

CORPORATE PARENTING SUB-COMMITTEE



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AGENDA

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The Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee comprises the following members:

Councillor Anna Bradnam (Chair) Councillor Philippa Slatter (Vice-Chair) Councillor Alex Bulat Councillor Anne Hay Councillor Mac McGuire

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Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee Minutes

Date: Wednesday 17 November 2021

Time: 16:04 – 18:17 pm.

Venue: Multi-Function Room, New Shire Hall, Alconbury Weald

Present: Councillors A Bradnam (Chair), A Bulat, S Hay, P Slatter (Vice-Chair)

15. Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies were received from Councillor McGuire.

No declarations of interest were received.

16. Minutes – 14 July 2021 and Action Log

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2021 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair. The action log was noted.

The Chair requested the recording be reviewed to establish 'colleges' was a correct record. **Action.**

17. Petitions and Public Questions

No petitions or public questions were received.

18. Participation Report

The Sub-Committee received an update on the Participation Service's in-person and virtual offer for children and young people in care. Events for young people included a virtual art exhibition (from which cards had been developed for professional use); a team building day; an upcoming performance based opportunity developed by the Care Leavers Forum; and involvement in recruitment of a new participation officer and foster carers.

In response to Members comments, officers elaborated on the following points:

- Staff recruitment: Explained that young people could influence recruitment either by being on the interview panel with staff, or by being part of a separate young people's interview panel. Their scoring was equally weighted with staff.

Children and young people who were involved in this work received certificates, thank you letters and recognition vouchers.

In response to the report, individual Members:

- Thanked the Service for producing the Hinchbrook House fun day and the virtual art exhibition. The Chair suggested the quality of the artwork was such that it could be sold in postcard format.

Suggested the Service collaborate with the Fire Break Scheme to if this would benefit young people in care.

- Recommended, with support from the Assistant Director: Early Help and Children's Service, a supervised contact service report be added to the agenda Plan. **Action.**

It was resolved unanimously to:

- a) Note the contents of the report.
- b) Raise any queries with the lead officers.

19. Report from the Cambridgeshire Foster Carers' Association

The report was a joint venture between the Service and the Foster Carers' Association and provided an update on how the foster service met strategic priorities. It focussed on education, support, payments, staffing and recruitment.

The Cambridgeshire Foster Carers' Association [CFCA] had collaborated with the Virtual School on their management board; the personal education plan [PEP] audit – from which improvements had been undertaken; and Pupil Voice Working Group. The Virtual School had also provided foster carer workshops; a foster caring training brochure; and a foster carer training guide was also under development.

The officer highlighted difficulties in September 2021 with transport to school arrangements. This would be overcome for September 2022.

The Chair of the CFCA noted the Association's positive relationship with Virtual School.

In response to Members' comments, officers provided details on the following areas:

- Investigations/Allegations: During investigation foster carers retained payment and access to mentorship, advocacy and legal aid. In some circumstances, depending on consent of the social worker, the child stayed with the foster carer during the investigation.
- Training: Training occurred as e-learning, virtually, hybrid and in-person. Virtual training was received well, with the Chair of the CFCA commending the online first aid training. The benefit of face-to-face training for single and new carers was highlighted, although finding venues was difficult.

The Mentorship Framework was under review in collaboration with the chairs of the CFCA and Peterborough Foster Carer Committee. Changes to the Framework included providing access to mentors during the initial assessment period and between placements. The Chair of the CFCA also expressed the benefit of establishing mentoring as a separate role. This would allow for development within the foster service.

A review of the Foster Carer Workbook would occur in 2022.

- Transport: Securing transport arrangements was difficult, however staff had been employed in this area - start December. The Chair of the CFCA also suggested empowering foster carers to do this independently.
- In-house foster carers who could provide for children with complex needs: This was a complicated issue which officers were looking into and the need for clinical offers to support young people with specific vulnerabilities would be explored.

It was resolved unanimously to:

- a) Note the content of the report
- b) Raise any queries they have with the lead officers.

20. Virtual School Head Teacher's Annual Report

The Sub-Committee received a report which detailed and evaluated the work undertaken by the Virtual School from September 2020 to August 2021 and set out the key priorities for the academic year 2021-2022. It also shared outcomes for children in care including: placement location, OFSTED school ratings, attendance, exclusions, destination data for post-16s, and information on personal education plans [PEPs].

In response to Members comments, officers explained more on the following areas:

- Recent staff recruitment:

Strategic Leadership Role – Recruitment advertisement was live.

Performance Assistant – New appointee joining Monday 15 November 2021.

- Out of area placements: Most out of area placements were in Peterborough and were frequently for unaccompanied asylum seeking children (UASC) requiring appropriate cultural and language support.
- SEND support: SEND numbers were high, but comparable to statistical neighbours. The Virtual School monitored need through the PEPs, had a qualified SENDCo, and increased the capacity for the development of SEND provision perhaps. Like all children in care, children and young people with SEND were entitled to pupil premium plus but the Virtual School was careful to ensure this funding didn't overlap with funding provided through EHCPs.

The Chair highlighted the positive statistics for children going into further education.

It was resolved unanimously to note and comment on the report.

21. Health Data Update November 2021

The Sub-Committee received a report which provided an update on the performance of initial health assessments, review health assessments and strength and difficulties questionnaires [SDQ]; and an overview of the Clinical Commissioning Group's [CCG] activities.

Initial health assessments: 83% of children placed in Cambridgeshire had an initial health assessment within 20 days. However, the Cambridgeshire Health Team did not have control over the completion of initial health assessments outside of Cambridgeshire and this had brought down the overall percentage of IHAs completed on time. When necessary, Cambridgeshire offered virtual assessments to young people placed out of county.

The Strength and Difficulties Questionnaire: Over the past three months, SDQ return rate had increased to 50%. To increase return rate further, the Service had revised the email wording and increased in face-to-face assessments. Also, it was hoped that collaboration with the CFCA and the Cambridgeshire Corporate Parenting Team would improve response rates.

In response to Members comments, officers elaborated on the following:

- Initial health assessment performance data: Children out of county were referred to the area provider. If these providers had a backlog, this affected the children in Cambridgeshire's Foster Service and consequently the Service's data.
- The Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire: The Service had tried to increase return rates through follow up emails and phone calls. The Chair of the Foster Carers' Association highlighted that the low return rate may have been impacted because completion was online rather than during health assessment appointments. He also suggested providing carers with feedback from the survey, in order to establish its importance.

Other questionnaires were available to ensure assessment was holistic, including: the Carer/Parent Questionnaire, Education Questionnaire, Self-Questionnaire and EHCP.

- The Chair of the CFCA and the Designated Nurse for Children in Care agreed to discuss separately the confidentiality of questionnaires completed by the young people.

It was resolved unanimously to:

- a) Note the content of the report.

b) Raise any queries with the lead officers.

22. Children in Care/ Care Leavers not in Education, Employment or Training: Action Plan

The Sub-Committee received a report on the strategies the Service deployed to support young people to remain in education, training, apprenticeships and employment. It also detailed the recently developed NEET Strategy for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough led by the Head of Think Communities.

The percentage of care leavers in EET for Cambridge was lower than in the East of England and had decreased in 2019/2020. This was caused, in part, by a change in the recording system and by a low employment market – both of which were strategic priorities with mitigation strategies in place.

In response to the report, a Member suggested collaborating with Cambridgeshire Skills to help support young people into employment or training.

It was resolved unanimously to note and comment on the report.

23. Corporate Parenting Performance Report September 2021

The Sub-Committee received a report updating Members on the numbers of children in care, care leavers and the placements in which they were placed.

The number of children placed in residential homes had increased during the pandemic.

The decline in face-to-face statutory visiting had been caused by positive COVID testing (therefore visits were completed virtually); a fault in the Liquid Logic workflow system resulting in care leavers and adopted children remaining in the system; and low data recording (despite visits taking place) as a result of high social worker caseloads. However, Independent Reviewing Officers [IROs] had confirmed that visits had occurred.

Following increased placement breakdown at the start of year as a result of the pandemic, placements had become more stable. Preventative mitigation strategies were in place including early intervention by commissioning services.

In response to Members comments, officers expanded on the following:

- Initial health assessments: For young people placed out of County, this had been affected by backlogs in counties where children were placed and by misunderstandings within the Safeguarding Team surrounding workflow process. The latter had been addressed.

The drop in the percentage of children in care whose initial health assessment was completed on time between the first and second quarter had been caused by changes in consent for young children and referrals.

- Dental assessments: The LAC Health Team had a dental surgery in Ely which were providing NHS appointments for children in care, and the annual health assessment had been used for dental screening.
- The Designated Nurse for Children in Care and Assistant Director: Children's Social Care to discuss data presentation prior to the next Committee meeting. **Action.**

Individual Members raised the following issues in relation to the report/commented that:

- Praised scorecard summary.
- Requested specific numbers in future reports. **Action.**

It was resolved unanimously to:

- a) Note the content of the report, and
- b) Raise any questions with the lead officer.

24. Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee Annual Report 2020 - 2021

The Sub-Committee received a report detailing their role and functions with a focus on missing young people, health and placement stability. The Service was collaborating with the health service, Risk Indication in Child (sexual abuse) [RIC] and Independent Reviewing Officers [IROs] to improve these outcomes. IRO learning reports and reviews of placement breakdowns were being used to improve operational delivery of placement stability through proactive measures.

In response to Members comments, officers explained the following:

- Sexual exploitation: Social workers undertook child exploitation and child sexual exploitation assessments with young people, but the figure in the report did not reflect the risk level of children/young people reviewed. All children were monitored. For those high-risk children/young people there was a Multi-Agency Child Exploitation [MACE] meeting which included Children's Social Care [CSC], Child Criminal Exploitation [CCE], Cambridgeshire County Council and the police. This was reviewed by the Service and independent reviewers who ensured recommendations were followed.
- Missing children in care: All missing children/young people were offered a return interview which informed their care plan and additional discussion regarding placement between the placement manager and social worker. For persistent occurrences, there was an additional multiagency meeting (including police involvement) to ensure the underlying cause was addressed.

The Chair of the CFCA recommended this data was used to inform to foster carers.

It was resolved unanimously to:

- a) Note the content of the report, and
- b) Raise any questions with the lead officer.

25. Training Plan

The Sub-Committee noted the training plan.

Attendee details for safeguarding training would be updated. **Action.**

Members suggested further training on safeguarding, care leavers, county lines and sexual exploitation. The Assistant Director for Early Help and Children's Services stated that officers would collate a list of training options for Members to prioritise.

26. Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee Agenda Plan

The Sub-Committee resolved unanimously to note its agenda plan.

In response to queries from the Chair, the Assistant Director for Early Help and Children's Services recommended continuing with the thematic approach to meetings and looking to review this after it had been properly trialled. Briefing notes could also be provided outside of meetings to ensure the Sub-Committee was informed.

Chair

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 15 March 2022.

Minutes – 17 November 2021

	Report title	Officer	Action	Update	Status
16.	Minutes 14 July 2021 and Action Log	Rhiannon Leighton	The Chair requested that the recording of the previous meeting be reviewed to establish 'colleges' was a correct record.	08.03.22: Checked and confirmed.	Completed
18.	Participation Report	Nicola Curley	Members asked that a supervised contact service report be added to the agenda plan.	09.03.22: An overview of the findings relating to reunification activity in Cambridgeshire will be shared with Cllr Bradnam in April 2022.	Completed
23.	Corporate Parenting Performance Report September 2021	Nicola Curley/ Catherine York	The Designated Nurse for Children in Care and Service Director: Corporate Parenting to discuss data presentation prior to the next Committee meeting.		
23.	Corporate Parenting Performance Report September 2021	Myra O'Farrell	Members requested specific numbers in future reports.	09.03.22 Dec 21 scorecard received.	

Participation Report

To: Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee

Meeting Date: 23 March 2022

From: Participation Team, Safeguarding and Quality Assurance

Electoral division(s): All

Forward Plan ref: n/a

Key decision: No

Outcome: An update on the activity of the Participation Service in relation to Children in Care

Recommendation: The Sub-Committee is recommended to:

- a) Note the contents of the report.
- b) Raise any queries with the lead officers.

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1. Summary

- 1.1 The Participation Team continues to promote the voice of children and young people in care by offering a variety of opportunities for engagement and feedback, and ensuring action is taken as a result of that feedback.
- 1.2 The Children in Care Council (CiCC) and Care Leaver Forum (CLF) have continued work on their projects throughout the pandemic, now predominantly meeting face to face.
- 1.3 The February half term engagement activities programme for Children in Care (CiC) was delivered and the Easter programme is now being shared.
- 1.4 Young Recruiters are working on the ideal worker video project alongside their PCC counterparts, which will supplement existing training and development materials for carers.
- 1.5 Feedback from children and young people has been used to develop a new draft of the CiC Promise, which they are happy with.
- 1.6 The Care Leaver Forum (CLF) are working on their latest project, a Performance based project to give young people in care the opportunity to build confidence and skills in this area.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee has requested an update on the work of the Participation Service in relation to Children in Care at each meeting.
- 2.2 This report sets out the activities of the Participation Service over the last quarter and an update on the work of the Children in Care Council and Care Leaver Forum.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1 The Participation Team continues to promote opportunities for children and young people through regular newsletters, as well as creating event-specific publications to encourage engagement. Recent newsletters have encouraged young people to get involved in the Coram Voice Creative Writing Competition and apply to be a member of the Family Justice Young Person's Board to share views on the way in which the services within family justice are run and on the support they provide to children, young people and their families.
- 3.2 The Participation Team worked with Peterborough City Council colleagues to organise two engagement activities in the February half term for Children in Care. Young people attended a bowling activity and a roller-skating activity where they had an opportunity to meet other young people in care from across the county.
- 3.3 A virtual activity for Children in Care who live at a distance or who prefer online activities was also arranged in the February half term. The session was titled February Art Fest and included creating doodle art characters and origami animals.

- 3.4 The CiCC continues to be consulted by Children's Social Care and other agencies to improve services for Children in Care. Recent consultations have included giving feedback on the Young People's Guide to Fostering draft, as well as sharing ideas on how to improve young people's understanding of the Fostering Service.
- 3.5 The CiCC reviewed the Children in Care Promise at their recent meetings, giving feedback on the content and design, to work towards a version that makes sense to them. The new draft takes into account all the feedback received from children and young people incorporated into ten promises.
- 3.6 The CiCC have continued their work on the Coming into Care Packs, most recently finalising a letter from the CiCC which will go into the packs. Items for the packs have been purchased and the packs are being put together so they can be distributed to the social workers that work with children newly in care.
- 3.7 The CiCC have finalised seven designs for greeting cards for social workers to use to introduce themselves, to congratulate young people on their success, or to say goodbye when they will no longer be working with a child or young person. The cards were designed using artwork from the 2021 Virtual Art Exhibition and have been printed ready to be used by social work teams across the county.
- 3.8 Young Recruiters continue to be actively involved in recruitment and have been asked to take part in interviews of newly qualified social workers for the ASYE (Assessed and Supported Year in Employment) in March.
- 3.9 Young Inspectors continue to work on their Supervised Contact Centre inspections across Peterborough and Cambridgeshire, with the next inspection dates planned in March as they were not available for visits in February. The group will then meet to write their report, detailing their recommendations on how to ensure the supervised contact centres are meeting the needs of the children and young people that use them.
- 3.10 In January, Young Trainers delivered training to prospective Foster Carers as part of the Fostering Team's Skills to Foster course. The young people were supported by the Participation Team to facilitate an activity looking at Foster Carer skills and attributes and went through scenarios with the group on how to help young people settle into new placements. Young people later commented that the carers had asked good questions, showing they had really reflected on the messages from children and young people within the training presentation. The Young Trainers have been invited to facilitate another Skills to Foster training course in March.
- 3.11 Members of the Peterborough and Cambridgeshire CiCCs attended a recording studio afternoon in the February half term to record audio for their ideal worker animated video joint project. The CiCC members also chose the animation style they would like for the videos, settling on digital animation rather than line drawing or a more traditional cartoon style. The audio is now being edited after which the artists will begin storyboarding the videos.

- 3.12 The Care Leaver Forum (CLF) members have come up with several ideas on how they can improve the advertising of the Local Offer and are exploring these options further. The CLF has also been exploring how Care Leavers can make the best use of their Setting Up Home Allowance, while accessing the best deals and offers available.
- 3.13 The CLF have also been consulted by the Virtual School about how personal education plan (PEP) meetings can be improved to make them more relevant and purposeful for young people. As a result of this consultation, several ideas started to develop. Firstly, for CLF members to be involved in the upcoming Virtual School Conference, and then to look at developing a Care Experience Roadshow, to increase awareness and provide education around the experience of children and young people in care, to help dispel myths and reduce any negative stigma and stereotypes around being in care.
- 3.14 A team of Care Leavers continue to develop their Performing to Change project. In the most recent meeting they have been collaborating with professionals in the music industry to explore and develop workshops for young people to build their confidence and skills, when performing in front of an audience. One of the participants of the project has already spent some time in a music studio, recording lyrics for their own track, and the team are looking into other areas to expand the project including poetry and drama.

4. Alignment with corporate priorities

- 4.1 A good quality of life for everyone
There are no significant implications for this priority.
- 4.2 Thriving places for people to live
There are no significant implications for this priority.
- 4.3 The best start for Cambridgeshire's children
The report above sets out the implications for this priority in section 3.
- 4.4 Net zero carbon emissions for Cambridgeshire by 2050
There are no significant implications for this priority.

5. Significant Implications

- 5.1 n/a

6. Source documents

- 6.1 None.

Report from Cambridgeshire Foster Carer Association

To: Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee

Meeting Date: 23 March 2022

From: Ricky Cooper, Assistant Director Fostering, Regional Adoption and Specialist Young People's Services

Electoral division(s): All

Forward Plan ref: n/a

Key decision: No

Outcome: This report has been submitted on behalf of the Cambridgeshire Fostering Community, the Cambridgeshire Foster Carer Association and Fostering Service.

Recommendation: The Sub-Committee is recommended to:

- a) Note the content of the report
- b) Raise any queries they have with the lead officers

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1. Summary

- 1.1 This report has been prepared to update the Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee on engagement activity with the Cambridgeshire Fostering Community, and to provide an overview of development activity Foster Carers have participated in within the service.
- 1.2 The Fostering Service has attended meetings with the Cambridgeshire Foster Carer Association (CFCA) to hear feedback from Foster Carers on what is working well and what Foster Carers feel needs to be considered or addressed by the Fostering Service and colleagues within the wider children's services. The first meeting of the CFCA this financial year took place on 11 January 2022 and further meetings have been held on 08 February 2022 and 08 March 2022. The Head of Service for Fostering and the Head of Service for Corporate Parenting are also invited to attend the CFCA meetings.
- 1.3 The Head of Service for Fostering also meets monthly with the Chair and Vice Chair of the CFCA and the Peterborough Foster Carer Committee (PFCC) which is a good opportunity to discuss service developments and plans in more detail and to review feedback from Foster Carers received at formal meetings.
- 1.4 In addition to the CFCA meetings, the Assistant Director for Fostering also meets regularly with Foster Carers. At the last 'Coffee and Cake' informal meeting held in February, Foster Carers raised the following:
 - Foster Carers requested that the service does more to raise awareness of the CFCA. The service is working with both the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Chairs and has identified opportunities to support this. The service is committed to supporting the awareness of the CFCA and PFCC within the wider Fostering Community.
 - A request was made to review Foster Carer Agreements. This is underway and a revised agreement will be sent to all carers in April.
 - Foster Carers are concerned about the cost of Lateral Flow Tests, particularly considering requests to test for children in school. The service has discussed this further with Senior Leaders and will report back to the CFCA shortly on the outcome of these discussions.
 - Foster Carers raised that the paperwork they are asked to complete can be onerous and time-consuming. The service recognises this and will review the paperwork it asks Foster Carers to complete to ensure that it is as streamlined as possible. Decreasing the amount of paperwork both for Foster Carers and fostering staff is a key priority for this coming year.
 - Foster Carers said that there are many positives to fostering for the Local Authority as opposed to an Independent Agency. The service welcomes the involvement of carers who have the lived experience of working in an Independent Agency to work alongside the service to promote recruitment activity.
 - Foster Carers have noted the revised format of the Foster Carer Newsletter and felt the breakdown of performance activity provided was informative.
- 1.5 It is also noted that the service has successfully engaged Fostering Recruitment Ambassadors from within the Fostering Community, and there are four roles within Cambridgeshire. A Fostering Recruitment Ambassador will work alongside the service supporting recruitment activity and raising the awareness of Private Fostering in their communities using their wealth of knowledge and experience of the fostering task.

Fostering Recruitment Ambassadors:

- Support the Fostering Service to increase marketing and recruitment activity across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough
- Work with the service to develop recruitment campaigns and marketing material
- Undertake initial visits with fostering staff to prospective foster carers
- Attend Information Sessions with our Recruitment Officers,
- Link with local communities with the support of Think Communities and faith groups to identify opportunities to increase the awareness of Private Fostering and fostering as a career
- Work with the service to encourage businesses, district councils and other Council departments to offer our carers discounts and concessionary memberships
- Represent the Service at strategic meetings and events including meetings with partners and stakeholders
- Engage with the wider Fostering Community to produce ideas and initiatives focussed on recruitment

- 1.6 Foster Carers have also attended a presentation with the service on the Journey2Foster training course offer. Following feedback in the Foster Carer Survey conducted in 2021, the service did refresh the training it delivers to prospective Foster Carers (Skills to Foster) but following the presentation and feedback from the Foster Carers who attended, the service will be adopting the Journey2Foster course instead. It is hoped this will commence in the summer.

2. Main Issues

- 2.1 Foster Carers have asked the service to support the CFCA to raise the profile of the Association and have requested that the service share the contact details for Foster Carers from the wider Foster Community. Foster Carers would like the service to consider whether they can be provided with Cambridgeshire County Council email addresses.
- 2.2 Whilst the service is unable to share the contact details of all Foster Carers with the CFCA, the service reconfirms the commitment to support raising the profile of both the Foster Carer Association in Cambridgeshire and the Foster Carer Committee in Peterborough.

The service will do the following and invites the CFCA to provide further suggestions on how it could further support the CFCA with this:

- Including information provided by the CFCA and PFCC in the Foster Carer Newsletter which is sent to all in the Fostering Community. Information about the CFCA and PFCC was included in the January Newsletter and the service invites material for future issues.
- Inviting the CFCA and PFCC to a training session with prospective Foster Carers just prior to their attendance at Foster Panel where they are approved. It is anticipated this will commence in the summer.

- Including information about the CFCA and PFCC on the Fostering Service website. This will be supported by the service's Communications Manager who has contacted the Chairs to commence this activity.
 - Inviting the CFCA and PFCC to hold a publicity stall at the New Carers Event to be held on 13 May 2022 where the service will celebrate Foster Carers who have joined our community during the height of the pandemic to date.
 - Ensuring Supervising Social Workers share information about the CFCA and PFCC with the Foster Carers they support, depending on which Council they foster for. The CFCA is currently refreshing their introduction letter which was completed in early 2020.
- 2.3 The service confirms that, regrettably, it is not possible to provide Foster Carers with Council email addresses. It has been clarified that email addresses cannot be provided in isolation of other network services provided to Council Officers or Council employees.
- 2.4 Foster Carers have noted that the Chair of CFCA has met with the Chair of the Corporate Parenting Sub Committee and Senior Leaders to discuss the role of the CFCA at the Sub Committee meetings. It was agreed that the Head of Service for Fostering and Corporate Parenting would meet monthly with the Chair of the Corporate Parenting Sub Committee which will ensure the Voice of Foster Carers is heard. It was also agreed that the CFCA will share the full minutes of Association meetings with the Chair of Sub Committee.
- 2.5 The service welcomes this development and monthly meetings between the Heads of Service and the Chair of the Corporate Parenting Sub Committee are taking place. This has provided an opportunity to have more detailed discussions about all areas effecting children and young people in care, including Foster Carers. The agreement to share the minutes of the CFCA meetings with the Chair of the Sub Committee is also welcomed and has been replicated in Peterborough.
- 2.6 Foster Carers have raised their concern about the challenges they are having with securing dental appointments. Whilst acknowledging this is a county wide and potentially a national issue, Foster Carers want to ensure that the child they care for can access dental treatment when they need to and that an NHS dental practice will prioritise Children in Care. Foster Carers also felt it was important to receive feedback on the outcome of the Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ).
- 2.7 The Head of Service for Corporate Parenting, Myra O'Farrell, confirms that she is in regular discussion with Health Leads about the availability of dental appointments and that a letter has been sent to NHS England from both the Cambridgeshire Corporate Parenting Sub Committee and the Peterborough Corporate Parenting Committee raising their concern about the lack of dental provision for Children in Care and Care Leaving Young People. Foster Carers were reminded to raise any concerns about dental appointments with the Looked after Children's Nurse at the initial health assessment which takes place when children first become looked after and at review health assessments, which take place annually. Myra will also investigate how feedback is provided to Foster Carers regarding the outcome of the SDQ, the language used in questionnaires and confirms that health colleagues are looking at providing training to Foster Carers at support groups.
- 2.8 Foster Carers have raised that they are experiencing delays with receiving passports for Children in Care and requested clarity on why these delays were happening. Foster Carers

would like to do what they can to support the children's teams with this as well as obtaining Global Health Insurance Cards for the children they care for. Foster Carers asked for guidance and a standard process to be shared with them.

- 2.9 The Head of Service for Corporate Parenting confirms that the process is being reviewed and will include Foster Carers taking the lead on passport applications with the child's Social Worker remaining responsible for locating essential information such as birth certificates. Practice guidance is in development which will also include how Foster Carers are to be reimbursed for any costs they have paid to ensure that this is also done without delay. The practice guidance will be across all the children's teams who work with Children in Care and that this will be shared with Foster Carers shortly.
- 2.10 Some Foster Carers have reported experiencing issues with transport, particularly at the start of the academic year, it is unclear as to whether these have been booking or resource issues. Foster Carers are keen to provide their support where it would be helpful.
- 2.11 Foster Carers are advised to raise any issues directly with their Fostering Social Worker and the child's Social Worker who will discuss them with the Transport Team. The service has raised Foster Carer feedback with the Transport Team who recognise that driver shortages are impacting on service delivery and the Transport Team is working with the Independent Visitor Service to hopefully recruit more volunteer drivers.
- 2.12 Further improvements are expected with new Transport Software, which is currently at procurement stages. This project will select and implement a new system to replace the current systems used by both Cambridgeshire and Peterborough transport teams. This will improve the communication between the Council, school, Foster Carer, Social Worker, and driver and is planned to be place later this year. The new system is expected to:
- Offer an online portal for social workers to apply for transport
 - Give real-time updates and communication through integrated apps
 - Allow better monitoring of the fulfilment of statutory obligations
 - Promote greener solutions by scheduling the most efficient route plan
 - Improve management information
- 2.13 Foster Carers have noted that the Additional Allowance Consultation is not yet complete and that the consultation response from the Assistant Director, Ricky Cooper, is outstanding.
- 2.14 The Service apologises for the delay and thanked Foster Carers for their patience and understanding. It was confirmed that delays have been necessary to ensure the best offer to Foster Carers across Peterborough and Cambridgeshire is achieved. The consultation response is to be completed in the second week of March which will draw the Additional Allowance Consultation to a close.

3. Alignment with corporate priorities

- 3.1 A good quality of life for everyone
There are no significant implications for this priority.

3.2 Thriving places for people to live
There are no significant implications for this priority.

3.3 The best start for Cambridgeshire's children

The entire report is aligned with this priority as the Fostering Service is responsible for delivering safe, secure and local foster homes for Cambridgeshire's Children in Care

3.4 Net zero carbon emissions for Cambridgeshire by 2050
There are no significant implications for this priority.

4. Significant Implications

4.1 None

5. Source documents

5.2 None

Health Report February 2022

To: Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee

Meeting Date: 23rd March 2022

From: Designated Nurse Children in Care, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group

Electoral division(s): All

Forward Plan ref: n/a

Key decision: No

Outcome: To continue to enable the delivery of health services to Children in Care.

Recommendation: The Sub-Committee is recommended to:

- a) Note the content of this report
- b) Raise any queries with the Lead Officers

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1. Summary

- 1.1 This report provides an update on both physical and mental health services for Children in Care. The report provides an overview of the Clinical Commissioning Group's (CCG) activities to ensure robust monitoring and quality assurance systems are in place to meet the health needs of Cambridgeshire's Children in Care including those with a disability.

2. Main Issues

- 2.1 Over the past two years the Covid-19 pandemic has had an unprecedented impact on the provision of health services, including the physical and mental health care provided to Children in Care. During this time the Designated Nurse and Doctor for Children in Care have worked with commissioners and providers across social care and health to ensure the provision of the required health services continued, including assurances around the quality and timeliness of services.

- 2.2 Health of Children in Care Partnership Group: Positive working relationships have been maintained between local authority and health colleagues since the commencement of the Covid-19 pandemic to enable appropriate health provision delivery. The monthly Health of Children in Care Partnership Meeting provides a robust forum for these discussions, decision making, development work, future planning, and pathway management. Additionally, the Head of Service: Corporate Parenting and the Designated Nurse meet monthly to further enhance communications, identify key risks along with mitigations, and to work on any new or ongoing issues; these discussions feed into the Health of Children in Care Partnership Meeting.

This Group holds a Workplan of developments and improvements, with ongoing workstreams being reviewed at each meeting, and the overall Workplan being reviewed quarterly. Current workstreams include the Strength and Difficulties Questionnaire Pathway, review of the Health Assessment Questionnaires, audit of UASC Blood Borne Virus Pathway and TB (tuberculosis) Pathway, improving the quality of Initial Health Assessment referrals from social care to health, and improving the sensory assessment and treatment plans for those with neurodevelopmental needs.

- 2.3 Initial and Review Health Assessments: At the start of the pandemic, in line with national guidance, our providers moved to undertaking virtual health assessments. This approach enabled the continuation of timely and robust health assessments, with engagement of foster carers and young people being good. Face to Face clinic appointments were provided for children and young people when clinically indicated, and referral(s) to other services continued to be made as appropriate.

Initial Health Assessments (IHAs) for those aged 0-3 years returned to face-to-face appointments from the end of April 2021, and from the beginning of June 2021 all IHAs returned to face-to-face appointments. Virtual IHAs remain an option if the agreed criteria are met, but this will be for a small number of young people.

Review Health Assessments (RHAs): July 2021 saw the introduction of a hybrid model, which includes face to face appointments and virtual appointments for those young people who prefer this option and who meet the agreed criteria which are based on the learning from service provision during the acute stage of the pandemic.

2.4 Initial Health Assessment Performance Data

Initial Health Assessment Performance 1st April 2021 to 31st December 2021			
In county placements			
	Number of IHA requests (minus early discharges)	Number of IHAs completed within 20 working days	Number of IHAs completed by Health within 15 days of receipt of consent and referral
Total numbers	86	50	52
Total percentage	100%	58%	60%
Total percentage (excluding 17 declined IHAs)		72%	75%
Out of county placements			
	Number of IHA requests (minus early discharges)	Number of IHAs completed within 20 working days	Number of IHAs completed by Health within 15 days of receipt of consent and referral
Total numbers	55	7	8
Total percentage	100%	13%	14%
Total percentage (excluding 3 declined IHAs)		14%	15%
Overall Totals (combining In County and Out of County placements)			
Total numbers	127	52	66
Total percentage	100%	41%	52%
Total percentage (excluding 20 declined IHAs)		49%	62%

The reasons that the IHAs are not completed within 20 workings days are delayed consent and referral from social care to health, and carers and young person not able to attend the initial appointment offered so the chosen appointment sits outside of the 20-working day timescale. For those children and young people placed out of area the reasons are not known but are likely to be impacted by their own service capacity.

- 2.5 The IHA performance rates for our children and young people placed outside of Cambridgeshire was previously raised as a concern by the Councillors, and the Chair of the Committee wrote to NHSE safeguarding colleagues to escalate this issue. I understand that to date there has not been a reply, however the Designated Nurse can report that this concern and the letter of escalation have been discussed with the Head of Nursing Quality and Safeguarding and Regional Safeguarding Lead for the East of England, and a meeting is scheduled with the Designated Nurse and the Head of Safeguarding, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CCG and the Regional Safeguarding Lead to discuss this matter on 8th March 2022; an original meeting scheduled for early February was unable to go ahead due to regional system pressures. The Designated Doctor will provide a verbal update to the Committee on the 23rd March 2022.
- 2.6 The Deputy Chief Nursing Officer for England wrote to CCG Directors of Nursing in January 2022 advising that IHA completion for other local authority children (OLAC) is an increasing risk across most of England. She advised that the Looked After Children Clinical Reference

Group (LAC CRG) has been reviewing this situation since before COVID-19, and that one of the key principles of their review is whether services which undertake IHAs discriminate against OLAC by offering a different process to completing the IHA, and it has been recognised that during COVID-19 that the issue has become greater. She stated that there is an onus on local solutions and NHS England would strongly recommend this matter is discussed at Local Safeguarding Partnerships, as a priority, so that the CCG accountable officer and the Director of Children's Services (as Corporate Parent) agree a single, unified process for **all** looked after children. She has identified that agreed partnership plans need to be developed, and that the Designated Professionals are engaged in this work. Additionally, NHS England intends to commission a full audit via the Clinical Reference Group, by local authority / CCG, apropos of:

- Numbers of OLAC placed from other local authorities.
- Numbers of children placed into other local authorities.
- Current volumes of delayed or deferred initial and review health assessments – noting the need for a notification process for systems under such pressure.

The Chief Nurse, CPCCG is taking this matter to the Executive Safeguarding Board at the May 2022 meeting and is working with the Designated Nurse CiC to understand the issues for our children and young people placed out of area, and also the local position.

2.7 Review Health Assessment Performance Data

Review Health Assessment Performance 1st April 2021 to 31st December 2021		
In county placements		
	Number of RHAs due	RHAs completed within timescale
In area total	260	220
In area Percentage	100%	85%
Out of county placements		
Out of area total	173	124
Out of area percentage	100%	72%
Overall totals (combining in county and out of county placements)		
Number	433	344
Percentage	100%	79%

2.8 Strength and Difficulties Questionnaires (SDQ)

The Strength and Difficulties Questionnaire, commonly known as the SDQ, is a short behavioural screening questionnaire. There are three versions of the SDQ: the parent/carer, the teacher, and the self-report scale (completed by 11–16-year-olds), which provide the potential for triangulation of information about a child across the different versions. These questionnaires are used alongside health assessments to support the assessment of emotional health and wellbeing. Scoring categories are: Low need (0-13), Some need (14-16) and High need (17-40).

The health team in Cambridgeshire undertake the SDQ process on behalf of Social Care. Pre Covid-19 the questionnaires were regularly completed by the carer at the time of the health assessment as this was always a face-to-face appointment and was a way of increasing the number of returns, however with the introduction of virtual health assessments

the process became reliant on foster carers receiving and returning the questionnaire by email; subsequently there was a drop in the completion rate. Despite efforts by health and social care practitioners to improve this position, this change in process resulted in far fewer SDQs being completed, with 2020/21 having only a **27% completion rate**.

To ensure that a robust partnership process is in place to support improved performance, a sub-group of the Health of Children in Care Partnership Group was formed and a SDQ Pathway was developed. The SDQ Pathway which includes health, social care, and education colleagues, was launched at the end of May 2021, however following review of the pathway in January 2022, it has been recognised that further work is required to increase the level of detail within the process in order to enhance its effectiveness; a further Task and Finish Group is being established for this work.

2.9 Strength and Difficulties Questionnaire Performance Data 1st April 2021 – 31st December 2021:

Month	Number of questionnaires sent to carers by the Health Team	Percentage of questionnaires sent to carers by the Health Team	Number of completed questionnaires returned by carers	Percentage of completed questionnaires returned by carers
April 2021	There is no data available for April and May 2021, as a new data collection system was introduced in June 2021 to replace the previous less accurate system.			
May 2021				
June 2021	44	100%	21	48%
July 2021	48	100%	25	52%
August 2021	53	100%	20	37%
September 2021	43	100%	27	63%
October 2021	25	100%	20	80%
November 2021	39	100%	22	56%
December 2021	34	100%	16	47%
Overall Totals	286	100%	151	53%
The percentage of questionnaires sent to carers is always 100% as questionnaires are sent for all children aged 4-16 years (inclusive) but excludes those for whom the questionnaire is not appropriate such as children/young people with disabilities or complex needs.				

- 2.10 The annual quality audit of health assessments will take place before the end of March 2022. This audit is undertaken by the Designated Nurse and Designated Doctor to ensure independent review, and results in a report which is shared with the Children in Care Health Team. Required improvements and/or developments identified from the audit are captured as actions within the report and have clear timescales, as well as an identified lead who is responsible for ensuring completion and provision of updates and feedback.
- 2.11 Blood Borne Virus and Tuberculosis (TB) Pathway for Unaccompanied Asylum Seekers (UASC) Audit: The Designated Doctor is leading on this audit which includes review of the effectiveness of the pathways for Blood Borne Virus and Tuberculosis screening and treatment. Individual elements of the audit are undertaken by iCaSH, Tuberculosis Service and the Children in Care Health Teams, thus covering the whole of the pathway for our young people.

The audit includes young people who became looked after between June - December 2021. The audit includes 23 UASC, some of whom are still being seen within the services

which is delaying the final findings being reported on until March 2021. All these young people are placed in Peterborough and are receiving their screening there. The audit report will be available at the end of March 2022.

- 2.12 Refugee Council continue to provide a Well Being and Work for Refugee Integration service which is commissioned until end September 2022, can be utilised by UASC. This service includes a well-being therapy service, but this is not a replacement for mental health services.
- 2.13 Dental Services: access to dental services is a national challenge which is being managed by NHS England. In Cambridgeshire our children and young people in care have had varying success at accessing non-urgent dental care, but access for children in care was supported for a period by the St. Mary's Dental Practice in Ely which meant that our children and young people were less affected than those in other areas. This offer ceased for a period but has just recommenced, so provides an option for Cambridgeshire children and young people who are placed nearer to the practice or can travel, although this is not suitable for all.
- 2.14 Previously the Councillors had raised their concerns regarding dental provision, and the Chair wrote to NHSE dental colleagues and NHSE safeguarding colleagues. I understand to date, that a reply has not been received, but the Designated Nurse is able to provide the following updates:
- 2.15 From 1st January 2022 Dental Practices are delivering a minimum of 85% of their contractual activity. Due to dental care being a high-risk area requiring the increased infection prevention and control measures, practices continue to see a reduced number of patients per day compared to their pre Covid activity. Currently limited change is being seen due to the backlog, and patients are still being seen on the urgency of need and vulnerability. However, this increase in activity is helping those who require urgent dental care.
- 2.16 Dental services have been awarded additional funding to enable NHS dental practices to provide additional urgent dental care sessions outside of their normal practice hours e.g., evenings and weekends (practices choose to opt in). These additional sessions can only be accessed by referral from NHS 111 with participating practices being added to the directory. The funding must be used by 31-03-2022. Specialist Care Dentistry are also providing additional sessions for patients across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough via NHS 111.
- 2.17 The Designated Nurse continues to work with NHSE regional dental and safeguarding colleagues and attends the East of England dental meetings; this enables her to advocate for our children and young people and to ensure that the needs of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough are understood by the regional teams. This Group is leading on the dental strategy, Mini Mouth training, development of the dental pathway and education of practices around this, data collection to assist in understanding the demand on dental services and rolling out Children Focused Dental Practices; all of which will contribute to improved access to dental services.
- 2.18 The outlined developments and work demonstrate that NHSE and regional colleagues are working towards improving services for all children and young people, some of the improvements being immediate and some will provide improvements over the coming 12 months. To provide reassurance to the Committee that improvements are occurring, the

Designated Nurse would like to draw your attention to the following key points which have an immediate impact or an impact within the next 3 months:

- Urgent care is available to all our children and young people via NHS 111. There are an increased number of appointment available until the end of March 2022 to support the management of any backlog of patients waiting but following this date urgent care appointments will continue to be available.
- NHSE are working to identify dental practices across the region, including Cambridgeshire that have the capacity to see children in care requiring routine dental care. In addition to this, working with practices to understand the Dental Pathway will improve practices understanding around the need for children in care to be prioritised for routine care, thus increasing access.

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3. Alignment with corporate priorities

3.1 A good quality of life for everyone

The report above sets out the implications for this priority in 2.1 – 2.8.

4. Significant Implications

4.1 n/a

5. Source documents

5.1 None

Corporate Parenting Performance Report December 2021

To: Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee

Meeting Date: 23 March 2022

From: Ricky Cooper, Assistant Director, Fostering, Regional Adoption & Youth Services

Electoral division(s): All

Forward Plan ref: n/a

Key decision: No

Outcome: This report is submitted to each formal and informal Corporate Parenting Sub Committee as part of the standing work programme item in relation to performance.

Recommendation: The Sub-Committee is recommended to:

- a. Note the content of the report, and
- b. Raise any questions with the lead officer

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1. Summary

- 1.1 This report is presented to each formal and informal Corporate Parenting Sub Committee to allow members to be updated on the numbers of children in care, care leavers and the placements in which they are placed,

2. Background

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Corporate Parenting Sub Committee in respect of the numbers of children and young people being looked after by the Council as of 31 December 2021 by providing a breakdown of the types of placements in which they are living. The report also provides information about the age, gender and ethnicity of those children and young people.

2. Main Issues

- 2.1 As of 31 December 2021, there were 636 children in care they were in the following placements:
- 203 children were placed with in house foster carers providing placements for the Local Authority.
 - 234 children were in foster care and placed with independent fostering agencies (IFAs). The agencies work with the Local Authority on a contractual basis to provide foster placements.
 - 68 post 16 year olds were living on their own, with support (independent living) but still classed as Children in Care with an allocated social worker.
 - 14 children have a court order (Placement Order) that allows them to live with their prospective adoptive parents whilst they are awaiting a final adoption order.
 - 39 children were placed with family or friends' carers (connected person). These carers are formally assessed in the same way that our other in-house carers are assessed and are presented to the Fostering Panel for approval in the same way. They are paid the same level of allowances as other in house foster carers.
 - 9 children were living with their parents but considered as looked after children because they are subject to a full care orders, so the local authority still shares parental responsibility with the birth parent. Placements with parents are often made pending a plan for reunification with the parent and in some cases will result in an application for care orders to be discharged.
 - 57 children and young people were placed in residential care which provides intensive support in a residential setting. These placements are most usually made when it is clear that foster care is not able to meet the child or young person's needs. Residential care is nearly always accessed by adolescents and only very rarely used for younger children.

- 53% of all children in care were placed outside Cambridgeshire's boundaries.

3. Alignment with corporate priorities

- 3.1 A good quality of life for everyone
There are no significant implications for this priority.
- 3.2 Thriving places for people to live
There are no significant implications for this priority.
- 3.3 The best start for Cambridgeshire's children
There are no significant implications for this priority.
- 3.4 Net zero carbon emissions for Cambridgeshire by 2050
There are no significant implications for this priority.

4. Significant Implications

- 4.1 None.

5. Source documents

- 5.1 None

CCC Corporate Parenting Scorecard

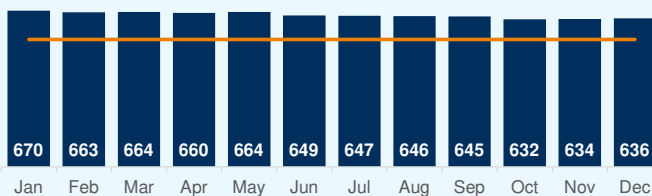
HEADLINE FIGURES

Number of children in care (CiC) on the last day of the month

636



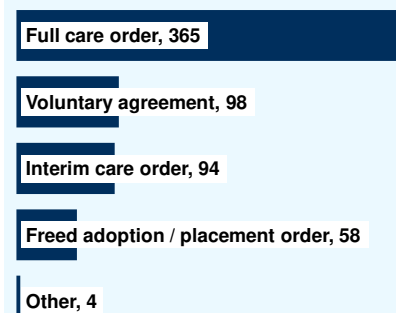
Target: below 546



Staffing

	Establishment	Average Caseload	Performance
Children in Care Qualified social workers	28	20	-
Leaving Care Personal Advisors	18	16	-
Independent Reviewing Officers	9.6	63	-

Legal status of children in care



Length of time children have been in care



Key

Change since previous month: Improved, Stayed the same, Deteriorated, Acceptable, Poor

Performance against target: Strong

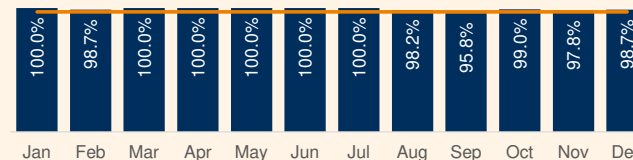
SERVICE STANDARDS

% of CiC reviews which were held on time (year to date, and during each month)

99%

860 out of 870

Target: above 97%



% of CiC statutory visits which were carried out on time (year to date, and during each month)

63.6%

404 out of 635

Target: above 98%



PLACEMENTS

Placement stability

3+ placements

9.7%

60 out of 617

Target: below 10%



9.7% of children in Cambridgeshire's care had 3 or more different placements in the last 12 months.

Out of those children who have been in care for over 2.5 years, 63.7% have been in their current placement for two or more years.

In placement 2+ yrs

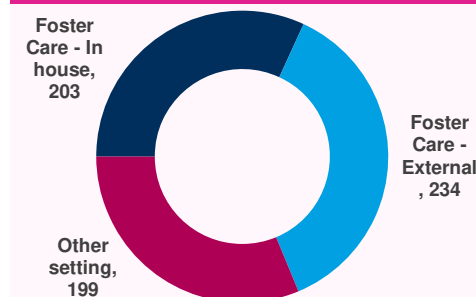
63.7%

179 out of 281

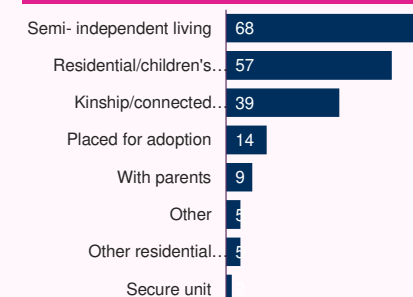
Target: above 68%



Type of placement of children in care



Other settings: breakdown



EDUCATION

Children in care by age group

16+; 174

10 to 15; 270

5 to 9; 100

1 to 4; 78

Under 1; 27

% of school-aged children in care who have a PEP in place

98.4%

375 out of 381

A Personal Education Plan (PEP) was in place for 375 children in Y1 - Y11, who were in the care of CCC and on the role of the virtual school at the end of the Autumn Term 2021.

% of school-aged children in care in good or outstanding schools

70.3%

312 out of 444

70.3% of Cambridgeshire's children in care are taught in good or outstanding schools, as at the end of December 2021.

As of December 2021

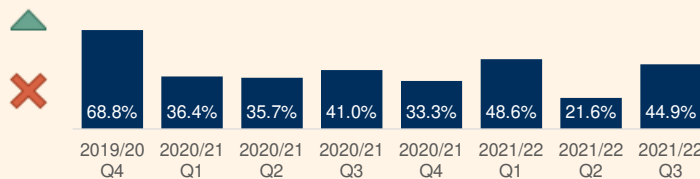
HEALTH - SERVICE STANDARDS

Children in care whose initial health assessment was completed on time (Year to date and by quarter)

39.0%

48 out of 123

Target: above 95%

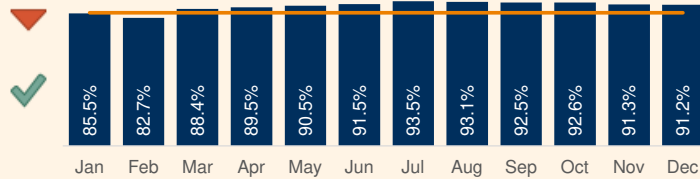


Children in care whose annual health assessment was completed on time

91.2%

435 out of 477

Target: above 86%



Children in care whose annual dental examination was completed on time

47.6%

227 out of 477

Target: above 82%



MISSING

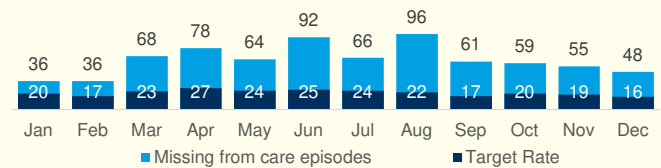
Children in care who go missing (with number of episodes)

16

Children

48

Episodes



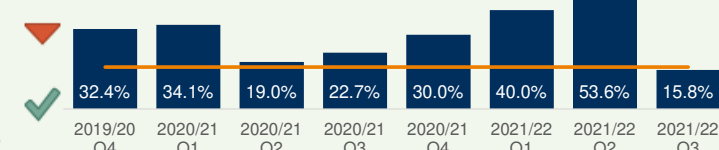
ADOPTION

% of children leaving care who are adopted (Year to date and by quarter)

34.9%

37 out of 106

Target: above 17%



Timeliness of adoption process

Time to placement

473

Target: below 430

For children adopted during the past 12 months, an average of 473 days passed between the child entering care and them moving into their adoptive placement. An average of 224.7 days passed between their placement order being granted and approval of a match with their adopters.

Time to match

225

Target: below 185

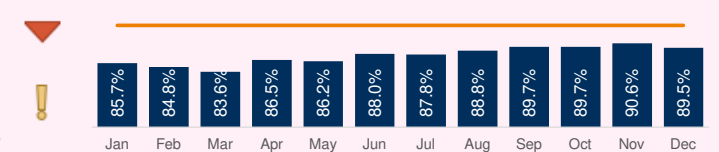
CARE LEAVERS

Care Leavers who have a pathway plan in place

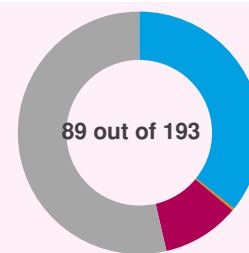
89.5%

470 out of 525

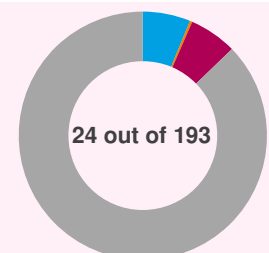
Target: above 95%



19 to 21 year old care leavers who are not in employment, education or training (NEET)



19 to 21 year old care leavers who live in unsuitable accommodation



Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee Workshop and Training Plan

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.

Subject	Desired learning outcome	Priority	Date	Responsibility	Format	Audience	Attendance	% of elected members attending
Supporting the mental and emotional health needs of children in care/on the edge of care	The aim of this session is to introduce CYP Members and the Corporate Parenting Sub Committee to the clinical framework and how it supports our foster carers and contributes to the emotional wellbeing of children and young people.		7 April 2022 1.30 – 2.30pm	Alison Bennett	Teams meeting	All CYP and CPSC members		
Journeys for children in			04 May 2022	Ricky Cooper	Teams meeting	All Members		

Subject	Desired learning outcome	Priority	Date	Responsibility	Format	Audience	Attendance	% of elected members attending
care including types of placement, placement matching and seeking permanent placements			12.30 – 2pm					

Members are asked to review the training sessions below which were requested previously by the Sub-Committee, confirm whether these are required and prioritise them if so:

1. Care leavers: A Members' Seminar to brief Members on the Council's Local Offer for young people leaving care and the activity within the service ensuring young people leaving care are accessing education employment and training and appropriate accommodation.
2. Children in Care returning to live with their birth families: The Specialist Support Service to deliver training on the work they do to reunify children with their birth families where it is safe to do so. This training will include an overview of interim research findings on the Council's activity in this area which has been commissioned through Cambridge University. Open to members of the Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee and subs.

Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee Agenda Plan

Notes

The definition of a key decision is set out in the Council's Constitution in Part 2, Article 12.

* indicates items expected to be recommended for determination by full Council.

+ indicates items expected to be confidential, which would exclude the press and public.

The following are standing agenda items which are considered at every Committee meeting:

- Minutes of previous meeting and Action Log
- Workshop and Training Plan
- Agenda Plan

Summary

The Agenda Plan shows the dates and times of future meetings and what reports are expected to be considered. Unless otherwise stated, all meetings will be held in the Multi-Function Room, New Shire Hall, Alconbury Weald, Huntingdon PE28 4YE.

Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee Public Meeting

Meeting Theme: Health

Date: 23.03.22	Agenda item	Lead officer	Reference if key decision	Deadline for draft reports	Agenda despatch date
	1. Participation Report	S Chandoo/Olly Grant	-	11.03.22	15.03.22
	2. Report from Cambridgeshire Foster Carers' Association	Cambridgeshire Foster Carers' Association/ F van den Hout	-		
	3. Annual Health Report	C York	-		

Date: 23.03.22	Agenda item	Lead officer	Reference if key decision	Deadline for draft reports	Agenda despatch date
	4. Corporate Parenting Scorecard	Ricky Cooper/ Myra O'Farrell	-		
	5. Workshop/Training Plan	Ricky Cooper	-		
	6. Agenda Plan	Myra O'Farrell	-		

Informal Meeting (Not open to the public)

Meeting Theme:

Date: 18.05.22	Agenda item	Lead officer	Reference if key decision	Deadline for draft reports	Agenda despatch date
	1.		-		n/a
	2.		-		
	3.		-		

Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee Public Meeting

Meeting Theme: Placements

Date: 13.07.22	Agenda item	Lead officer	Reference if key decision	Deadline for draft reports	Agenda despatch date
	1. Work Programme/ Agenda Plan	Ricky Cooper	-	30.06.22	04.07.22
	2. Training Plan	Myra O'Farrell	-		
	3. Participation Report	Shalina Chandoo/Olly Grant	-		
	4. Corporate Parenting Scorecard				

Date: 13.07.22	Agenda item	Lead officer	Reference if key decision	Deadline for draft reports	Agenda despatch date
	5. Workshop/Training Plan				
	6. Agenda Plan				

Informal Meeting (Not open to the public)

Meeting Theme:

Date: 07.09.22	Agenda item	Lead officer	Reference if key decision	Deadline for draft reports	Agenda despatch date
	1.		-		n/a
	2.		-		
	3.		-		

Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee Public Meeting

Meeting Theme: Education

Date: 16.11.22	Agenda item	Lead officer	Reference if key decision	Deadline for draft reports	Agenda despatch date
	1. Agenda Plan	Ricky Cooper	-	04.11.22	08.11.22
	2. Workshop/Training Plan	Myra O'Farrell	-		
	3. Virtual School Report	Claire Hiorns	-		

Informal Meeting (Not open to the public)

Meeting Theme:

Date: 11.01.23	Agenda item	Lead officer	Reference if key decision	Deadline for draft reports	Agenda despatch date
	1.		-		n/a
	2.		-		
	3.		-		

Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee Public Meeting

Meeting Theme: Health

Date: 29.03.23	Agenda item	Lead officer	Reference if key decision	Deadline for draft reports	Agenda despatch date
	1. Agenda Plan	Ricky Cooper	-	17.03.23	21.03.23
	2. Workshop/Training Plan	Myra O'Farrell	-		
	3. Health Report	Catherine York			