

IMPROVING THE EMOTIONAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER AND YOUNG PEOPLE LEAVING CARE

To: **Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee**

Meeting Date:

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Electoral division(s): **All**

Purpose: **To provide the Committee with an update on work to improve clinical services for children and young people who are looked after**

Recommendation: **The Committee is asked to note the report.**

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Summary:

The attached report summarises recommendations from the multi-agency Task & Finish group regarding services to improve the Emotional Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People who are Looked After.

1. BACKGROUND

Cambridgeshire Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee requested a Task and Finish group be established to consider what improvements could be made in services going forward. The group focused on working within existing resources using a “Transforming Care” model. This was informed by national guidance which clearly states that improving the emotional health and wellbeing of children and young people who are looked after requires a multi-agency response. This responsibility cannot be split off into any one service or organisation. The purpose of this group was for members to effect changes within their own services where possible, and then summarise recommendations for the Joint Commissioning Unit (JCU) and Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee to inform wider strategic developments.

2. MAIN ISSUES

To achieve the above aims, the following work was undertaken:

Shared review of recent relevant national guidance, legislation, research and policy

Case studies were shared and discussed to develop a greater understanding of what is currently available from key partners and where the gaps in services are most problematic

Consultation was undertaken with young people from the Corporate Parenting sub-committee and Cambridgeshire Foster Care Association.

This resulted in five key themes for consideration:

Oversight of universal and specialist services

Use of data to inform county wide service developments and assess impact

Clarity about service pathways and accessible, reliable, information for foster carers

Shared models of practice across services and application of evidence

based practice

Children and Young People's experience of services

3. ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PRIORITIES

Report authors should evaluate the proposal(s) in light of their alignment with the following three Corporate Priorities.

3.1 A good quality of life for everyone

Address health inequalities and improve outcomes for children and young people

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

Address health inequalities and improve outcomes for children and young people.

4. SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Resource Implications

There are no additional resource implications from the strategy

3.2 Procurement/Contractual/Council Contract Procedure Rules Implications

N/a

3.3 Statutory, Legal and Risk Implications

N/a

3.4 Equality and Diversity Implications

N/a

3.5 Engagement and Communications Implications

N/a

3.6 Localism and Local Member Involvement

N/a.

3.7 Public Health Implications

N/a

Source Documents	Location
None	.