22	26	24	23	25		25
Ceased Looked After	17	26	19	38	22	23	26	17	21	28	24	21		24



Commentary:

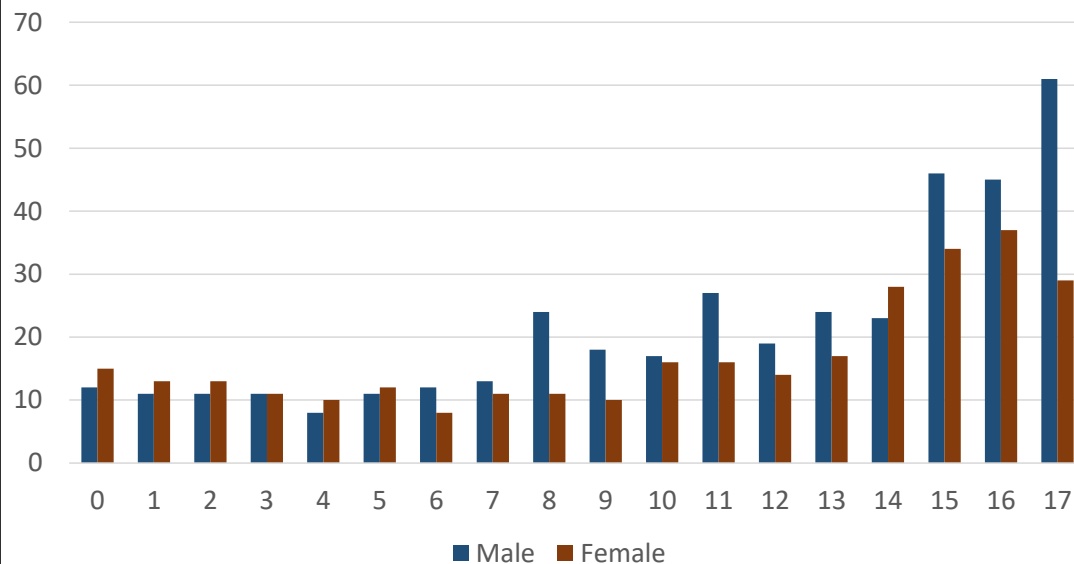
There has been a small increase in the number of looked after children since reporting to the last Corporate Parenting Committee.

Notes on data and definitions:

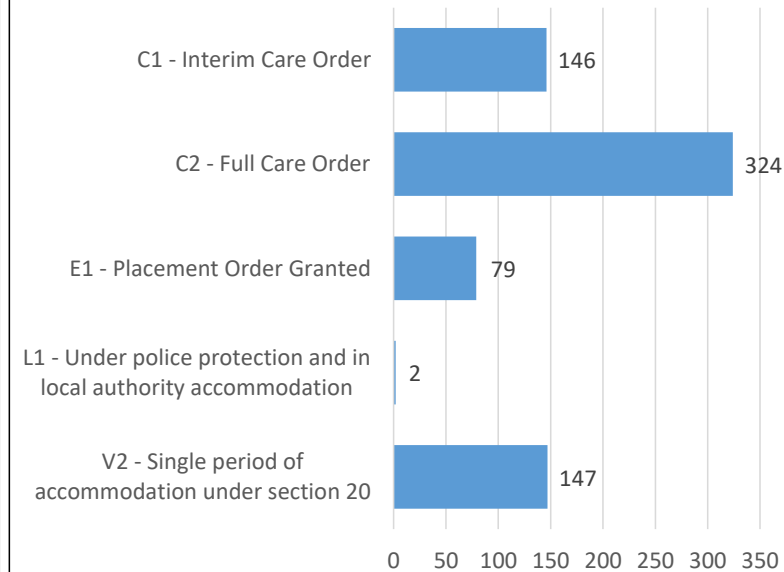
- The 'LAC population figure' measures the number of children who are in the care of the local authority at the end of each month.
- A 'UASC' is an Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Child. The cost of accommodating UASCs is met by the Government.
- The 'Became Looked After' and 'Ceased Looked After' are the numbers of children who entered and left care in the month.

Looked After Children - Demographics as at 31st Mar 2018

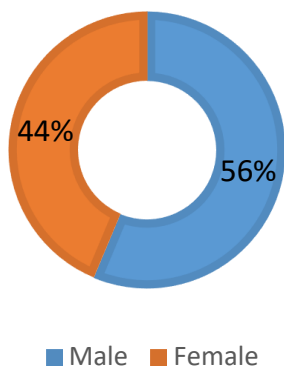
LAC - Age and Gender



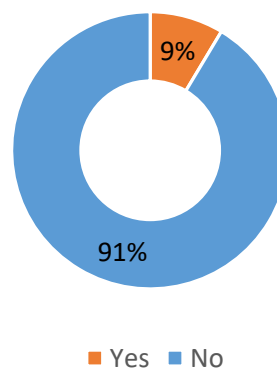
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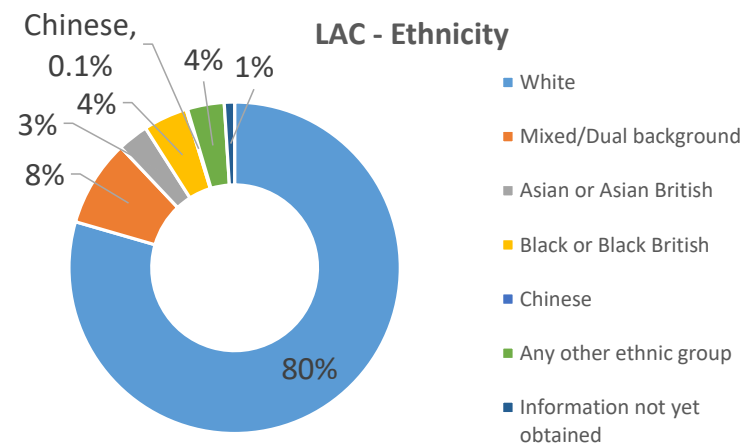
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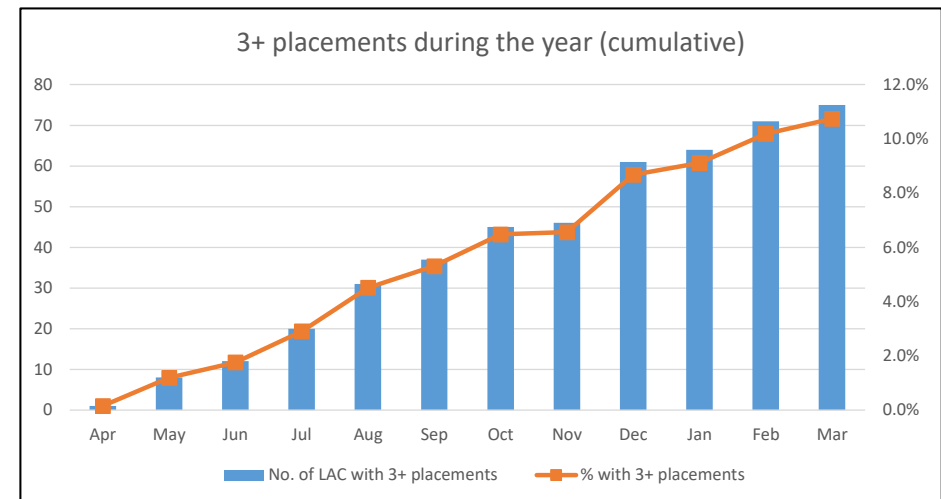
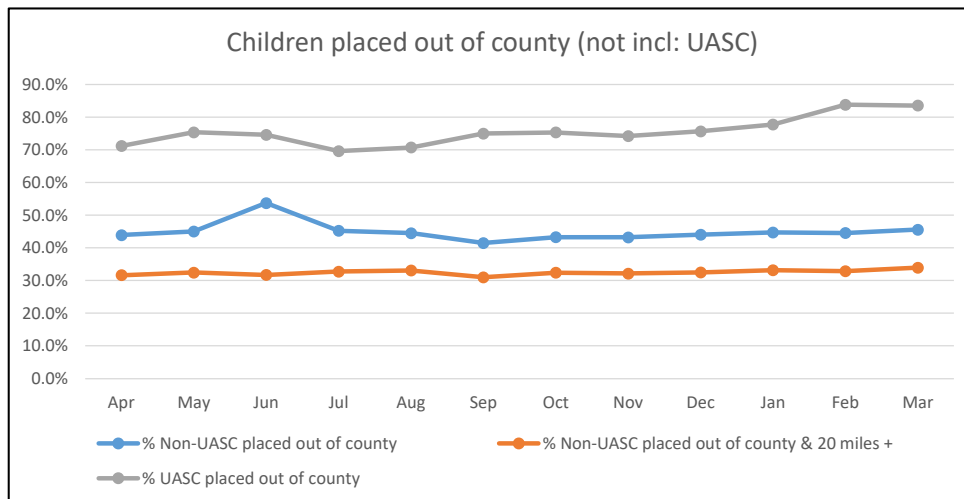
LAC - Ethnicity



Looked After Children - Placements

All LAC children placed IN county	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Trend	Average
LAC placed In county	366	353	301	361	364	385	372	376	371	367	362	357		361
Children placed out of county (not incl: UASC)	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Trend	Average
LAC placed out of county	272	276	330	282	277	261	271	273	279	286	283	290		282
% Non-UASC placed out of county	43.9%	45.0%	53.7%	45.3%	44.5%	41.5%	43.3%	43.3%	44.1%	44.8%	44.6%	45.6%		45.0%
LAC placed out of county & 20 miles +	196	199	195	204	206	195	203	203	206	212	209	216		204
% Non-UASC placed out of county & 20 miles +	31.7%	32.5%	31.8%	32.7%	33.1%	31.0%	32.4%	32.2%	32.5%	33.2%	32.9%	34.0%		32.5%
UASC placed out of county	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Trend	Average
UASC placed out of county	47	46	50	46	46	51	52	52	53	49	52	51		50
% UASC placed out of county	71.2%	75.4%	74.6%	69.7%	70.8%	75.0%	75.4%	74.3%	75.7%	77.8%	83.9%	83.6%		75.6%

3+ placements during the year (cumulative)	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Trend
No. of LAC with 3+ placements	1	8	12	20	31	37	45	46	61	64	71	75	
% with 3+ placements	0.1%	1.2%	1.8%	2.9%	4.5%	5.3%	6.5%	6.6%	8.7%	9.1%	10.2%	10.7%	
Target	0.4%	0.8%	1.3%	1.7%	2.1%	2.5%	2.9%	3.4%	3.8%	4.2%	4.6%	5.0%	



Commentary:

55% of the looked after population have placements in County. 10% of Cambridgeshire's looked after children have had 3 or more changes in placement since April 2017. The detail around this has been added to the forward agenda for the Corporate Parenting Committee and will be examined later in the year. A high proportion of unaccompanied asylum seeking young people are placed out of County and this is due to lack of availability of accommodation in Cambridgeshire.

Notes on data and definitions:

- LAC placed In county - Children who have been placed into care within the Cambridgeshire.
- 'Looked After Children placed out of county' measures the number of children we are responsible for who are placed into care outside of the Cambridgeshire area.
- We also measure those who have been placed into care outside Cambridgeshire who are 20 miles or more from the home they lived in before they became a looked after child.
- We count separately the number of UASC who are placed into care outside Cambridgeshire.
- 3+ placements is a count of the number of 3 or more placement changes a looked after child has had since the start of April to fall in line with statutory reporting. This is measured cumulatively. We measure the number of placement changes to understand a child's placement stability whilst in care.

Looked After Children - Placement Types In and Out of County as at end of March 2018

Placement Type	In	Out
A4 - Placed for adoption with consent not with current foster carer	1	1
A5 - Placed for adoption with placement order with current foster carer		2
A6 - Placed for adoption with placement order not with current foster carer	19	15
H5 - Residential accommodation not subject to Children's homes regulations	23	27
K1 - Secure Unit		1
K2 - Homes and Hostels	24	39
M3 - Whereabouts unknown		
P1 - Placed with own Parents or Those with Parental Responsibility	8	3
P2 - Independent Living		1
Q1 - Foster Placement with Relative or Friend	4	4
Q2 - Placement with other Foster Carer	39	46
R1 - Residential Care Home	2	3
R3 - Family Centre/Mother and Baby Unit	1	
S1 - All Residential Schools, except where dual-registered as a school and Children's Home	3	4
T0 - All types of temporary move		
T4 - Temporary accommodation of seven days or less, for any reason, not covered by codes T1 to T3	1	
U1 Foster placement with relative or friend- long term fostering	16	8
U2 Foster placement with relative or friend who is also an approved adopter- FFA	1	1
U3 Foster placement with relative or friend- not long term or FFA	10	3
U4 Placement with other foster carer- long term fostering	79	76
U5 Placement with other foster carer who is also an approved adopter- FFA	4	3
U6 Placement with other foster carer - not long term or FFA	119	101
Z1 - Other Placement	1	2
Unknown	1	2
Total	356	342







Commentary:


Children are placed in a range of accommodation, with the largest proportion being placed with foster carers. 5% are placed with adopters or potential adopters, 17% are in accommodation that offers varying degrees of support depending on their needs.

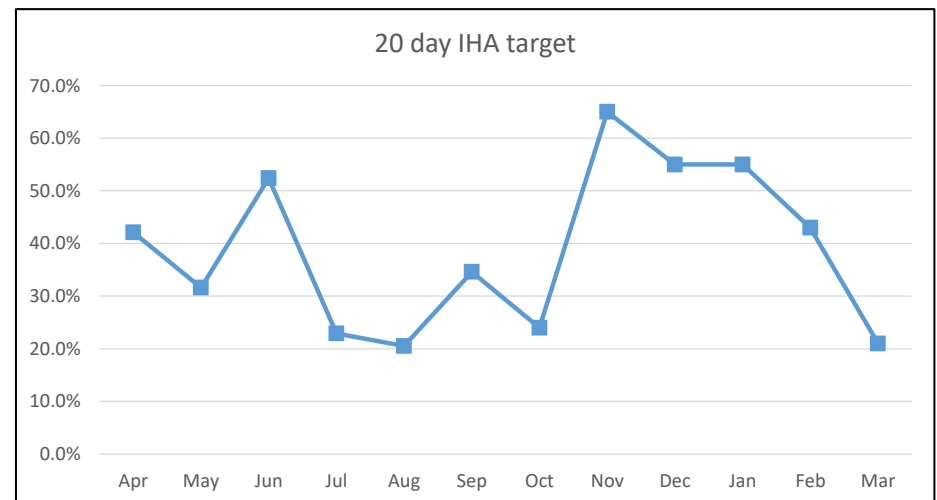
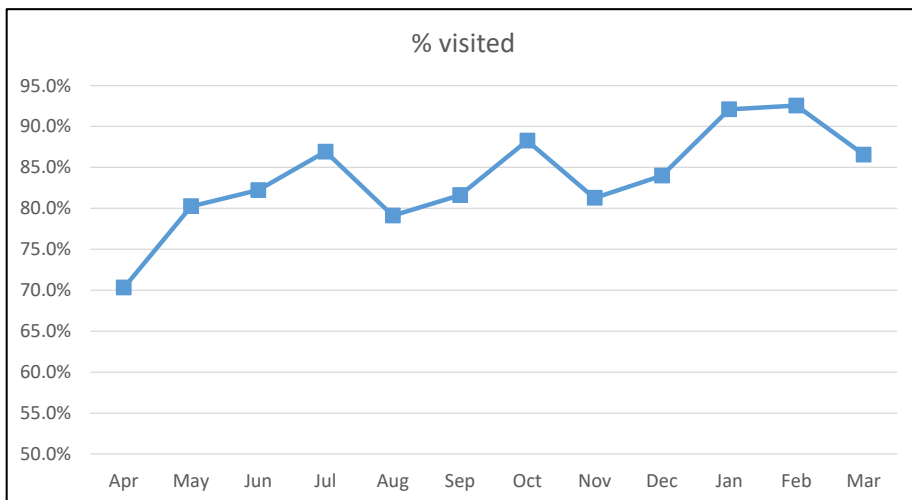
Notes on data and definitions:

The table compares all Looked After Children placed in care within Cambridgeshire and outside the Cambridgeshire county area.

The codes and descriptions of the Placement Types are defined by the Department for Education which are used in the Looked After Children Statutory Data Returns each year.

Visits and Reviews	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Trend	Average
Children to be visited	465	471	495	466	503	462	477	470	437	519	429	521		476
No. not seen in timescale	138	93	88	61	105	85	56	88	70	41	32	70		77
% visited	70.3%	80.3%	82.2%	86.9%	79.1%	81.6%	88.3%	81.3%	84.0%	92.1%	92.5%	86.6%		83.8%
Late Reviews this month	4	0	7	1	3	9	5	3	1	4	8	8		4
Cumulative late reviews	4	4	11	12	15	24	29	32	33	37	45	53		
% reviews in timescale	97.3%	100.0%	95.3%	99.3%	98.2%	93.7%	97.3%	98.3%	99.5%	97.8%	93.9%	93.9%		97.0%









Health	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Trend	Average
20 day IHA target	42.1%	31.6%	52.4%	22.9%	20.5%	34.6%	24.0%	65.0%	55.0%	55.0%	43.0%	21.0%		


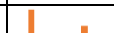




Commentary: Performance around children being visited has risen by 16 percentage points since April 2017. The month of March had the same number of late reviews as the previous month and this was around adverse weather conditions in that month causing meetings to be rescheduled. Performance around newly looked after children having their health assessment in 20 days of becoming looked after has fallen in March. There are a number of reasons for this and these are detailed in the commentary report.

Notes on data and definitions:

- The 'Children to be visited' measures the number of children who are due a visit in the reporting month.
- **LAC Visits:** The number of children not seen in timescale are those who were due a visit in the reporting month, but were not seen in timescale.
- **LAC Reviews:** The 'Late Reviews this month' are those LAC children whose LAC Review did not take place. We also record the cumulative late reviews throughout the year as well as the % of reviews in timescale each month.
- An Initial Health Assessments (IHA) for all children must take place within 20 working days of them becoming looked after. The NHS provide the percentage of children who had their IHA within 20 working days.

Care Leavers	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Trend	Average
Care leaver cohort	27	30	21	27	20	15	29	12	19	39	26	29		25
Care leavers in suitable accommodation - Yes	15	16	16	14	10	13	26	12	15	35	23	26		18
Care leavers in suitable accommodation - Unknown	10	12	3	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0		3
Care leavers who are EET -Yes	6	5	9	13	8	9	23	8	12	25	15	18		13
Care leavers who are EET - Unknown	10	12	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		2
Care leavers in touch - Yes	23	21	21	23	18	12	24	11	14	37	24	29		21
Care leavers in touch - Returned Home	2	2	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0		1
Care leavers in touch - No Longer Required	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0

Corum Cambridge Adoption	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Trend	Average
Number of adoptions per month	2	6	1	4	0	1	2	4	3	6	2	6		3
Average time between child entering care and moving in with its adoptive family (days)	365	310	938	352	N/A	168	381	284	617	417	210	326		397
Average time between an LA receiving court authority to place a child and the LA deciding on a match	146	127	757	132	N/A	46	179	111	226	223	52	75		189
Children who wait less than 14 months between entering care and moving in with their adoptive family	100%	100%	0%	100%	N/A	100%	100%	100%	66.7%	83.3%	100%	100%		86.4%

Commentary:

The data relating to care leavers is presented in the same way all Local Authorities are required to report into the Department for Education.




The Care Leaver Cohort are the Care Leavers whose 17th, 18th 19th, 20th and 21st birthdays fell within the reporting month. There are approximately 275 care leavers within the 15-25 service in total.

Performance in relation to children waiting less than 14 months to be adopted has been 100% with the exception being in the month of December.

6 children were adopted in March.

Notes on data and definitions:

- Care Leaver Cohort - the Care Leavers whose 17th, 18th 19th, 20th and 21st birthdays fell within the reporting month.
- Suitable Accommodation. Whether accommodation is deemed 'suitable' is judged on an individual case. The Department for Education judge the following accommodation types as suitable ('Parents or relatives', 'Community home or other form of residential care', 'Semi-independent', 'transitional accommodation', 'Supported lodgings', 'Ordinary lodgings' without formal support, 'Foyers and similar supported accommodation' and 'Independent living')
- In Touch. There should be "contact" between the authority and the young person around 3 months before and one month after the Care Leaver's birthday. This is designed to monitor the situation of young people when they have left care, rather than their situation immediately before they left care.
- We measure main activity for Care Leavers on or around their 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th or 21st birthday when we are in touch with them. This is reflected in the Education, Employment and Training (EET) numbers.

Education	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Trend	Average
% yr 12s who are in learning	93.9%	93.9%	93.8%	93.8%	92.8%	89.7%	94.6%	96.2%	96.1%	95.6%	95.5%	95.2%		
% yr 13s who are in learning	90.7%	90.7%	90.8%	90.8%	90.6%	88.9%	90.6%	91.7%	91.6%	91.3%	91.0%	91.0%		
% of 16-18 yr olds who are NEET	3.0%	3.0%	2.9%	2.9%	3.1%	2.0%	2.3%	2.4%	2.4%	2.5%	2.4%	2.6%		


Commentary:


There has been an improvement in the % of year 12 and 13 children in learning since April 2017.

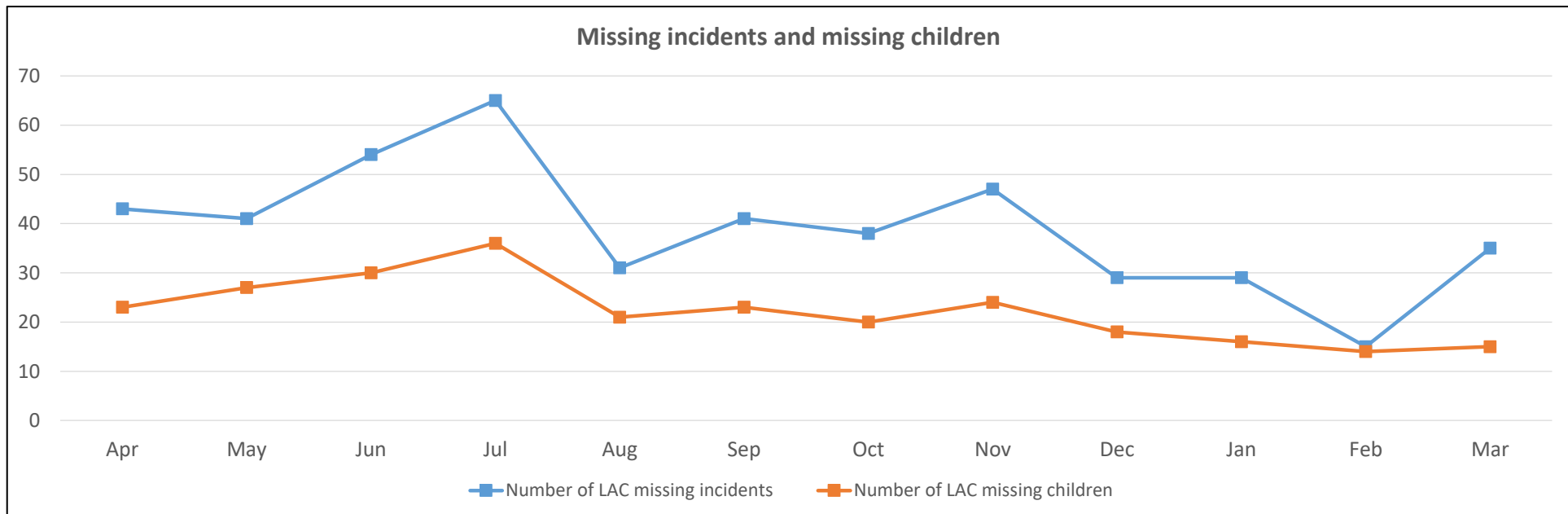
Notes on data and definitions:

- Measures of the percentage of year 12s and 13s currently in some form of learning.
- NEET - Not in Education, Employment or Training.

Looked After Children - Missing

LAC - Missing	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Trend	Average
Number of LAC missing incidents	43	41	54	43	41	41	38	47	29	29	15	35		39.0

Number of LAC missing children	23	27	30	36	21	23	20	24	18	16	14	15		22.3
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Commentary:




The number of missing children and missing incidents increased in March. Each time a child goes missing is recorded as a single missing episode. 1 child went missing 10 times during the reporting month. There is a multi-agency approach to missing and supporting children to tell their story. Children are monitored individually and patterns are examined to identify individuals and locations of concern and to plan intervention to break dangerous cycles.






Notes on data and definitions:

- Each episode of a child going missing is recorded as a missing incident
- A Looked After Child who goes missing during the month will be recorded as a missing child only once, but if they go missing multiple times then they generate more than one missing incident during the month.

All Children - Child Sexual Exploitation and Gang Exploitation

Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) (All Children)	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Trend	Average
Gender														
Male	11	13	12	6	25	27	26	25	21	26	40	39		22.6
Female	49	60	56	60	69	81	88	84	83	89	88	88		74.6
Age of children														

0-8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
9-12	4	4	4	5	4	5	5	4	2	2	2	2		3.6
13-16	48	53	54	51	69	81	82	73	73	81	93	90		70.7
17+	8	3	10	10	21	22	27	32	29	32	33	35		21.8

Gang Exploitation (All Children)	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb		Trend	Average
Gender														
Male	27	25	22	25	27	23	22	22	19	21	28	27		24.0
Female	2	3	1	1	2	3	4	4	5	5	4	4		3.2
Age of children														
0-8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0.0
9-12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1		0.2
13-16	19	18	13	13	14	12	12	11	11	13	23	22		15.1
17+	10	10	10	13	15	14	14	15	13	13	8	8		11.9

Commentary:

Figures have remained stable in the number of boys and girls at risk of CSE and gang exploitation in February and March. Local intelligence is being used to look at what is happening to safeguard children. The number of children with gang involvement has remained relatively stable during 2017-18.

Notes on data and definitions:

- As part of a child's assessment practitioners assess a child or young person's level of risk of child sexual exploitation (CSE). CSE is defined as children under 18 in exploitative situations, contexts or relationships where they receive 'something' (e.g. food, accommodation, drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, affection, gifts, money) as a result of them performing, and/or another or others performing on them, sexual activities.

- As part of a child's assessment practitioners assess a child or young person's level of risk of gang exploitation. The definition of being at risk of gang-related exploitation is - There are tangible indicators/evidence that suggests risks that a young person is being groomed and/or coerced into moving or selling drugs and being involved in other violence related gang activity, e.g. missing episodes with limited information on whereabouts and/or involvement with groups involved in the supply of drugs and carrying of weapons'.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

To: **Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee**

Meeting Date: **13 June 2018**

From: **Jacqui Barry
Service Development Manager**

Electoral division(s): **All**

Purpose: **Members asked for a regular update on workforce development and that all Looked After children have an allocated social worker.**

Recommendation: **Members are invited to:**

- a) note and comment on the report;**
- b) say what information they would find useful regarding workforce development in the future and in what format they would like to have this information delivered.**

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Summary:

This is a short update about the training available to the workforce in Children's Services.

This report confirms that each Looked After Child (LAC child) has an allocated social worker and gives some information about the training available to social workers.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 A request was made by the Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee for a regular update on social work training and an assurance that all Looked After Children have an allocated social worker.

2. MAIN ISSUES

- 2.1 There has been an extensive update to the Online Procedures for Looked After children (the Procedures cover all aspects of the Council's work with children) called 'tri-x procedures'. The procedures are written to advise, support and direct staff in their work.

These procedures are applied as the 'go-to' source for all practitioners. They are Cambridgeshire documents and have been endorsed by senior management as describing required practice.

The manual is structured into five sections:

- The Cambridgeshire Context – outlines policy and organisational requirements (supervision, case management, etc)
- All Children – a series of procedures that could apply to any child, including early help, assessment, Child in Need (CIN) and Child Protection (CP) planning.
- Children in Particular Circumstances – responding to particular needs, including disability, youth offending and some specific aspects of safeguarding.
- Looked After Children – all aspects of case management, planning and review, including different placement types
- Fostering and Adoption – includes legal processes and practice requirements for working with children, recruitment and retention of carers, etc.

- 2.1.1 Partnerships and Quality Assurance has been offering a series of 'Back to Basic' workshops for social work staff at a variety of locations around the county. These workshops are designed to support staff with the core social work task; working with and developing relationships with families, keeping children safe, assessing needs and providing services where required. Ultimately they are around creating a reflective environment for social work to flourish and to support families to move on to where they need to be.

- 2.1.2 The Independent Reviewing Service for Looked After Children have also been providing training for Social Workers and supporting with the procedures in this area of work.

3. SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Resource Implications

The training and development offered to the workforce does not have any identified resource implications. Some training such as the “Back to Basics”, has been facilitated by the Principal Social Worker and experienced practitioners from within the Partnerships and Quality Assurance Team.

3.2 Procurement/Contractual/Council Contract Procedure Rules Implications

If any new contracts were required this will need to be procured in line with the Contract Procedure Rules of the authority leading the Procurement

3.3 Statutory, Legal and Risk Implications

The Council has a variety of statutory duties relating to children and young people in need, in need of protection and in care, and to ensure that this group of children and young people are supported to achieve good outcomes. The training and development of staff is imperative in supporting the Council in discharging its statutory duties.

3.4 Equality and Diversity Implications

There are no significant implications within this category

3.5 Engagement and Communications Implications

None identified

3.6 Localism and Local Member Involvement

N/A

3.7 Public Health Implications

N/A

SOURCE DOCUMENTS

Source Documents	Location
None	

VIRTUAL SCHOOL

To: **Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee**

Meeting Date: **13 June 2018**

From: **Jo Pallett
Learning Directorate Lead for Vulnerable Groups
Head of the Virtual School**

Electoral division(s): **All**

Purpose: **To respond to the Sub-Committee's request for comparison data and outline work with the Key Stage 2 project and Post 16 work.**

Recommendation: **The Committee is recommended to:**

- a) review and affirm those aspects of the work of the Virtual School contained in the report.**

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Summary:

The Virtual School has been asked to prepare a range of data for each meeting. The data for this meeting identifies that Looked After Children (LAC) pupils do less well in national tests/exams than pupils who are not LAC. A closer breakdown shows that this varies between National and county data as well as between pupils educated within Cambridgeshire and outside Cambridgeshire. Councillors will be asked to comment on this data.

The areas for debate that councillors requested for this meeting, and covered in this paper, includes a project to support year 6 pupils and a second area relating to progress on the work of the Virtual School with Post 16 pupils including those pupils aged 18 plus. Both discussion points show progress and greater interventions for young people but until results are published we will not be able to judge impact at this stage.

1.1 Background

The Virtual School is a statutory requirement of the Local Authority. Members asked for updated comparison data and information for discussion on the Key Stage 2 accelerated learning project and on Post 16 developments.

2 Data comparison.

2.1

Key Stage 2 results comparison.

In 2017 Cambridgeshire Looked After Children (LAC) Key Stage 2 (KS2) results were lower than the national LAC results for the first time. This is why the intervention plan, outlined below, was put into place. Each LAC child has a different profile so it is difficult to identify why the results this year were low. 59% of Cambridgeshire year 6 LAC pupils were identified as having a Special Education Need, as opposed to 17% of the non LAC cohort. Pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) generally perform less well than their peers which may have impacted on the overall results.

KS2 results (reading/ writing maths) combined 2017

National All	62%
Cambridgeshire All	59%
National LAC	32%
Cambridgeshire LAC (Cambridgeshire LAC 2016)	19% (29 %)
Peterborough LAC	43%
Cambs LAC in Cambs schools	32%
Cambs LAC in out of county schools	17%

Progress figures show all LAC children nationally have a negative progress score and this is reflected in the Cambridgeshire data. Maths in Cambridgeshire was the largest negative progress figure again reflected in the national figures.

Key Stage 2 Progress Data

	National LAC	Cambridgeshire LAC	Peterborough LAC
Reading	-0.7	-0.4	-3.5
Writing	-0.9	-1.0	-1.6
Maths	-1.1	-2.2	-0.7

Key Stage 4 results comparison.

Results show that Cambridgeshire and Peterborough are in line with the grades for national LAC results. In previous years Cambridgeshire have been above national LAC figures. As with Key Stage 2, progress data is negative nationally and within Cambridgeshire for LAC pupils.

KS4 Attainment 8 2017	
National All	46%
National LAC	19%
Cambridgeshire LAC	18%
Peterborough LAC	20%
KS4 Progress 8 2017	
National All	-0.03
National LAC	-1.18
Cambridgeshire LAC	-1.16
Peterborough LAC	-1.07

Of the current cohort of year 11 pupils 34% had at least one school move during the Secondary phase.

3 Cambridgeshire Virtual School Discussion Points.

3.1 Key Stage Two Accelerating Learning Project

Results for Key Stage 2 (KS2) pupils in 2017 were disappointing and below the level achieved in past years (see above). The Virtual School introduced an intervention project to support year 6 pupils for the 2018 SATs and for subsequent year groups.

10 out of 32 Year 6 pupils were identified who were not performing at the expected level but, based on school data, had potential ability to reach the expected level. Those who were borderline candidates and those who may be able to extend their grades were also identified. Contact was made with carers and schools about possible participation in the project.

The project consisted of additional tutoring in key Maths and English skills delivered by Tute online learning platform. This programme is designed specifically for Cambridgeshire Virtual School. Pupils could undertake the weekly activity at the end of the school day, or at the request of some schools, during lesson time. In addition 3, Year 6 pupils attended a two day holiday learning session delivered by Maths and English Advisors.

The project was aimed at Year 6 pupils however part of the learning from this activity has been that schools provide a great deal of extra support for Year 6 already and that this was perhaps not the best year group for this intervention. Some schools did not make the best use of the online provision and/or did not use it weekly and some carers opted out of the holiday activity.

Based on learning so far, the activity has been altered. The package from Tute is now based more on individual needs rather than a general Maths/English package. Year 6 is no longer the focus of the work as schools already provide a lot of activities within this year group. In the summer term 2018, 16 out of 29 Year 5 pupils were identified of whom five have so far expressed an interest in participating. 23 out of 43 Year 4 pupils have been identified but are yet to be offered places. The aim is to undertake catch up and development in these year groups so that pupils are fully engaged before they reach Year 6.

Funding the project

The Virtual School successfully bid for funding via the Cambridgeshire School Improvement Board which has covered the initial Year 6 activity and the planned Year 5 activity. After this the Virtual School will cover the costs of the intervention but we will continue to investigate additional funding opportunities where appropriate.

3.2 Post 16

The Virtual School started to work with Post 16 young people from September 2015. Initially we focussed on year 12 only, then in 2016 supported young people in both year 12 and year 13.

While young people end their LAC status aged 18 the Virtual School continues to work with year 13 pupils until the end of the college course rather than end all links based on age.

Activities we undertake have included;

- Each Post 16 young person has a named Virtual School worker to offer advice, guidance and monitoring of progress.
- Implementation and development of the Post 16 ePEP (Personal Education Plan) monitoring and recording system via Welfare Call.
- Training for Post 16 ePEPs with Further Education Colleges and Social Care.
- Termly completion of Post 16 Not in Education, Employment and Training (NEET) ePEPs linking with Social Care (Pathway Plans)
- Recording of monthly Year 12 and 13 NEET statistics liaising with Rebecca McCallum and Mark Cowdell (Youth Service/ICS Database)

- Annual Transition of Year 11 LACs with Secondary Team to support transition over the school holiday, exam results and beyond.
Recording of Qualifications/Results – Year 12/13s
- Higher Education support with Rebecca McCallum, for example Activity Days (ARU, CU and Northampton)
- The identification and start of a Eastern Region Conference for Virtual Schools (July 2018)

The Countywide NEET Manager recently noted that ‘the overall 16-18 NEET has improved over the last 2 years and this could have been contributed by the work that VS has done because lead LAC NEETs which also has increased capacity for the workers in District Teams.’

Implementation of 16+ ePEP

The Sub-Committee asked particularly about the uptake of Personal Education Plans (PEPs) at Post 16 level, an area officers had previously identified as requiring more impact. Outlined here is this year’s plan for implementation.

Autumn Term 2017

- Complete re-design of 16+ePEP undertaken.
- Re-design of Quality Assurance sheet to monitor ePEPs.
- Creation of training materials for Designated Persons (DPS) (role of Virtual School/ ePEPs) and for Virtual School workers (ePEPs / Quality Assurance)
- Formal Training (x3 sessions) for Designated Persons in post 16 settings.
- Formal Training of 16+ VS workers (x3)
- Individual training delivered for Further Education Colleges with large numbers of Cambridgeshire LAC
- Provided detailed email and training resources to send to Out Of County post 16 providers detailing roles and responsibilities.

Spring Term 2018

- Complete review and update of Welfare Call for post 16 young people to ensure all are appropriately noted on the system and all attached to correct Designated Person and Social Worker.
- Frequent contact with Welfare Call to ensure system updated at least on a weekly basis.
- Further training materials developed regarding Desirable Outcomes specific to post 16 settings sent to all settings.
- Training for 14-25 Service on the role of the Virtual School and ePEPs

Going forward

- Issues with 16+ ePEP identified in last two terms need to be formalised and sent to Welfare Call in good time prior to the summer.
- 16+ providers to continue to be invited to all training opportunities.
- Ongoing training for social work teams as needed.

The outcome of this work is that numbers of completed ePEPs for Post 16 students is over 90% and for NEET young people is 100%.

Post 18 Work

The Post 16 work has developed from year 12 through year 13 and we are now developing improved links with Post 18 opportunities. The Virtual School does not have responsibility for young people over 18 but, in order to support education transitions and life-long learning, we have supported a secondment opportunity from social care.

This Post 18 worker, in liaison with Virtual School staff, has been developing activities to support young people's aspiration for further and higher education, developing careers awareness and opportunities and providing ongoing support for NEETs.

Activities undertaken include:

Joint Working Arrangements reviewed annually in place with all the key post 16 providers- PRC, City College Peterborough, CRC (including Hunts campus), Cottenham sixth form, Long Road, West Suffolk College.

Currently working with equivalents in Norfolk and Suffolk for this to become a Norfolk/Suffolk and Cambs wide document covering all the colleges in the Eastern Regions.

Annual provision of stationary packs to independent living young people in further education. This was the result of a recognition that young people should be supported with basic provisions which would be the case had they been in a foster placement rather than an independent living placement. This includes a letter/information sheet to address some of the potential issues that young people face. There are two versions of the letter one for those on ESOL (English as a Second/ Other Language) courses and another for vocational learners.

Joint working arrangements with local Higher Education Provider Anglia Ruskin University are being developed. Agreed protocol currently being redrafted. This includes an annual Higher Education day specifically for LAC/Care leavers.

NEET/ETE monthly data 16 -25 checked. This goes to Virtual school, 14-25 service and the Early help service who cross reference our data with theirs (on the Aspire system). To ensure no young person is missed.

Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) protocol and procedures. Including the named link at our local DWP offices- Cambridge, Newmarket, Haverhill, Ely, Wisbech, Kings Lyn, Peterborough and Huntingdon. We are somewhat ahead of the game here as nationally DWP are mandated to develop these protocols. A bimonthly list of those approaching 18 is sent to the DWP.

K9 Dog walking project for those furthest from the labour market. Now in its third year. Aimed at reengagement, rebuilding confidence and focus.

A Care Leavers Booklet has been written which accompanies a Higher Education Guide for Care Leavers written by Rebecca McCallum which will dovetail into all of the

above documents and includes the postgraduate study policy also developed by Rebecca.

Aspiration raising day with Northampton University organised as an HE taster opportunity.

This secondment is currently in place until April 2019.

3 Alignment with Corporate Priorities

3.1 Developing the local economy for the benefit of all

3.1.1 An appropriately skilled workforce is essential to Cambridgeshire's economic prosperity. Our aim is that all children achieve their potential, including LAC. High quality provision for this group of vulnerable students reduces the risk of them becoming NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training).

3.2 Helping people live healthy and independent lives

3.2.1 A quality education and the acquisition of appropriate qualifications is one of the best ways of ensuring that LAC are able to lead healthy and independent lives.

3.3 Supporting and protecting vulnerable people

3.3.1 A key purpose of the Virtual School is to ensure that this group of vulnerable children and young people who are at risk of failing to achieve have access to a relevant curriculum that is appropriate for their needs and meets statutory and legal requirements

4 Significant Implications

4.1 Resource Implications, none within this paper

4.2 Statutory Legal and Risk Implications, none within this paper

4.3 Equality and Diversity Implications, none within this paper

4.4 Engagement and Communication Implications, none within this paper

4.5 Localism and Local Member Involvement, present in all three groups outlined.

4.6 Public Health Implications, none within this paper

Source Documents	Location
None	

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION

To: **Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee**

Meeting Date: **13 June 2018**

From: **Claire Betteridge and Jacqui Barry
Service Development Managers**

Electoral division(s): **All**

Purpose: **To provide an update on participation of young people with the
Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee.**

Recommendation: **To note and comment on the update regarding the Participation
Team and steps to involve young people within the Sub-
Committee.**

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Summary:

- *Two Looked After young people are Co-Opted members of the Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee.*
- *They are also part of the Children in Care Council and will seek out the views of the wider Looked After population in a variety of ways, and feed these into the Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee as appropriate.*
- *The Participation Service has two new strategic leads. Two participation workers have been appointed and are due to start shortly.*
- *The Participation groups 'Just Us' will recommence when the participation workers are in post.*

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 It was agreed by the Sub-Committee that they should involve young people directly in order to facilitate exchange of views. In addition the Sub-Committee requested an update on wider participation activities at each of its meetings.

2. MAIN ISSUES

2.1 Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee

Two young people were co-opted at the April 2018 meeting as planned. We are looking to confirm a third and fourth young person who will act as substitutes in accordance with the Terms of Reference. This approach will allow the young people to share the workload with two of the four young people attending each meeting.

The young people will be offered support with preparing for meetings and this will be provided through the Participation Team.

The plan is that after each meeting the young people will write a brief update to share with other young people so that they know what was discussed.

These young people will all also be members of the Voices Matter Group (Children in Care Council) and act as champions to take views to and from other young people. The group will have an agreed work plan and link with the work of the Committee. Cllr every, the Chairman of the Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee, will be invited to these meetings. The meeting planned for the 15 May 2018 was cancelled as the young people involved were busy doing end of year exams. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on the 17 July 2018.

2.2 Update on Participation Service

As highlighted previously the Participation Service which involves young people in services has recently had a change in management. Jacqui Barry and Claire Betteridge are now the strategic leads for the service.

We have successfully recruited two participation workers and we anticipate that they will be in post by early June 2018.

As part of these changes, plans for the future role of the service will be developed with young people, senior managers and committee members over the next few months.

The annual fun day is planned to take place on the 1 August 2018 and will be held at Witchford Village Hall and Sports Field. The event which is called "Picnic in the Park", will have a number of activities for children, young people and their carers to participate in, which includes a ball pool, giant jenga, a bouncy castle, crazy golf and arts and crafts. There will also be a "Bake Off" competition. We are asking that everyone brings a picnic but refreshments will be provided in terms of tea, coffee and squash. All members of the Council's Children and Young People Committee and Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee have been invited to attend as well as the Area Champions.

Future events will be planned with the voices matter group

3. SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Resource Implications

The cost of the annual fun day is being supported by the service. Previously the service has obtained a contribution from the Outlook Fund, an organisation which gives funding for projects on application. Due to staffing changes no application was submitted this time, but officers will look to apply for funding for other events in the future.

3.2 Procurement/Contractual/Council Contract Procedure Rules Implications

NA

3.3 Statutory, Legal and Risk Implications

N/A

3.4 Equality and Diversity Implications

Not immediately but there will be a need to ensure equitable representation.

3.5 Engagement and Communications Implications

Not immediately but we will need to communicate and engage as the work develops.

3.6 Localism and Local Member Involvement

At this point Member involvement will be via the Sub-Committee but there may be more specific projects that emerge as the work develops.

3.7 Public Health Implications

N/A

SOURCE DOCUMENTS

Source Documents	Location
N/A	

SUITABLE ACCOMODATION FOR CARE LEAVERS

To: **Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee**

Meeting Date: **13 June 2018**

From: **Kate Knight
Service Manager for the 14 to 25 Service**

Electoral division(s): **All**

Purpose: **To provide information to Sub-Committee members in regards to the term 'suitable accommodation for care leavers' and to provide a brief overview about quality assurance mechanisms and steps taken to ensure the needs of care leavers are met.**

Recommendation: **To note and comment on the report.**

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Summary:

The report explains what we mean when we say 'suitable accommodation for care leavers' and the types of accommodation where our care leavers are placed.

1. BACKGROUND

The matter of suitable accommodation for care leavers was discussed at the first meeting of the Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee (CPSC) on 13 December 2017 with the minutes stating:

Members noted that accommodation for care leavers was not subject to inspection by Ofsted and identified the issue of 'care leavers in suitable accommodation' as one which they would wish to look at in more detail in future.

2. MAIN ISSUES**2.1 Suitable accommodation****The Children (Leaving Care) Act 2000**

The Children (Leaving Care) Act 2000 imposes accommodation duties on Local Authorities to support certain categories of looked-after children and care leavers. These extend to 16-18 year olds for whom the local authority must ensure that the accommodation they move to when leaving care is suitable, appropriate and in accordance with their Pathway Plan which clearly supports their transition and skills acquisition to enable each young person to live independently as adults when they reach 18 years.

The options available post 18 years for young people can be one of the following options:-

Staying Put
Independent Living
Semi Independent living with or without support
Supported lodgings
Living with friends or returning to family

There are three categories which define care leavers in terms of their status:

Eligible young people – those aged 16 or 17 who have been Children in Care for at least 13 weeks since the age of 14 and are still Children in Care.

Relevant young people – those aged 16 or 17 who have been Children in Care for at least 13 weeks since the age of 14 who have left care.

Former Relevant – those young people who have left care and are now aged 18 or over

Our duty also extends to Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) who we have Looked After, as well as young people aged 16-17 in the criminal justice system who are remanded into the care of the Local Authority (Remanded into Local Authority Accommodation [RILAA]).

Suitable Accommodation and what it means to Cambridgeshire and our young people in care and those who are leaving or have left care:

The Pathway Plan (PWP) is the key document which is set out in law as the gateway to support for all children who are or have been Looked After. The PWP is the young person's plan which is written with the support of the Looked After Child's Social Worker and their Personal Advisor (PA) in conjunction the young person.

The PWP should determine the type of accommodation a young person requires and it is important to consider where it is located, for example being accessible to their local connections, education, employment and training opportunities, as well as considering the area in terms of and safety needs and the young person's own preferences.

As previously highlighted, semi-independent accommodation is one of a number of options for Looked After young people and care leavers, post 16 years of age. For the purpose of this report; this means the provision of semi-independent accommodation and support for those eligible or relevant 16-18 year olds who are ready to live semi-independently, with support, in preparation for their transition into independent living.

Cambridgeshire County Council currently has 155 young people in semi-independent accommodation; 59 young people living independently, for example in a flat, house or bedsit which also includes shared housing; 36 young people are living in ordinary lodgings without formal support; and 42 young people have returned to live with their parents or relatives. The table below provides a fuller breakdown.

ACCOMMODATION	ELIGIBLE	RELEVANT	FORMER RELEVANT
Semi-independent, transitional accommodation (like a supported hostel, trainer flats) self	63	1	92
Independent living, for example independent tenancy of flat, house or bedsit, including local authority or housing	0	0	59

association tenancy, or accommodation provided by a college or university. Includes flat sharing.			
Ordinary lodgings, without formal support.	0	0	36
With parents or relatives	7	4	31
With former foster carers where the young person has been fostered and on turning 18 continues to remain with the same carer who had fostered them immediately prior to their reaching legal adulthood, and where the plan for their care involves their remaining with this former foster family for the future	1	0	22
Residence not known	1	0	10
Other accommodation	3	1	10
No fixed abode / homeless	0	0	5
Supported lodgings (accommodation, usually in a family home, where adults in the "host family" provide formal advice and support).	3	0	5
Foster Care	62	0	4
In custody	0	0	3
Emergency accommodation (like a night shelter, direct access or emergency hostel)	0	0	3
Foyers and similar supported accommodation which combines the accommodation with opportunities for education, training or employment.	4	0	2
Foyers, for example, Cambridge Youth Foyer, provide support for local 16-25 year olds who are homeless or at risk of homelessness by providing safe and stable accommodation.			

Community home or other form of residential care such as an NHS establishment	10	0	1
Bed and breakfast	0	0	1
Not Recorded	0	0	1
Total	154	6	285

Supported Accommodation Providers.

Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council are jointly commissioning the provision of supported accommodation services for Looked After young people aged 16 – 18 years, for whom each authority has a statutory responsibility.

The Councils are seeking to work with a number of providers who can demonstrate continual improvements in value for money achieved by deploying efficient and innovative ways of meeting both the accommodation and support needs of eligible young people.

While these types of accommodation are not under the scrutiny of Ofsted they are robustly monitored and assessed by internal monitoring.

Young People's Involvement

Young people were invited to give feedback on their experiences in supported accommodation provisions and were involved in the commissioning of providers.

3. SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Resource Implications

n/a – information report

3.2 Procurement/Contractual/Council Contract Procedure Rules Implications

n/a – information report

3.3 Statutory, Legal and Risk Implications

n/a – information report

3.4 Equality and Diversity Implications

n/a – information report

3.5 Engagement and Communications Implications

n/a – information report

3.6 Localism and Local Member Involvement

n/a – information report

3.7 Public Health Implications

n/a – information report

SOURCE DOCUMENTS

Source Documents	Location
Children (Leaving Care Act 2000	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/35/contents
Minutes of the Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee 13 December 2017	https://cmis.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/ccclive/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/904/Committee/46/Default.aspx

CORPORATE PARENTING SUB-COMMITTEE FORWARD AGENDA PLAN

Updated 05.06.18

Agenda Item No: 9

Summary

The Forward Agenda Plan shows the dates and times of future meetings, where they will be held and what reports will be considered.

Committee date	Agenda item	Lead officer	Reference if key decision	Deadline for draft reports to Sarah-Jane Smedmor	Approved reports to Democratic Services by
Wednesday 13 June – 4.15pm – Meeting Room 2, Huntingdon Library, Princes Street, Huntingdon PE29 3PA					
	Minutes and Action Log	Democratic Services	Not applicable	23 May 2018	31 May 2018
	Virtual School (<i>standing item</i>) Including: 1. A six month update on info in the December 2017 report, to include comparative data; 2. A focus on Post 16s and the Year 6 Intervention Project.	J Pallett	Not applicable		
	Performance Report (<i>standing item</i>)	L Reid	Not applicable		
	Sub-Committee Workshop/ Training Plan (<i>standing item</i>)	F van den Hout/ J Barry	Not applicable		

Committee date	Agenda item	Lead officer	Reference if key decision	Deadline for draft reports to Sarah-Jane Smedmor	Approved reports to Democratic Services by
	Young People's Participation (standing item)	J Barry & C Betteridge	Not applicable		
	Workforce Development (quarterly standing item)	S-J Smedmor	Not applicable		
	Suitable Accommodation for Care Leavers	F van den Hout	Not applicable		
	Forward Agenda Plan	R Greenhill	Not applicable		
Wednesday 19 September 2018 – 4.00pm - Kreis Viersen Room, Shire Hall, Cambridge CB3 0AP					
	Minutes and Action Log	Democratic Services	Not applicable		6 September 2018
	Virtual School (standing item) To include a focus on admissions, refusals and alternative provision.	J Pallett	Not applicable		
	Performance Report (standing item)	L Reid / T Barden	Not applicable		
	Sub-Committee Workshop/ Training Plan (standing item)	F van den Hout/ J Barry	Not applicable		
	Young People's Participation (standing item)	J Barry & C Betteridge	Not applicable		

Committee date	Agenda item	Lead officer	Reference if key decision	Deadline for draft reports to Sarah-Jane Smedmor	Approved reports to Democratic Services by
	Workforce Development (quarterly standing item)	S-J Smedmor	Not applicable		
	Mental Health/ Child and Adolescent Mental Health (CAMH), including information on criteria and thresholds	Rachel Hawkins and Dr Paul Millard, CPFT	Not applicable		
	Coram Cambridgeshire Adoption Annual Report	F van den Hout	Not applicable		
	Refreshed NEET Strategy: Reducing the number of Looked After Children who are Not in Education, Employment or Training	M Cowdell	Not applicable		
	Foster Care Recruitment Update	J Heron	Not applicable		
	Forward Agenda Plan	R Greenhill	Not applicable		
Wednesday 21 November 2018 – 4.15pm - Meeting Room 2, Huntingdon Library, Princes Street, Huntingdon PE29 3PA					
21 November 2018	Minutes and Action Log	Democratic Services	Not applicable		8 November 2018
	Virtual School (Standing item)	J Pallett	Not applicable		
	Performance Report (standing item)	L Reid/ T Barden	Not applicable		

Committee date	Agenda item	Lead officer	Reference if key decision	Deadline for draft reports to Sarah-Jane Smedmor	Approved reports to Democratic Services by
	Sub-Committee Workshop/ Training Plan (standing item)	F van den Hout/ J Barry	Not applicable		
	Young People's Participation (standing item)	J Barry & C Betteridge	Not applicable		
	Placement Breakdown	F van den Hout	Not applicable		
	Staying Put	Sarah-Jane Smedmor	Not applicable		
	Fostering Service Annual Report	F van den Hout	Not applicable		
	Forward Agenda Plan	R Greenhill	Not applicable		
Wednesday 30 January 2019 – 4.00pm – Room 128, Shire Hall, Cambridge CB3 0AP					
	Minutes and Action Log	Democratic Services	Not applicable		14 January 2019
	Virtual School <i>Standing item</i>	J Pallett	Not applicable		
	Performance Report (standing item)	L Reid/ T Barden	Not applicable		
	Sub-Committee Workshop/ Training Plan (standing item)	F van den Hout/ J Barry	Not applicable		
	Young People's Participation (standing item)	J Barry & C Betteridge	Not applicable		

Committee date	Agenda item	Lead officer	Reference if key decision	Deadline for draft reports to Sarah-Jane Smedmor	Approved reports to Democratic Services by
	Workforce Development (quarterly standing item)	S-J Smedmor	Not applicable		
	Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee Annual Report	S-J Smedmor	Not applicable		
	Forward Agenda Plan	R Greenhill	Not applicable		
Wednesday 20 March 2019 – 4.15pm - Meeting Room 2, Huntingdon Library, Princes Street, Huntingdon PE29 3PA					
	Minutes and Action Log	Democratic Services	Not applicable		7 March 2019
	Virtual School <i>Standing item</i>	J Pallett	Not applicable		
	Performance Report (standing item)	L Reid/ T Barden	Not applicable		
	Sub-Committee Workshop/ Training Plan (standing item)	F van den Hout/ J Barry	Not applicable		
	Young People's Participation (standing item)	J Barry & C Betteridge	Not applicable		
	Workforce Development (standing item)	S-J Smedmor	Not applicable		
	Forward Agenda Plan	R Greenhill	Not applicable		

Items to be included:

- Bright Spots report (produced bi-annually): developed by Coram Voice with the aim of improving the wellbeing of children and young people in care by identifying and promoting practices that have a positive influence on them
- Youth offending (going to the Children and Young People Committee in May 2018 – any follow-up issues)

Notice made under the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 in compliance with Regulation 5(7)

1. At least 28 clear days before a private meeting of a decision-making body, public notice should be given which must include a statement of reasons for the meeting to be held in private.
2. At least 5 clear days before a private meeting of a decision-making body, further public notice must be given which must include a statement of reasons for the meeting to be held in private, details of any representations received by the decision-making body about why the meeting should be open to the public and a statement of the Council's response to such representations.

Forward plan reference	Intended date of decision	Matter in respect of which the decision is to be made	Decision maker	List of documents to be submitted to the decision maker	Reason for the meeting to be held in private

Decisions to be made in private as a matter of urgency in compliance with Regulation 5(6)

3. Where the date by which a meeting must be held makes compliance with the above requirements impracticable, the meeting may only be held in private where the decision-making body has obtained agreement from the Chairman of the Council.
4. Compliance with the requirements for the giving of public notice has been impracticable in relation to the business detailed below.
5. The Chairman of the Council has agreed that the Committee may hold a private meeting to consider the business referred to in paragraph 4 above because the meeting is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred for the reasons stated below.

Date of	Matter in respect of which the decision is to be made	Reasons why meeting urgent and cannot reasonably be
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Chairman's agreement		deferred

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Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee Workshop and Training Plan 2017/18

Summary

Each committee at the County Council has its own training plan to help its members learn more about the business that the Committee covers. Each training session is listed and a record is kept of which members of the committee attend.

April 2018

	Subject	Desired Learning Outcome/ Success Measures	Priority	Date	Responsibility	Nature of Training	Audience	Attendance by:	% of Committee Members Attending
1.	We are all Corporate Parents	To discuss councillors' role and responsibilities as Corporate Parents.	High	12.01.18	<i>Fiona MacKirdy, Head of County Wide and Looked After Children</i>	Seminar	All county councillors	Cllr Bradnam Cllr Costello Cllr Cuffley Cllr Every Cllr Hay Cllr Joseph Cllr Whitehead (only members and subs of CPSC shown)	80%
2.	Looked After Children and Care Leavers	To brief Members on all areas of the Council's work in relation to looked after children and care leavers	High	11.04.18	<i>Jacqui Barry, Service Development Manager, District Safeguarding Manager</i>	Presentation and discussion	Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee members	Cllr Every Cllr Hay Cllr Bradnam Cllr Richards Cllr Cuffley	80%

3.	Safeguarding training and visit to the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)	To refresh and update Members' safeguarding training and offer them the chance to see first-hand the work being done at the MASH.	High	11.04.18	<i>Lou Williams, Service Director, Jenny Goodes, Head of Service – Integrated Front Door</i>	Presentation, tour of facilities and discussions with staff	Children and Young People Committee and Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee members and substitute members	Cllr Every Cllr Hay Cllr Bradnam Cllr Cuffley	60%
4.	Corporate Parenting Strategy refresh	To discuss corporate parenting strategies going forward.	High	12.06.18	Jacqui Barry	Workshop	Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee members		
5.	Fostering		Medium	24.07.18 <i>(Provisional date)</i>	John Heron, Residential and Placements Provision Manager		Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee members		

To be arranged:

- A visit to observe the Threshold and Resources Panel
- A visit to observe a Children and Families Leadership Team meeting.
- Meeting with Voices Matter (Young People's Council) (Jacqui Barry / Sarah-Jane Smedmor) – open to all members and substitute members of the Children and Young People (CYP) Committee