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Notice of Meeting

Dear Member

Corporate Parenting Board

The **Corporate Parenting Board** will meet in a **Virtual Meeting - online** at **10.00 am on Tuesday 23 March 2021.**

The items which will be discussed are described in the agenda and there are reports attached which give more details.

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Julie Muscroft

Service Director – Legal, Governance and Commissioning

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The Corporate Parenting Board members are:-

Member

Councillor Viv Kendrick (Chair)

Councillor Karen Allison

Councillor Fazila Loonat

Councillor John Lawson

Councillor Richard Smith

Councillor Carole Pattison

Councillor Andrew

Marchington

Gill Addy

Julie Bragg

Tom Brailsford

Keith Fielding

Stewart Horn

Colleen Kenworthy

Barry Lockwood

Sanna Mahmood

Elaine McShane

Mel Meggs

Sara Miles

Jo-Anne Sanders

Ophelia Rix

Janet Tolley

Christine Carmichael

Cabinet Member for Learning, Aspiration and Communities
Ex-Officio

Designated Nurse for Looked after Children/Care Leavers
Head of Corporate Parenting (Children in Care and Care
Leavers)

Service Director (Resources, Improvement and
Partnerships)

Kirklees Fostering Network

Head of Joint Commissioning, Children & Families

Kirklees Fostering Network

Kirklees Fostering Network

Looked after Children and Leaving Care

Service Director, Family Support and Child Protection

Director for Children's Services

Interim Head of Service (Child Protection & Review Unit)

Service Director for Learning and Early Support

Principal Social Worker

Virtual School Headteacher

Kirklees Fostering Network

Agenda

Reports or Explanatory Notes Attached

Pages

1: Membership of the Board/Apologies

To receive apologies for absence from those Members who are unable to attend the meeting.

2: Minutes of previous meeting

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To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 13 January 2021.

3: Interests

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The Board Members will be asked to say if there are any items on the Agenda in which they have disclosable pecuniary interests, which would prevent them from participating in any discussion of the items or participating in any vote upon the items, or any other interest.

4: Admission of the Public

Most debates take place in public. This only changes when there is a need to consider certain issues, for instance, commercially sensitive information or details concerning an individual. You will be told at this point whether there are any items on the Agenda which are to be discussed in private.

5: Deputations/Petitions

The Board will receive any petitions and hear any deputations from members of the public. A deputation is where up to five people can attend the meeting and make a presentation on some particular issue of concern. A member of the public can also hand in a petition at the meeting but that petition should relate to something on which the body has powers and responsibilities.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10 (2), Members of the Public should provide at least 24 hours' notice of presenting a deputation.

6: Public Question Time

The Board will hear any questions from the general public. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, questions should be emailed to executive.governance@kirklees.gov.uk no later than 10am on 22 March 2021.

7: Review of Terms of Reference of the Board

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To consider the frequency of meetings of the Board.

The Board will meet for a minimum of 6 times per annum, on a 6-weekly basis, and for the terms of reference (section as highlighted in the attached document) to be amended accordingly.

Contact:

Jodie Harris, Principal Governance and Democratic Engagement Officer

8: Children's Performance Highlight Report

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The Board will consider a report giving key highlights from the latest Performance Monitoring data for the Children's Service and will receive a verbal update from Laura Counce, Head of Service - Children's Sufficiency Resources, Improvement & Partnerships, in respect of Fostering.

Contacts:

Julie Bragg, Head of Corporate Parenting (Children in Care and Care Leavers)

Janet Tolley, Virtual School Headteacher

Laura Counce, Head of Service - Children's Sufficiency Resources, Improvement & Partnerships

9: Overview of Number and Age of Children in Care

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The Board will consider an overview of the number and age of children in care

Contact:

Julie Bragg, Head of Corporate Parenting (Children in Care and Care Leavers)

10: Proposal for Fostering Modernisation

The Board will consider a verbal update from Tom Brailsford, Service Director Resources, Improvement and Partnerships, and Elaine McShane Service Director, Family Support and Child Protection, on the Proposal for Fostering Modernisation.

Contacts:

Tom Brailsford, Service Director ,Resources, Improvement and Partnerships

Elaine McShane Service Director, Family Support and Child Protection

11: Youth Offending Team, Annual Report

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The Board will consider the Annual Report from the Youth Offending Team relating to their work with children in care and comparative data for 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19.

Contacts:

Chris Sweeting, Youth Offending Service Manager, Family Support and Child Protection

Charlotte Jackson, Head of Service, Family Support and Child Protection

Ian Mottershaw, Senior Manager, Transitional Safeguarding

12: OFSTED and Ambition Board Update

The Board will be given a verbal update in relation to the OFSTED and Ambition Board.

Contacts:

Julie Bragg Head of Corporate Parenting, (Children in Care and Care Leavers)

13: Updates from Board Members on Interaction with Services

The Board will consider verbal updates from Board Members in relation to progress and key issues following interaction with Services and partners to challenge the role of the Corporate Parent.

Contact: Jodie Harris, Principal Governance and Democratic Engagement Officer

14: Corporate Parenting Board Work Programme and Agenda Plan for 2020/21

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Members of the Board will consider the work programme and

agenda plan for the 2020/21 municipal year and will consider issues for inclusion during the 2021/22 municipal year.

Contact Officer: Jodie Harris, Principal Governance and Democratic Engagement Officer

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KIRKLEES COUNCIL

CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD

Wednesday 13 January 2021

Present:

- Councillor Viv Kendrick (Chair)
- Councillor Carole Pattison
- Councillor Richard Smith
- Councillor Karen Allison
- Tom Brailsford, Service Director (Resources, Improvement and Partnerships)
- Stewart Horn, Head of Joint Commissioning - Children and Families
- Barry Lockwood, Kirklees Fostering Network
- Keith Fielding, Kirklees Fostering Network
- Janet Tolley, Virtual School Head Teacher
- Sara Miles, Interim Head of Service – Family Support and Child Protection
- Elaine McShane, Service Director - Family Support and Child Protection
- Sanna Mahmood, Care Leavers Advocate – Family Support and Child Protection

In attendance:

- Richard Parry, Strategic Director for Adults and Health
- Suzanne Whiteley, One Adoption West Yorkshire

Apologies:

- Cllr Andrew Marchington
- Cllr John Lawson
- Gill Addy, Designated Nurse Looked After Children
- Jo-Anne Sanders, Service Director, Learning and Early Support - Learning and Skills
- Julie Bragg , Head of Corporate Parenting (Children and Care Leavers)
- Anna Gledhill, Service Manager Quality Assurance and Social Work Practice Lead – Children and Families
- Colleen Kenworthy
- Christine Carmichael
- Ophelia Rix, Principal Social Worker

1 Membership of the Board/Apologies

The Chair welcomed Board Members. Apologies had been received from Cllr Andrew Marchington, Cllr John Lawson, Gill Addy, Jo-Anne Sanders, Julie Bragg, Anna Gledhill, Colleen Kenworthy, Christine Carmichael and Ophelia Rix.

2 Interests

No interests were declared.

3 Minutes

The Board considered the minutes of the last meeting held on the 3rd November 2020 and noted that Councillor Karen Allison's apologies had not been noted.

The Chair requested that Gill Addy be removed from the attendance list of the previous meeting as she had sent apologies.

RESOLVED-

That the minutes of the last meeting, held on 3 November 2020, be approved as a correct record to include the above amendments agreed by the Board.

4 Admission of the Public

It was agreed that all agenda items would be held in public session.

5 Deputations/Petitions

No deputations or petitions were received.

6 Public Question Time

No questions from the public were received.

7. Role of the Corporate Parent

The Board considered a verbal update on the role of the Corporate Parent from Richard Parry, Strategic Director for Adults and Health.

The Board were provided with an overview of the range of services within the Adults and Health Directorate. It was noted that within Adults Social Services there was a significant focus on maximising the independence of residents in Kirklees by:

- Working in close partnership with the NHS to support individuals from hospital discharge, within their homes and communities;
- Using assistive technology to help local residents to be more independent and safer within their homes;
- Enabling access to employment by providing learning and skill building opportunities such as 'Real Employment' and supporting Mid-Yorkshire Hospital Trust to develop 'Project Search';
- Increasing community capacity through the work undertaken by the Community Plus and Local Area Co-ordinators teams.

The Board were further advised of recent work undertaken in response to the Covid-19 Pandemic. This included:

- The Kirklees Libraries Service which had undertaken some work focused on reducing social isolation and provided virtual workshops to support children with reading and other educational activities.
- The Customer Services Centres in both Huddersfield and Dewsbury had continued to deliver some face to face support throughout the pandemic but this was limited by the Covid-19 restrictions.
- The Contact Centres had adapted to deliver most services by phone to support to Kirklees residents.
- Working closely with local GP's was to continue during the Covid-19 vaccine rollout to support vulnerable individuals to access the vaccination offer safely;

Richard Parry described the work that was being carried out to support the transition period from 'child' to 'adult' for individuals with a disability.

The Board noted that, services within the Children's and Young People Directorate worked closely with a range of groups and organisations to help support young people in Kirklees and asked how collaborative working was being used to support this area of work.

Richard Parry advised the Board that the services within the Adults and Children's Directorates were working collaboratively to manage the transition period. This included regular engagement with Parent Advocate Groups, who worked closely with teams in Children's services, to support the Transition Programme.

The Board highlighted that it had been recommended that Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services for Care Leavers were offered to 18- 25-year olds and agreed to examine the work of external services to determine where workstreams could be linked.

RESOLVED –

- 1- The Board noted the update on the role of the Corporate Parent and thanked Richard Parry for his contributions.
- 2- That the Board would consider an update on the continued progression of the Transition Programme at a future meeting.
- 3- That the Board consider an update on the approach to commissioning across Adults and Health, Children's Services, and the Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG's) at a future meeting.
- 4- That the Board examine the work of external child and adolescent mental health services at a future meeting.

8 One Adoption West Yorkshire – 6 Monthly Report

The Board considered the half yearly Adoption Agency report from One Adoption West Yorkshire (OAWY) presented by Suzanne Whiteley.

Suzanne Whitely highlighted the key issues from the report which set out the work and developments within OAWY between April 2020 and September 2020 and advised the Board that:

- There had been some challenges to staff morale as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, but managers had worked hard to support their teams;
- Most of the vacant positions within OAWY had now been filled, and interviews were scheduled to recruit to any remaining vacant posts;
- Letterbox work had been redirected to the Leeds office as an interim measure whilst accommodation in Kirklees and Calderdale was refurbished;
- This created some delays as staff had to travel from Huddersfield to Leeds to access files and process file work;
- A reduction in income from the Adoption Support Fund (ASF) ,as a result of the pandemic, had put pressures on the budget but a plan had been actioned to address this;
- The 'Duty and Advice' service was running remotely and a telephone choice system had been implemented to efficiently direct incoming calls;
- The Operational Leads group had met to discuss aligning adoption payments and joint audit work was agreed;
- The Centre of Excellence project had progressed but due to increased costs the final model was amended to remove the post of the Assistant Psychologist;
- A medical advisor protocol has been agreed and 'Peer Supports' and audits had taken place across the region to support the improvement of medial information provided to adoptive families;
- Work with Virtual School Heads across the region continued progress and the educational helpline was well used;
- Virtual training sessions with schools, and workshops with doctors, to increase awareness around 'Attachments and Trauma' had been delivered and were well received;
- The Special Guardianship (SG) support plan was being tested by the kinship teams across the five local authorities (LA's) in West Yorkshire;
- A therapeutic parenting programme for SG's had been commissioned and a group application for funding on behalf of the region was to be made;
- The Grandparents Plus project was progressing well with the further support provided from the ASF Covid-19 funds;
- Training in 'Non-Violent Resistance' had been commissioned for the kinship teams across the five LA's;
- The OAWY's website had been resigned and was now live;
- There was a significant increase in families interested in becoming adopters during the first half of the year;
- OAWY had undertaken a review of perspective adopters and the decision was made to temporarily hold applications for young children;
- Technology had been used to continue to deliver the work of OAWY virtually throughout the pandemic and training workshops and 'profiling events were well received;
- OAWY (after adopting the University of East Anglia's model) used virtual technology to increase the 'getting to know you' phase which helped build relationships between children and adoptive families;

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- Meetings of Virtual Adoption Panels were being held more frequently (7 or 8 times per month) and the feedback on the virtual arrangements from social workers was positive;
- Reports presented to panels were given 'good' or 'excellent' feedback which was reflective of the continued hard work of social workers;

Suzanne Whiteley further highlighted the key statistics within the Performance Reports (appendix 2) noting that in the first 6 months of 2020/21:

- 61 adoptive families were approved by OAWY across the region;
- 52 families had been matched with children from West Yorkshire which was an increase when compared to the same timeframe in the previous year;
- Within the 61 approved households 12 individuals (11%) of the children matched had a BAME backgrounds, 9 households (15%) were approved for sibling groups and 16 households (25%) were open to an Early Permanence Placement.

In response to a question from the Board regarding the budget, Suzanne Whiteley explained that OAWY had undertaken work to address pressures, such as examining the interagency budget and vacancy monitoring.

In response to a question from the Board regarding the outcomes of the discussions with CCG's in relation to the Centre of Excellence project, Suzanne Whitley advised that there was an agreement across the region to fund the Centre of Excellence, but an amendment had been made to the final staffing model as there had been an increase in the cost of commissioning of the Assistant Psychologist post. The amendment removed the post to ensure costs were within the budget.

The Board then enquired about the plans to track the outcomes and impact of the Centre of Excellence project and Suzanne Whitley explained that OAWY had implemented measures such as 'goal-based outcomes' to monitor and evaluate outcomes. A Project manager was also supporting the evaluation work in the interim in the absence of an Assistant Psychologist.

In response to a question from the Board concerning the position of letterbox work, Suzanne Whitley confirmed that post was still being directed to Leeds, but accommodation had now been secured Kirklees.

The Board asked what impact the pandemic had on Court proceedings. Suzanne Whitley explained that there had been some delays in terms of initial care proceedings and adoption order applications, but these were managed more efficiently as the pandemic has progressed.

Clarity was requested on the reasons why adoptive families for younger children who were put on hold. Suzanne Whitley explained that this was because there was a high number of families who were seeking approval for the younger age range of children. The decision was taken to prioritise families who were open to taking children from groups who were considered more difficult to place. This had been a temporary position and OAWY had ensured transparency when communicating with the families involved.

RESOLVED –

1. That the Board noted the OAWY 6 Monthly report and thanked Suzanne Whiteley for her contributions.
2. That figures be provided to the Board on the number of staff from Kirklees who had attended the Non-Violent Resistance Training.

9. Children's Performance Highlight Report

The Board considered the Children's Performance Highlights Report presented by Elaine McShane, Service Director for Family Support and Child Protection, Janet Tolley, Virtual School Head Teacher and Stewart Horn, Head of Joint Commissioning, Children and Families.

Elaine McShane presented the performance data relating to children entering care, children in care and placement stability, looked after children (LAC) reviews, visiting, and missing.

The Board were advised that:

- There had been an increasing trend in the number and rate of children in care from 65.8 (659 children) in December 2019 to 68.7 (688 children) in November 2020.
- The increase had now stabilised and the number and rate of children in care had not increased to the figure projected.
- This was partly attributed to the work of the Community Plus Service, Third Sector groups and their role in supporting families.
- Of the 80 children placed outside of Kirklees, or more than 20 miles from their home address, the large majority were placed in a fostering placement and some of these placements now had a permanency decision.
- 15 requests for Initial Review forms were received by the Child Protection and Review unit in November 2020 relating to 23 children in total.
- For all referrals received in November all children and young people were allocated an Independent Reviewing Officer (IRO) within 24 hours and Initial Child Looked After Reviews were arranged for all but 1 child within 4 weeks of them becoming Looked After.
- In November 2020, the Child Protection and Review Unit held 177 Looked After Review Meetings, with 98.2 % of these were held within timescales.
- A virtual approach to reviews had been taken as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic but it had been taken into account that some children preferred face to face reviews.
- Independent Reviewing Officers were closely monitoring Child Looked After Review timescales to ensure that this high percentage was maintained and improved upon.
- Where there were circumstances where a child's review meeting was not held within the statutory timescales a clear rational was recorded on the child's record.
- Mid-way reviews were embedded into practice and continued to demonstrate evidence of improved oversight of children's files and planning for children by Independent Reviewing Officers.

The Board were informed that key areas to improve were placement stability, allocated social worker stability and reducing the number of children placed more than 20 miles outside of their home address.

It was also noted that the reporting strategies for when LAC go missing were also being reviewed and a priority was to use return interviews to identify why (Looked After Children) LAC choose to go missing.

Janet Tolley presented the update on Looked After Children Education Outcomes and highlighted that:

- The initial focus was the transition back into education school closures with a continued focus on supporting young people who were learning from home.
- 100% of Personal Education Plans (PEPs) were completed within the Summer Term which were all being held virtually.
- 87% of initial PEPs had been completed within 10 school days of a child coming into care since September 2020.
- Work was ongoing with social work teams to improve both PEP and initial PEP completion and the quality assurance of PEPs.
- 85% of school moves were planned across the service to ensure a smooth transition with no break in provision.
- 92.5% of moves took place within the statutory timescale of 20 working days;
- It was a priority to reduce the number of school moves and any breaks in education where possible.
- Attendance and Persistent Absence (PA) remained a high priority.
- The Covid -19 pandemic made it difficult to compare absence data with the data from the previous year due to illness school bubble closures.
- It was important to consider the emotional impact the pandemic was having on children when addressing attendance.

The Board was concerned that Foster Carers would be unable to grant permission for LAC to receive Covid-19 testing in Schools. In response Elaine McShane agreed that it was important to make sure provision and guidance was in place before lateral testing was implemented in schools.

Stewart Horn, representing Gill Addy, presented the Looked after Health update and it was noted that:

- Kirklees Local Authority's 12-month data showed that that 93.8% and 90.5% of the 'Developmental' assessments (for under 5-year olds) and 'Annual' assessments (for over 5-year olds) were completed within statutory timescales;
- Monthly Locala data for November showed that 100% of the 'Initial Health Assessments' were carried out within the correct timescales;
- Staff who had been redeployed were back in post and current guidance stipulated that all health staff working with Children and Young People should remain within their usual job roles;
- Dentists were only performing emergency procedures which prevented LAC from accessing routine dental checks;

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- The request to the Kirklees Dental Commissioner and NHS England for vulnerable children to receive dental checks was declined.
- This had been raised as a national issue which the Local authority was also to continue to address locally;
- There was a downward trend in under 5's registrations at Dental surgeries;
- 0.42% of looked after young people were identified at their last review health assessment as having a dependant problem with substances;

In response to a question from the Board regarding how many children had received an assessment, Stewart Horn clarified that 100% of children had an assessment but the percentage was lower as the data took into account where there was a small breach in timescale.

Elaine McShane presented the report in relation to Looked after Children Convictions and explained that it was a key objective to examine in more detail the nature of any convictions on a broader scale.

The Board discussed the Council's role, as a Corporate Parent, in supporting LAC involved in minor offences to avoid excess criminalisation and questioned who was responsible for cases involving LAC to be brought before a Court. In response, Elaine McShane confirmed that though children's homes may notify the Police of offenses involving LAC, that the decision to prosecute was taken by the Police. It was further explained that there were ongoing discussions with the Police and children's homes to avoid prosecution where possible.

Elaine McShane presented the update on Care Leavers in the report, and explained that:

- There had been an increase in the percentage of Care Leavers the Council were in contact with throughout June and July 2020 due the isolating nature of Covid-19 Restrictions;
- The Community Plus service helped to make sure that Care Leavers had the same access to community support as any other individual;
- The pandemic had a significant impact on the increasing demands for tenancies and there were still a number of young people awaiting allocation of a tenancy;
- Strong links with Kirklees Neighbourhood Housing (KNH) and the Housing Panel had been maintained to ensure that suitable accommodation is available;
- The Number 11 and 12 drop-in centres were closed due to the pandemic;
- Work was ongoing with Assets Management to be in a position to open the drop-in centres to provide a safe space for young people;
- There had been a recent review on the financial and practical offer to Care Leavers which was to be implemented following its approval.

The Board requested data showing the number of Care Leavers in education or employment after the age of 18 and a broader compassion of the numbers of Care Leavers in employment/education with peers of the same age to identify any potential inequalities gaps.

Further positive pieces of work were highlighted by the Board including the Kirklees Active Leisure placement offer to Care Leavers and the Huddersfield Town Foundation employability project.

RESOLVED –

1. That the Board noted the Children’s Performance Highlight Report and thanked Elaine McShane, Stewart Horn and Janet Tolley for their contributions.
2. That a report showing the details of fostering placements outside of Kirklees, or those placements that were more than 20 miles from the child’s home address, be presented at a future meeting of the Board.
3. That granting permission for LAC to receive lateral Covid-19 tests in schools should be discussed with the relevant teams and at a future meeting of the Fostering Network.
4. That a report detailing the nature of convictions using a broader scope be considered at a future meeting of the Board.
5. That the report on the review of the financial and practical offer to Care Leavers would be considered at a meeting following its approval.
6. A report showing the number of LAC who were in post-18 education or employment, with a comparator to children who were not looked after, be provided to a future meeting of the Board.

10 OFSTED and Improvement Board Update

The Board considered a verbal update on the OFSTED and Improvement Board presented by Tom Brailsford, Service Director for Resources, improvement and Partnerships, Children and Families.

It was explained that:

- the Board had been renamed the ‘Ambition Board’
- A new membership had been agreed to broaden the remit of the Board to include representation from SEND, Social Care and Learning Performance.

RESOLVED – That the update on OFSTED and Improvement Board was noted and Tom Brailsford was thanked for his contributions.

11 Overview of Number and Age of Children in Care

The Board considered a report on the Overview and Age of Children in Care which was presented by Elaine McShane, Service Director for Family Support and Child Protection. The purpose of the report was to provide information relating to the number and profile of children in our care, including information related to the number of Children placed outside of the District.

The Board were informed that there had been a recent increase in the number of children in care in April 2020 which coincided with the start of the Covid-19 pandemic. The increase had now stabilised, and Kirklees’s the current number of LAC was 68.6% as of November 2020 which compared with the statistical neighbour average

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(Local Authorities that the Department for Education regard as similar to Kirklees socio economically,) of 92.2% and with 67% nationally.

Elaine McShane advised that there had been some early challenges when usual support systems, such as schools, closed due to the pandemic. It was noted that removing children had a detrimental impact on both parties and that it was important to take into consideration that these were unprecedented times. Wherever possible services were creative about the package of support delivered to counteract the effects of the pandemic and to support families to stay together, but children were removed where deemed necessary.

RESOLVED - That the report on Overview and Age of Children in Care was noted and Elaine McShane was thanked for her contributions.

12 Updates from Board Members on Interaction with Services

The Board considered verbal updates from Board Members in relation to progress and key issues following interaction with Services and partners to challenge the role of the Corporate Parent.

The Chair noted that the virtual awards for Children and Care Leavers which was a positive event and that Care leavers continued to share updates on their recent achievements.

The Board were advised that the Chair continued to hold regular one to one meetings with Heads of Services, Service Directors and the Strategic Director within Children Services.

RESOLVED – That the update from Board Members on Interaction with Services was noted.

13. Corporate Parenting Board Agenda Plan 2020/21

The Board considered the agenda plan of the Corporate Parenting Board for 2020/21.

The Chair noted that there were a number of reports which had been deferred due to pressures on officers as a result of the pandemic and the recent lockdown. These items would be rescheduled for consideration at a future meeting of the Board.

RESOLVED- That the agenda plan for 2020/21 was noted and that deferred reports be rescheduled for consideration by the Board at a later date.

KIRKLEES COUNCIL

COUNCIL/CABINET/COMMITTEE MEETINGS ETC

DECLARATION

CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD

Name of Councillor

Item in which you have an interest	Type of interest (eg a disclosable pecuniary interest or an "Other Interest")	Does the nature of the interest require you to withdraw from the meeting while the item in which you have an interest is under consideration? [Y/N]	Brief description of your interest

Signed:

Dated:

NOTES

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

If you have any of the following pecuniary interests, they are your disclosable pecuniary interests under the new national rules. Any reference to spouse or civil partner includes any person with whom you are living as husband or wife, or as if they were your civil partner.

Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain, which you, or your spouse or civil partner, undertakes.

Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from your council or authority) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expenses incurred by you in carrying out duties as a member, or towards your election expenses.

Any contract which is made between you, or your spouse or your civil partner (or a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest) and your council or authority -

- under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and
- which has not been fully discharged.

Any beneficial interest in land which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, have and which is within the area of your council or authority.

Any licence (alone or jointly with others) which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, holds to occupy land in the area of your council or authority for a month or longer.

Any tenancy where (to your knowledge) - the landlord is your council or authority; and the tenant is a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest.

Any beneficial interest which you, or your spouse or your civil partner has in securities of a body where -

(a) that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of your council or authority; and

(b) either -

the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or

if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

Corporate Parenting Board – Terms of Reference

The Corporate Parenting Board supports the delivery of a Corporate Parenting Strategy across the Council and is driving the improvements in corporate parenting as identified in the Improvement Action Plan arising from the recommendations made by Ofsted following their Inspection in September 2016.

At the meeting of Council on 24 June 2015, a decision was taken to establish a Corporate Parenting Board and since then the Board has been reconstituted annually and the Terms of Reference updated. This Board is non-decision making and is not subject to access to information rules. This report seeks approval for the Board to be re-constituted for the 2019-2020 Municipal Year on a 1:1:1:1 ratio and based upon the Terms of Reference as set out below;

Purpose: To ensure that the Council fulfills its responsibilities as good corporate parents for all their children in care.

The Corporate Parenting Board is accountable to Full Council through its Cabinet. Initial reporting of concerns will be escalated by the cabinet portfolio holder to appropriate governance bodies including Cabinet.

The Board will meet for a minimum of six times per annum (bi-monthly).

Membership:

Cabinet Portfolio Holder (with responsibility for Children)
Elected Members representing all political parties
Chair of Children's Scrutiny Panel (ex-officio Member) or his/her nominee
Director of Children's Services
Service Director, Family Support and Child Protection
Service Director, Learning and Early Support
Service Director, Resources, Improvement and Partnerships
Chair of Governors
Head of Corporate Parenting (Sufficiency)
Head of Corporate Parenting (Children in Care and Care Leavers)
Virtual School Head Teacher
Virtual School Chair or Vice Chair of Governing Body
Integrated Commissioning Manager
Principal Social Worker
Interim Head of Service (Safeguarding and Quality Assurance - Children)
Designated Nurse for Looked after children
Representatives from Kirklees Fostering Network
Care Leavers Advocate (Family Support and Child Protection)
Social Work Practice Lead (Team Manager for Children's Rights, Compliments and Complaints Unit and Legal Project Officers)

Representatives from a range of services and partner agencies will be invited as appropriate and will receive papers including: Kirklees College, Calderdale and Kirklees Careers, Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub, Sufficiency Team, Performance Team and Kirklees Neighbourhood Housing

Terms of Reference:

- 1 There is a requirement that all Board Members will make enquiries or visit services and partners to assist in exploring the role of the Council as a Corporate Parent and report back to the Board.
- 2 To consider and recommend ways in which the Council can improve the life chances of all children in care and care leavers.
- 3 To advise the Council's Cabinet and other governance bodies of actions that need to be taken.
- 4 To bring to the attention of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee any areas which may warrant Scrutiny consideration
- 5 To ensure there are good partnerships between council departments and partner agencies and that Council services and partners are held to account for their strategies and operational delivery.
- 6 To provide an opportunity for the voice of our children and young people to inform the considerations and recommendations of the Board.
- 7 To maintain a strategic overview of new developments, initiatives, plans, policies and strategies that impact on services for children and young people in or leaving our care.
- 8 To monitor the performance of the Council by receiving regular progress reports on all performance data relating to Corporate Parenting Services.
- 9 To receive regular reports on the progress and needs of care leavers including employment, further education, training, housing and health.
9. To consider statutory reports from the Adoption and Fostering Services, Independent Reviewing Officers, Residential and Youth Offending Teams and make recommendations.
10. To agree an annual work programme setting out its key priorities and areas for action.
11. To prepare an Annual Report on the areas considered by the Board, including its work programme, for presentation to Council and Kirklees Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 11 To acknowledge and celebrate in the achievements of children and young people in care and support and participate in annual celebration events.

12 Review on an annual basis the Statements of Purpose of the Kirklees Fostering Service and Kirklees Registered Children's Homes

13 To receive an Annual Report on:-

- One Adoption (West Yorkshire)
- Children who go missing from care
- Health of looked after children
- The educational outcomes for looked after children
- The work of the Leaving Care Service
- Children and young people placed outside the Kirklees boundary
- Youth Offending Team relating to their work with children in care
- Private Fostering Service
- Children's Rights and Advocacy
- Complaints and Compliments
- Membership and Terms of Reference of the Board
- The Sufficiency of Placements for Children in Care

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Corporate Parenting Board – Highlight Report

Date of Board: 23rd March 2021

Data is as at 28th February 2021, unless stated otherwise.

* Benchmarking Source: Children's Social Care Benchmarking Tool (BMt) V3.10. Benchmarking data is from March 2020 unless stated otherwise. SN = Statistical Neighbours average, Eng. = England average. Where no equivalent published data is available, "N/A" is shown.

Children Entering Care, Children in Care and Placement Stability

Key Indicator	Type of measure	Month End				*Benchmarking	
		Mar 20	Dec 20	Jan 21	Feb 21	SN	Eng.
4.02.01 Children in care - numbers in care per 10,000 of age 0-17 population.	Per 10,000 population aged 0-17	67.4 (675)	68.3 (684)	67.2 (673)	66.5 (666)	92.2	67.0
	Direction of Travel		↓	↓	↓		
4.02.04 Children in care by placement within and outside the LA boundary: Total placed outside Kirklees and more than 20 miles from home address	% (number)	12.7% (86)	11.4% (78)	11.3% (76)	10.8% (72)	12.9%	16.0%
	Direction of Travel		↓	↓	↓		
4.05.01 Placement Stability Within Year - LAC with three or more placements	% (number)	7.4% (50)	7.2% (49)	7.7% (52)	7.2% (48)	10.3%	11.0%
	Direction of Travel		↓	↑	↓		
4.05.04 Social Worker change of LAC in care 12+ Months: Number of Social Worker changes	Number	274	259	249	235	N/A	N/A
	Direction of Travel		↑	↓	↓		
Average number of SW changes	Average	0.57	0.53	0.51	0.48	N/A	N/A
	Direction of Travel		↑	↓	↓		

Service Narrative

What difference did we make?

- There is currently a decreasing trend in the number and rate of children in care from 68.8 (689 children) in Aug 20 to 66.5 (666 children) in Feb 21. The current 12-month average for Kirklees is 68.1 (682 children), above our 31 March 2020 published rate of 67.0 and the England 2020 rate of 67.0, but well below our Statistical Neighbours 2020 rate of 92.2.
- Of the 72 children placed outside of Kirklees and more than 20 miles from their home address, the large majority are placed in fostering.
- The Legal Gateway and Permanence Panels continue to support consistency in regard to decision making and planning around Placement moves for children and young people. A two weekly External Placement Review Panel is now in place, to provide better oversight of children who are not placed in council provision. We have undertaken an External Residential Placement Review of all children who are placed out of Local Authority to consider their care planning and explore options of returning to the local area if this is in line with meeting the children and young person's needs, we have already made progress reducing this number placed outside of Kirklees and more than twenty miles away from Kirklees.
- For Placement Stability the Placement support team are very active, and we have implemented innovative solutions to support several Placements. An example of plans to limit unplanned moves is as follows: where a foster carer or Placement is given 28-day notice, the Team Manager will coordinate a stability meeting within 5 working days to look at what can be provided to avoid Placement breakdown and to maintain the current Placement.

- Whilst the data shows improvement in certain areas we are focussing on the negative data particularly as it relates to three and four Placement changes in the previous 12-month period.
- As at the end of September 2020 there had been 267 social worker changes in the previous 12 months but there has been a healthy reduction to 235 by the end of February 2021. Whilst social work change data has improved compared to the previous month, we are mindful of the impact this has on our children and young people and we will continue to focus on the retention of staff and consistency in case allocation.

What do we want to improve?

- Placement stability - we will also use lessons learned to inform practice. Always have Placement Stability meetings in place. We are currently reviewing our model of practice and have established much better links with our supervisory social workers to help with better support to our foster carers. We are currently reviewing our placement support so that we are able to enhance our offer to foster carers.
- Improve allocated social worker stability.
- Reduce number of children placed more than 20 miles from their home address. We aim to recruit more local foster carers to provide more local placement options.
- We aim to review all of our external foster placements to consider whether children and young people who are placed more than twenty miles from Kirklees, in line with their care planning and meeting the children and young person's needs, are able to return to more local placements.

Looked After Children Reviews, Visits and Missing

Key Indicator	Type of measure	Month End				*Benchmarking	
		Mar 20	Dec 20	Jan 21	Feb 21	SN	Eng.
4.06.01: LAC Reviews Within Statutory Timescale	%	96.4%	98.4%	98.7%	98.7%	N/A	N/A
	Direction of Travel		↑	↑	↔		
4.07.01: LAC visits within statutory time-scale: % of LAC visited in line with Kirklees Practice Standards	%	85.9% (579/ 674)	91.4% (625/ 684)	87.7% (590/ 673)	90.8% (605/ 666)	N/A	N/A
	Direction of Travel		↓	↓	↑		
4.09.02: Missing children: a. No. of LAC having at least one Missing episode per month	% (number)	4.1% (28)	3.7% (25)	2.5% (17)	2.1% (14)	9.3%	11%
	Direction of Travel		↑	↓	↓		
b. No. of LAC that have more than one missing episode in the month (repeat Mispers)	% (number)	53.6% (15)	28.0% (7)	29.4% (5)	35.7% (5)	N/A	N/A
	Direction of Travel		↑	↑	↑		
4.09.03: Independent Return Interviews for LAC offered within 72 hours of the child being located	% (number)	81.5% (22/27)	81.3% (13/16)	83.3% (10/12)	66.7% (6/9)	N/A	N/A
	Direction of Travel		↑	↑	↓		

Service Narrative

What difference did we make?

- 22 requests for Initial Review forms were received by the Child Protection and Review unit in January and February 2021 relating to 26 children in total – 24 of whom remain Looked After as at end February 2021. For all the referrals received, children and young people were allocated an Independent Reviewing Officer (IRO) within 24 hours and Initial Child Looked After Reviews were arranged within 4 weeks of the children and young people becoming Looked After.
- In January and February 2021, the Child Protection and Review Unit held 269 Looked After Review Meetings for children, with over 99% of these being held within timescales.

- Independent Reviewing Officers closely monitor Child Looked After Review timescales to ensure that this high percentage is maintained and improved upon, whilst a clear rationale is recorded on a child's file if there are circumstances which result in a child's review meeting not being held within statutory timescales.
- In February 2021, 11 children and young people were supported by an Advocate from the Children's Rights Team at their Looked After Review. 3 of these were for children living out of Kirklees.
- At the end of February 2021, 32 Children Looked After were supported by an Independent Visitor
- The timeliness of CLA visits has fluctuated with a 12-month low of 81.5% in Apr 20, and a high in Jul 20 of 94.6%. Performance in Feb 21 was 90.8%, above the 12-month average of 89.8%.
- There has been an increase with regards to the number of Children in Care who have received a statutory visit in line with practice standards we continue to monitor the visits as part of our service performance meetings.
- *Missing CLA:*
 - All children's homes are being encouraged to review missing reporting strategies with the placing Local Authorities to ensure they are fit for purpose and have a clear expectation on the home to try all avenues to locate the child before reporting them missing.
 - The Philomena Protocol documents are being used by all children's homes and semi-independent providers in Kirklees (introduced in July 2020). A number of meetings have been held with providers recently to consider the protocol, the information within it and expectations that all providers use it. Feedback showed that children's homes and semi-independent providers like the protocol and that the information held means that children are located more quickly and that it aids the Police to do this. It was recognised by the police that more work need to take place with the police call operators who receive the information as they are not all familiar with the protocol.
 - Provider meetings are run 3 to 4 times per year. During 2020 these have focussed on the Philomena Protocol and support through Covid-19. We agreed at the last meeting in December that 2021 dates will be booked in virtually with a wider agenda. Attendance has been good for virtual meetings; participation less so, but we will keep working on this to encourage as many providers as possible to contribute.

What do we want to improve?

- The Service Managers are increasing focus on statutory visit compliance to improve the performance. Regular performance meetings are held within the service to ensure that we can improve our performance.
- Mid-way Reviews as focus point to address any issues of delay for children. Within the IRO Service we introduced Practice Guidance in February 2021 for Mid-Way Reviews to ensure that IROs provide clearer evidence of their oversight of children's plans, and that any concerns about drift and delay are addressed by clear recommendations with timescales being provided to Social Workers and their Managers.
- Independent Reviewing Officers to continue to liaise closely with Social Workers and the Children's Rights team to ensure that children are enabled to participate in their Reviews and that their voice is heard.
- Children's Rights Service have liaised closely with IRO Service and will shortly be relaunching updated online versions of Children's Consultation Documents for Looked After Reviews. These include Children's Feedback Forms about their Review, Children's Consultation forms for Reviews and Information about Reviews 'Booklet', with 2 different age-related versions.
- The Children's Rights Service has sought the views of children who have an Independent Visitor to understand their experience of this support during Covid-19, to help to inform ongoing service developments.

Looked After Children Education Outcomes

Key Indicator	Type of measure	Autumn Term 20/21	Spring Term 20/21	Summer Term 20/21	Benchmarking	
					SN	Eng.
4.10.02 Personal Education Plans (PEP) up to date (current school age LAC with PEP in the last term)	%	100%				
	Direction of Travel	-				

Key Indicator	Type of measure	Month End				Benchmarking	
		Dec 20	Jan 21	Feb 21	Cumulative	SN	Eng.
Initial PEP completed within 10 school days of Virtual School being notified child came into care	%	100%	92%	100%	96%	N/A	N/A

Key Indicator	Type of measure	Month End				Benchmarking	
		Mar 20	Dec 20	Jan 21	Feb 21	SN	Eng.
4.10.05 LAC Persistent Absentees	%	9.1%	N/A	N/A	N/A	10.5% (2018/19)	10.9% (2018/19)
	Direction of Travel		-	-	-		
LAC with a mid-year school move	%	6	2	6	1	N/A	N/A
	Direction of Travel		↓	↑	↑		

NB: We are unable to report on the Persistent Absentee measure because of the COVID-19 lockdown implemented in March and the resultant changes to the educational offer.

Service Narrative

What difference did we make?

- 100% of PEPs have been completed within the Autumn Term in-line with the new termly processes.
- The Virtual School is currently leading on all PEPs since the Covid-19 lockdowns began in March 2020. These are all currently virtually held meetings.
- 96% of initial PEPs have been completed within 10 school days of child coming into care since 01/09/2020. 3 were held out of timescales
 - 2 were due to the CLA start date having changed in Liquid Logic to an earlier date
 - 1 was due to Covid-19 (positive case in education setting – PEP had to be meeting rearranged)
- We continue to work with social work teams to improve both PEP and initial PEP completion and the quality assurance of PEPs. We have successfully moved to termly PEPs to meet statutory requirements.
- 75.5% of school moves have been carefully planned across the service to ensure a smooth transition with no break in provision, with 88% within the statutory timescale of 20 working days.

What do we want to improve?

- Our initial focus was the transition back into education following the Covid-19 school closures (vulnerable offer) with a continued focus on supporting young people who are having to work at home e.g. isolation / bubble closures. This will continue to be our priority with the current return to school for all pupils.
- We will continue to have a focus on termly PEP completion with transition support and support for working at home where necessary as key focus areas.
- Attendance / Persistent Absence (PA) remains a high priority and all pupils with attendance less than 90%. We will need to be mindful of some of the emotional issues for our young people as they return and respond creatively where there are issues or concerns. The attendance information is not

comparable with previous data due to the impact of Covid-19 e.g. illness, self-isolation, bubble closures

- We will continue to maintain a strong focus on pupils not in full-time education provision.
- We will continue to work across service to reduce the number of school moves (2018-19 (82), 2019-20 (64)) and to reduce the number of young people with a break in provision whenever possible.

Looked After Children Health

Key Indicator	Type of measure	Month End				Benchmarking	
		Mar 20	Dec 20	Jan 21	Feb 21	SN	Eng.
4.11.11 Dental Checks within last 12 months - timeliness	%	78.0%	40.1%	33.1%	25.2%	N/A	N/A
	Direction of Travel		↓	↓	↓		
4.11.12 Initial health Assessments completed on time - within 20 days	%	87.3%	91.3%	92.6%	92.8%	N/A	N/A
	Direction of Travel		↑	↑	↑		
4.11.13 Annual health assessments: a: Under 5's 6 month Developmental Assessments -percentage up to date	%	91.3%	94.0%	92.1%	93.7%	N/A	N/A
	Direction of Travel		↑	↓	↑		
b: Over 5s Annual Health Assessments – percentage up to date	%	91.8%	87.5%	87.3%	88.5%	N/A	N/A
	Direction of Travel		↓	↓	↑		
4.11.16 No. of LAC in care more than 12 month and identified as having a substance misuse problem during the last year	% (number)	0.84% (4)	0.41% (2)	0.41% (2)	0.20% (1)	2.4%	3.0%
	Direction of Travel		↔	↔	↓		

Service Narrative

What difference did we make?

- **Initial health assessments:** Kirklees Local Authority (LA) rolling 12-month data shows in February that **92.8%** were completed in timescales. The current Covid working restrictions have meant that almost all IHAs are being completed in timescales by the Paediatricians. They are completed by telephone due to the non-availability of clinics, as only 1 person is allowed in clinic with the child. An IHA requires input from parents, carers and social worker and may also include siblings and an interpreter.
- **Review health assessments:** Kirklees rolling 12-month data shows that **93.7%** & **88.5%** of the 'Developmental' assessments (under 5yrs old) and 'Annual' assessments (over 5 yrs. old) respectively, were completed in statutory timescales. The return of the re-deployed nurses to their substantive posts from Nov 20, has helped to provide an improving picture. The beginning of the year is the busiest time for RHA's and the wider workforce are still affected by capacity to carry out the assessments.
- **Dental Checks within last 12 months:** Kirklees rolling 12-month data shows that by February, **25.2%** of children had recorded attending the dentist when asked at their review health assessment. This is an all-time low recording. The closure of dentists during the Covid lockdown and the subsequent re-opening only to do emergency work, has prevented routine checks. Discussions with the Kirklees Dental Commissioner and NHS England in 2020 to ask for vulnerable children to be given priority routine dental checks was declined, stating that no vulnerable group can be given priority while surgeries are not up to capacity. An email was sent 26th Feb 21 to the Dental Commissioning Manager for West Yorkshire, to ask for an attached letter to be shared with dental practices to ask them to provide appointments to looked after children, as yet there has been no response. An email has gone out to all foster carers to ask them to approach dental practices, as

some green shoots have been seen, with a few practices agreeing to offer appointments. The catch up of the data will be driven by RHA's, so may not show a true picture for 12 months.

- **Registered at dentist (Data only from Locala):** Children 'new into care' have been affected greatly during the pandemic, as they have not been able to register with a dentist and be seen. This is concerning as neglect is still one of the major causes of children being brought into care and dental neglect can be significant.
- **Substance misuse:** This data must be considered in context. Only 1 young person (0.2%) has admitted or is known to use substances that significantly affect their life, when asked at their RHA. It is dependent on admission, the illegality of it and they may not wish to admit their use. It needs to be questioned if this is the most accurate source for this information, given its importance. Any young person misusing substances at any level is offered support. Young people who refuse support, are discussed with the local Substance Misuse Service, to try to offer an alternative response e.g. group work or access through other agencies. The Health Team are looking at using a verified tool, to provide a more uniform method of assessing the level of need.

Looked After Children Convictions

Key Indicator	Type of measure	Quarter				*Benchmarking
		Jan-Mar 19/20 Q4	Apr-Jun 20/21 Q1	Jul-Sep 20/21 Q2	Oct-Dec 20/21 Q3	
4.12.01 Number of young people who have been looked after continually for 12 months or more aged between 10 and 17 who have offended and received a substantive outcome (Youth Caution/ Conditional Caution or a Court Order)	%	0.29% (1/347)	1.24% (4/321)	1.87% (6/321)	1.24% (4/321)	Eng.: 3.00% SN: 3.43% Y&H: 3.00%
	Direction of Travel	↓	↑	↑	↓	

Service Narrative

What difference did we make?

- For the year 2018/2019 65.8% of Children Looked After have successfully completed their interventions which in comparison with the previous year is a decrease of 10% but is however a much-improved picture from 3 years ago when less than 30% of Children Looked After successfully completed their interventions. For the 4th quarter of this year (Jan to March 20) 93.7% of Children Looked After successfully completed their orders- a huge improvement on the same period in 2018/19 where only 50% completed successfully.
- For the year 2019/2020 90.9% of Children Looked After have successfully completed their interventions which in comparison with the last year is an increase of over 25% (65.8%).
- For the 9-month period April to Dec 20, 85.7% of Children Looked After young people successfully completed their interventions. Whilst this performance is slightly worse than the same period of the previous year, it remains in line with that of the general population successfully completing their intervention.
- Whilst the numbers of Children Looked After offending remain small in the cohort, we are seeing a slight increase in the numbers compared to the same period last year. In the year to date we have seen a rise in the percentage of CLA offending from 2.88% (19/20) to 4.36% (20/21).

What do we want to improve?

- Continued reduction in the numbers of Children Looked After offending. The overall cohort for the 20/21 year is smaller than the 19/20 year (321 compared to 347), but through continued interventions by the YOT, restorative processes, liaison with Children's Homes and creative out of court disposals it is likely the offending rate will continue to fall.
- To maintain the high level of successful outcomes achieved by Children Looked After, through creative interventions, restorative processes, liaison with Children's Homes and the continued development of the Youth Engagement Service.

Care Leavers

Key Indicator	Type of measure	Month End				*Benchmarking	
		Mar 20	Dec 20	Jan 21	Feb 21	SN	Eng.
5.01.04 Children in care aged 17 years and 4 months with a Personal Advisor	%	69.4%	95.7%	89.4%	93.3%	N/A	N/A
	Direction of Travel		↑	↓	↑		
5.01.08 Local Authority In Touch with Care Leavers	%	91.9%	87.1%	85.1%	90.0%	93.0% (2019)	93.0%
	Direction of Travel		↓	↓	↑		
5.01.09 Care Leavers in suitable accommodation	%	84.3%	80.8%	79.3%	84.2%	89.3%	85.0%
	Direction of Travel		↓	↓	↑		
5.01.10 Care Leavers Employment, Education and Training (EET)	%	51.6%	48.0%	47.1%	49.5%	49.1%	53.0%
	Direction of Travel		↓	↓	↑		
5.01.11 Number of Care Leavers with a Pathway Plan that is up to date	%	91.1%	88.6%	86.2%	88.2%	N/A	N/A
	Direction of Travel		↓	↓	↑		

Service Narrative

What difference did we make?

- *Contact with care leavers* – There was an increase in the percentage of Care Leavers we were in touch with during February 2021. This has to be viewed in the context of this group all being aged 18 plus. In some situations, young people do not wish to keep in contact with their Personal Advisor. The team work innovatively to keep in touch, we have a best practice protocol in place.
- *Number of young people in suitable accommodation* - Despite the recent pandemic there has been a significant impact on the increasing demands for tenancies. However, we have worked closely with our housing colleagues who have agreed to prioritise the properties for our young people and this has helped to improve our performance in February 2021. We continue to maintain strong links with KNH and Housing and the Housing Panel is enabling us to ensure that suitable accommodation is available. We have strong links with private housing providers and are considering how collectively we can improve our skills for independence training. We have continued to provide virtual life skills and pre-tenancy training during COVID19.
- *Kirklees Commitment to Care Leavers* – Unfortunately during the year our drop-in centres at no11 and no12 have been closed due to the COVID19 pandemic. However, as part of our recovery plan we are hopeful that we will be in a position to reopen no11 in April 2021 and no 12 in June 2021.
- *Children in Care aged 17 years and 4 months with an allocated Personal Advisors* – There has been an increase in performance on this indicator from to 93.3% in February 2021. We have had a number of new PA's who have recently joined the service which has enabled us to demonstrate a significant improvement and will enhance our transition planning with young people. However, 100% of the cohort do have either an allocated PA or an allocated Social Worker. We have been able to strengthen our pathway planning in relation to developing timely transitions with young people.
- *Education Employment Training* – Our performance in relation to Employment, Education and Training (EET) indicator is a focus for improvement. We have a C&K Careers Advisor in the Leaving Care Service. We have a pro-active multi agency group to improve opportunities in partnership working and there is a real desire to ensure our young people are afforded the best of opportunities in relation to EET. Due to the COVID19 pandemic some of our young people have unfortunately been in a situation where they have either been furloughed or made redundant from their employment. In order to offer support to our young people we have recently established a virtual clinic where extra support is available from our Careers Advisor. In February 2021 we have seen an increase in the number of young people who are either in employment, education or training.

What do we want to improve?

- *Number of young people with a pathway plan* – The number of young people with a pathway plan has increased. Work is currently ongoing within the service and it is expected that the measure will improve further. We continue to work with the Personal Advisors to ensure pathway plans are completed in a timely manner to meet targets with a focus going forward on the improvement of the quality of plans, the involvement of young people and ensuring we capture their wishes and feelings.
- We have recently reviewed our financial offer to our care leaver along with our staying put policy and they will be launched following approval. We aim to review our commitment to care leavers and both will significantly improve and enhance our offer to our young people.

Adoption

Key Indicator	Type of measure	Month End				*Benchmarking	
		Mar 20	Dec 20	Jan 21	Feb 21	SN	Eng.
5.02.01 Number of children adopted as a percentage of children leaving care (12 month rolling period)	% (number)	13.2% (25)	6.8% (14)	6.9% (15)	6.8% (15)	19.0%	12.0%
	Direction of Travel		↓	↑	↓		
5.02.03 A1 Average timescale (days) between the child coming into care and being placed with the adopter (Financial year to date)	Number	519.7	614.6	591.3	593.0	512.4 (15-18)	486.0 (15-18)
	Direction of Travel		↑	↓	↑		
5.02.05 A2 Average timescale (days) between Kirklees council receiving court authority to place a child and the council deciding to match the child with an adoptive family	Number	242.9	255.1	232.7	230.7	215.3 (15-18)	201.0 (15-18)
	Direction of Travel		↑	↓	↓		

Service Narrative

What difference did we make?

- To the end of Feb 21, 6.8% of children leaving care in a 12-month rolling period had been adopted, equating to 15 children. At the level of performance to Feb 21, Kirklees is significantly below the England rate of 12.0% (2020) and the Statistical Neighbours rate of 19.0% (2020).
- The average timescale between the child coming into care and being placed with their prospective adopter has been increasing and stood at 614.6 in Dec 20 before decreasing slightly to 593.0 in Feb 21. This remains well above the Statistical Neighbours average of 384.7 days and the England average of 376.0 days from the Adoption Scorecard (3-year average outcome to March 2019). Kirklees performance on the Scorecard was 388 days, so the average timescale has increased since this time.
- The average timescale from a placement order to matching with a prospective adopter decreased slightly to 230.7 days in Feb 21. Overall, this remains above the Statistical Neighbours average of 168.9 days and the England average of 178.0 from the Adoption Scorecard (3-year average outcome to March 2019). Kirklees performance on the Scorecard was 132.0 days, so there has been an increase in the average timescale since this time.
- We have established weekly clinics to support children's social workers who are undertaking child permanence reports, sibling assessments and considering whether a plan for adoption is appropriate. This is a joint initiative between the Assessment & Intervention Service and One Adoption and will be supported by regular training and workshops. One Adoption continue to attend legal gateway and permanence panels on a weekly basis in order to track children with a plan for adoption and to ensure a family finder is allocated.

- If an adoption Placement ceases, then One Adoption have a 'disruption review' and their new procedure is on our procedures website. They will be working with Kirklees staff on the implementation of this process. We have a structured Agency Decision Making process in relation to adoption planning. This includes legal and medical advice as well as advice from One Adoption West Yorkshire.
- Adoption Support Fund offers funding for ongoing support to adoptive families and children. There has been an increase in successful applications for Kirklees children that resulted in an increase of support, training and therapeutic input.
- The progression of Adoption cases is now monitored by Head of Service at the monthly permanence tracking panel ensuring a more robust approach to avoiding drift and delay.
- During the recent COVID19 we have had some difficulties in relation to being able to progress transition plans however as restrictions have been lifted we are now in a much stronger position in being able to progress these plans to be able to move children into their potential adoptive Placement. As a result of the CODID 19 pandemic we have experienced delays in relation to court hearings for application for adoption orders again has restrictions have lifted this is now an improving picture.

What do we want to improve?

- Develop an even closer working relationship between One Adoption West Yorkshire and Kirklees social workers and managers, to ensure we maximise the potential benefits of the regional adoption agency in Kirklees. Regular meetings between the Service Managers in One Adoption and Assessment and Intervention have been established which will improve areas of communication and partnership working to assist timely adoption for our children.

Fostering

Key Indicator	Type of measure	Month End				Benchmarking	
		Mar 20	Dec 20	Jan 21	Feb 21	SN	Eng.
6.02.07 Total New Carer Approvals in Month:	Number	2	4	1	1	N/A	N/A
	Direction of Travel		↔	↓	↔		
In-house Fostering approvals in the month	Number	2	3	1	1	N/A	N/A
	Direction of Travel		↑	↓	↔		
In-house Fostering De-registrations in the month	Number	3	3	1	3	N/A	N/A
	Direction of Travel		↑	↓	↑		
6.02.09 Placements split: a. In-house foster placements	Number	239	247	240	240	N/A	N/A
	Direction of Travel		↓	↓	↔		
b. Family and friend placements	Number	93	100	104	101	N/A	N/A
	Direction of Travel		↑	↑	↓		
c. Independent Fostering Agency Placements	Number	192	190	189	189	N/A	N/A
	Direction of Travel		↓	↓	↔		

Service Narrative

What difference did we make?

- February 2021 saw 1 recorded in-house approval (including Family and Friends carers). The rolling 12-month total to February 2021 was 29 households. There were 3 in-house de-registrations in February 2021. The rolling 12-months total for in-house de-registrations is 34. This gives a net loss of 5 households.
- The number of children placed with Kirklees foster carers decreased to 240 at the end of January 2021 compared to 247 in December. This is just above the 12-month average of 239.

- The number of Family and Friends Placements decreased to 104 in January 2021 before reducing slightly to 101 in February. This is well below the 12-month high of 118 in Jun 20 (Note that this figure includes Reg 24 Placements). The 12-month average is 105.
- The February figure of 189 Independent Fostering Agency (IFA) Placements is a decrease over the 190 seen in December 2020. The 12-month average is 192.
- During the last few months, regular meetings have been held between Kirklees Fostering Network and the Fostering Service in order to offer support during the recent lockdown and to address some of the issues this has raised. We have provided emergency payments to our foster carers in order to assist with the extra pressures created during the last few months. We have provided laptops to our carers in order to ensure that the children in their care have access to online educational provision.

What do we want to improve?

- Recruitment and retention of foster carers is a priority as is reducing the use of fostering agency care. We have recently undertaken a piece of work with our recruitment process and as a result we are developing a pathway with a more streamlined approach.
- During the last few months, we have been unable to hold live recruitment events however we have been innovative in creating virtual events. We continue to pursue a range of recruitment activity: To improve our internet search presence to prospective carers we have entered into an agreement with "Google Ads"; an advertising campaign highlighting the need for Forever Families for our children in foster care is currently taking place.
- We are currently working with the National Fostering Network to implement Foster Carer Mockingbird hubs in Kirklees. This model facilitates additional support to specific carers. We have recently recruited a liaison worker to support the implementation of the mockingbird model.
- We are currently in consultation with our supervising social workers, recruitment and assessment teams and foster carers in relation to taking a transformational approach to the modernisation of our fostering service. This will enhance our offer to our foster carers along with strengthening our recruitment and retention of our in-house carers.

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Appendix – Glossary of Terms

Term	Description
A&I	Assessment & Intervention (part of Family Support & Child Protection)
ADCS	Association of Directors of Children's Services
ASYE	Assessed and Supported Year in Employment (for a newly qualified Social Worker)
BSM	Business Support Manager
BSO	Business Support Officer
CCE	Child Criminal Exploitation
CIC	Child(ren) in Care (see also CLA and LAC)
CIN	Child(ren) in Need
CLA	Child(ren) Looked After (also see CIC and LAC)
CPP	Child Protection Plan
CPRU	Child Protection & Review Unit
CSC	Children's Social Care
CSE	Child Sexual Exploitation
CWD	Children with a Disability
D&A	Duty & Advice (part of Family Support & Child Protection)
DCS	Disabled Children's Service / Director of Children's Services
EET	Education, Employment or Training
EHC	Education, Health and Care (Plan)
EITS	Early Intervention and Targeted Support
HMCI	Her Majesty's Chief Inspector
Form F	Assessment form for approval of Foster Carers
HMIP	Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Prisons
HOS	Head of Service
ICPC	Initial Child Protection Conference
IHA	Initial Health Assessment (for a Looked After Child)
IRO	Independent Reviewing Officer
KNH	Kirklees Neighbourhood Housing
LA	Local Authority
LAC	Looked After Child(ren) (also see CIC and CLA)
LAIT	Local Authority Interactive Tool (DfE tool for access to nationally published data)
NEET	Not in Education, Employment or Training
NQSW	Newly Qualified Social Worker
PA	Personal Advisor (to Care Leavers)
PEP	Personal Education Plan (for a Looked After Child)
PLO	Public Law Outline
QSW	Qualified Social Worker
RCPC	Review Child Protection Conference
RHA	Review Health Assessment (for a Looked After Child)
S17	Section 17 of the Children Act – Relates to Children in Need
S20	Section 20 of the Children Act – Relates to a child accommodated by the LA
S47	Section 47 of the Children Act – Relates to Child Protection
SDQ	Strength and Difficulties Questionnaire
SEND	Special Educational Needs and Disability

Term	Description
SM	Service Manager
SN	Statistical Neighbours (closest match Local Authorities for benchmarking)
SW	Social Worker
TM	Team Manager
UASC	Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Child
Y&H	Yorkshire and the Humber
YOT	Youth Offending Team



Name of meeting: Corporate Parenting Board
Date: 23 March 2021
Title of report: Number and Age of Children in Care

Purpose of report

To provide information to the Panel on a regular basis relating to the number and profile of children in our care. Including information related to the number placed outside of the District.

Key Decision - Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	NA
Key Decision - Is it in the Council's Forward Plan (key decisions and private reports?)	NA
The Decision - Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny?	NA
Date signed off by <u>Strategic Director</u> & name	Signed by Elaine McShane, Service Director Family Support and Child Protection (on behalf of Mel Meggs, Director for Children's Services) 11 March 2021
Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Finance?	
Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal Governance and Commissioning?	NA
Cabinet member portfolio	NA
	Cllr V Kendrick Children's Portfolio

Electoral wards affected: All

Ward councillors consulted: No

Public or private: Public

(Have you considered GDPR?)

Yes GDPR has been considered. The information in this report does not identify any individuals.

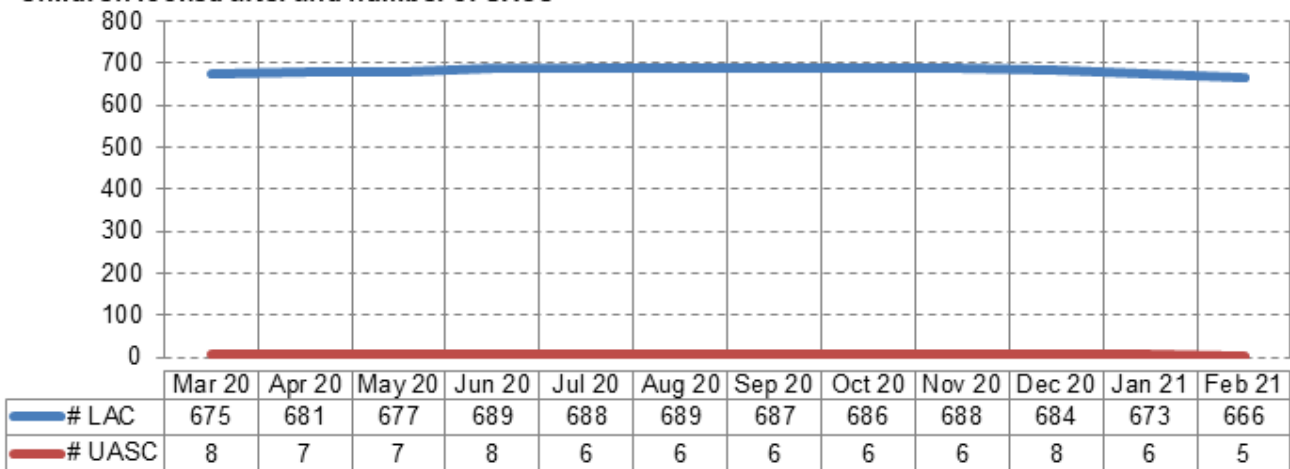
1. Summary

This graph shows the number of children in care (666 excluding any looked after children receiving only S20 short term breaks) alongside the number of unaccompanied asylum-seeking children (UASC).

The current number of LAC equates to a rate per 10,000 population aged 0-17 of 66.5. This compares to a statistical neighbour average of 92.2 and a national average of 67.0 based on published data for March 2020.

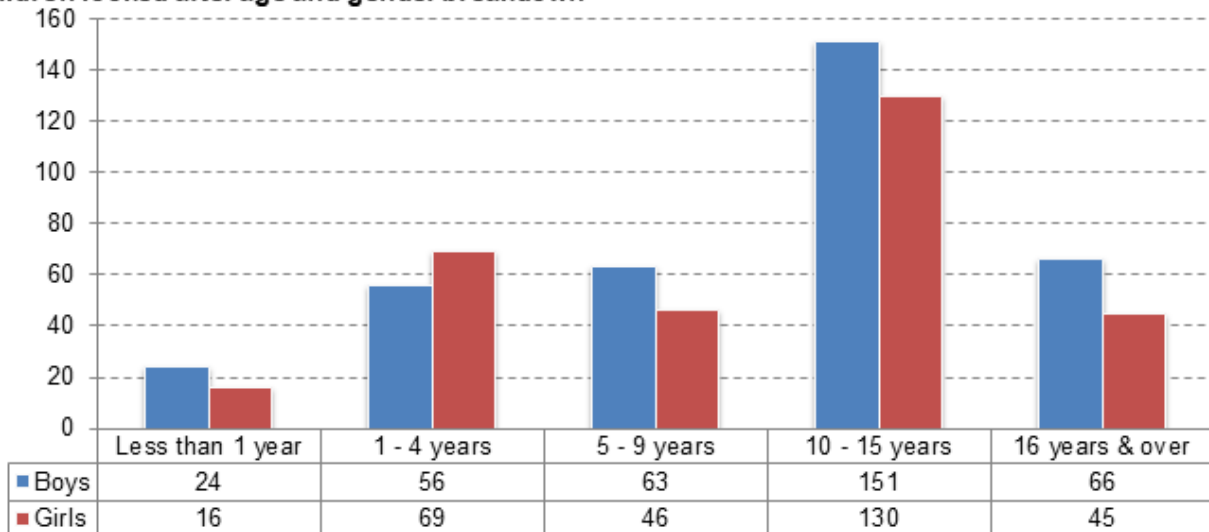
- Kirklees (Feb 21) = 66.5
- Statistical Neighbours (2020) = 92.2
- England (2020) = 67.0

Children looked after and number of UASC



This graph shows the breakdown by age and gender of the children in care. The largest age group for boys is 10 - 15 years with 151 children and the largest age group for girls is 10 - 15 years with 130 children.

Children looked after age and gender breakdown



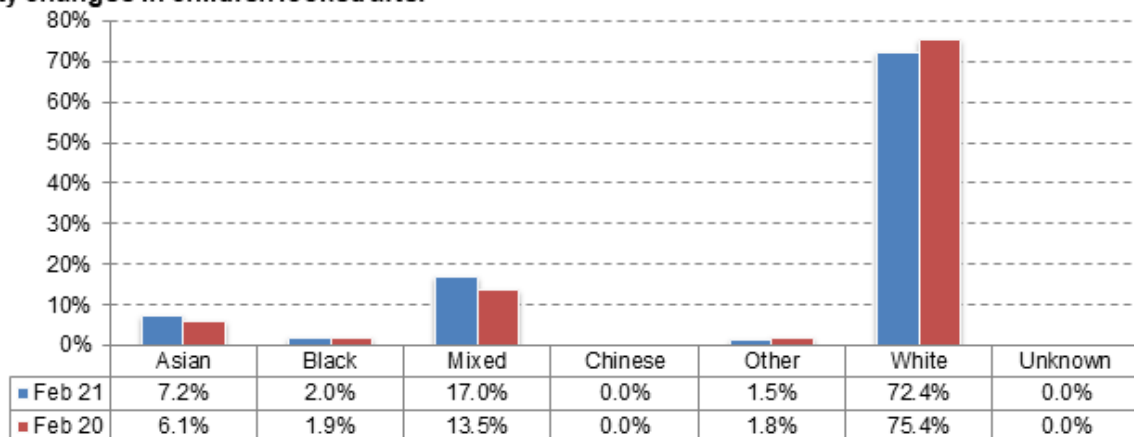
Statistical Neighbours

Local Authorities that the Department for Education regard as similar and close socio economically to Kirklees, not measured by population size.

Local Authorities "Very Close"* to Kirklees (* Source LAIT)
Kirklees Council
Rochdale Borough Council
Bolton Council
Calderdale Council
Bury Borough Council
Dudley MBC
Derby City
Lancashire Council
Stockton-on Tees Borough Council
Leeds City Council
Telford & Wrekin Council

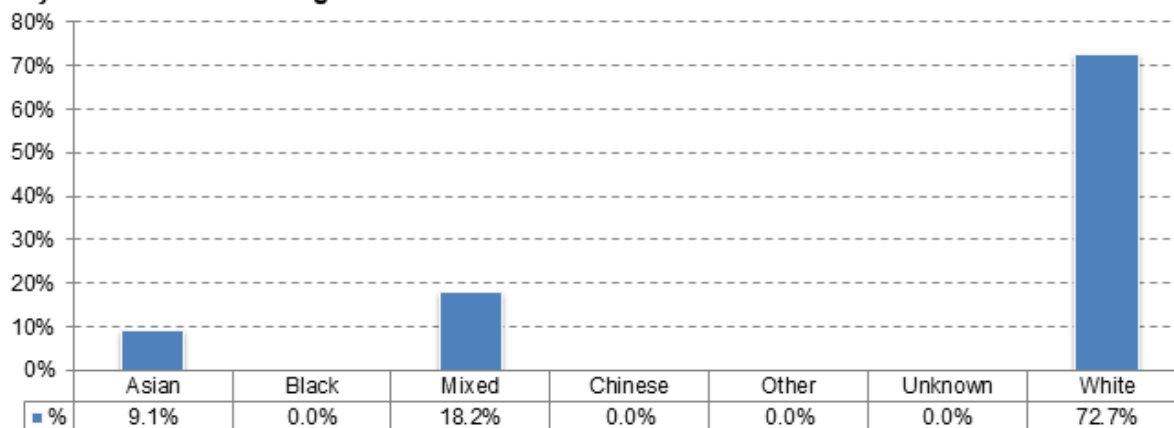
This graph shows the ethnic breakdown of the children looked after population at the end of February 2021 and the same point 12 months ago. There has been an increase in the percentage of CLA who are of Mixed ethnicity in this time period.

Ethnicity changes in children looked after



This graph shows the percentage breakdown by ethnicity of children entering care this month. Note that this outcome is based on small numbers. In February 2021 there were 11 young people who were recorded as entering care in the month at the point of data extraction of whom 8 were White, 2 of Mixed ethnicity and 1 of Asian ethnicity.

Ethnicity of children becoming looked after this month



Children and Young People placed more than 20 miles outside of Kirklees

The number of looked after children placed outside Kirklees District and 20 plus miles from their home address was 72 on 28th February 2021. This follows a continuum of decline from 127 in 2017. This equates to 10.8% of the total LAC cohort. The majority of our children and young people placed out of area are placed in foster care, the remainder are placed in children's homes, semi-independent homes, a small number in youth custody or other specialist settings. The recent historical position is detailed below:

	31/12/2020		31/01/2021		28/02/2021	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Placed outside Kirklees & over 20 miles from home address	78	11.4%	78	11.4%	72	10.8%

Semi Independent Accommodation aged 16 plus

On 28th February 2021 there were 26 young people accommodated in semi-independent accommodation, 16 within District and 10 of our young people placed outside of the Kirklees District as detailed in the following table:

Placements outside of Kirklees in semi-independent living accommodation (not subject to Children's Home regulations)				
As at 28/02/2021				
LA of Placement	Aged 15	Aged 16	Aged 17	Total
Bradford			5	5
Calderdale		1	2	3
Durham			1	1
Liverpool			1	1
Total	0	1	9	10
Legal Status	Aged 15	Aged 16	Aged 17	Total
Full Care Order		1	3	4
S20 CA 1989 - Single Placement			6	6
Total	0	1	9	10

2. Information required to take a decision

No decision is required, this report is submitted at the request of the Board to monitor the number of children in care. This report is also shared with the Children's Scrutiny Panel on a monthly basis.

3. Implications for the Council

3.1 Working with People

Not applicable

3.2 Working with Partners

Not applicable

3.3 Place Based Working

Not applicable

3.4 Climate Change and Air Quality

Not applicable

3.5 Improving Outcomes for Children

This information is provided at the request of Corporate Parenting Board to monitor the number of children in care their age and location of placements.

3.6 Reducing demand of services

Not applicable

3.7 Other (eg Legal/Financial or Human Resources)

Not applicable

4. Consultees and their opinions

Not applicable

5. Next steps

A similar report will be presented to future meetings of the Corporate Parenting Board.

6. Officer recommendations and reasons

That the report be noted.

7. Cabinet portfolio holder's recommendations

Not applicable

8. Contact officer

Julie Bragg, Head of Corporate Parenting

9. Background Papers and History of Decisions

Previous reports to the Children's Scrutiny on number and age of children in care.

10. Service Director responsible

Elaine McShane, Service Director (Child Protection and Family Support)



Name of meeting: Corporate Parenting Board
Date: 23rd March 2021
Title of report: Outcomes for Children Looked After involved with the YJS

Purpose of report

To inform and update Corporate Parenting Board (CPB) about the level of offending by Looked after Children, and the improvement in outcomes for Children Looked After (CLA) subject to an intervention with the Youth Justice Service (YJS).

Key Decision - Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	Not applicable
Key Decision - Is it in the Council's Forward Plan (key decisions and private reports?)	Not applicable
The Decision - Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny?	Not applicable
Date signed off by <u>Strategic Director</u> & name	Signed by Elaine McShane, Service Director Family Support and Child Protection (on behalf of Mel Meggs, Director for Children's Services) 11 March 2021
Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Finance IT and Transactional Services?	Not applicable
Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal Governance and Commissioning Support?	Not applicable
Cabinet member portfolio	Cllr Viv Kendrick (Children)

Electoral wards affected: not applicable

Ward councillors consulted: not applicable

Public or private: Public

(Have you considered GDPR?)

Yes, GDPR has been considered. The information in this report does not identify any individuals.

1. Summary

This report is to update on the progress the Youth Justice Service has made in improving the outcomes for Children Looked After (CLA) who are involved with the Youth Justice Service.

We have developed closer working relationships with the wider children's services enabling us to provide better support to young people and their families which includes a protocol between YJS and Children's social care. Over the last twelve months we have seen a decrease in the number of children involved with YJS who are also looked after.

Additionally, the Youth Engagement Service (YES) has been developed and the Youth Justice Service is located within YES to enhance the support and service to young people at risk of or experiencing exploitation. YES is a newly formed team within Children's Social Care, created through bringing together the previous Youth Intervention Team (YIT), Risk and Vulnerabilities Team (R&V), Youth Justice Service (YJS) and Early Support Services. The aim is to provide a flexible and responsive service to reduce risks and vulnerability to child exploitation and episodes of missing from home and care.

There continues to be a relatively modest proportion of Kirklees CLA in the Youth Justice System. This equates to 11% of the entire cohort. The CLA cohort has a significantly higher successful completion of intervention rate (93%) in comparison to the wider YJS cohort.

Of this cohort the majority (85%) of children were in Education, Training or Employment (ETE) at the end of their involvement with the Youth Justice Service. Youth Justice practitioners work closely with key education and training staff across Kirklees utilizing the ETE Pathways

The highest proportion of main offences committed involved violence (39%). The reduction in violence offences remains one of the key objectives for the Youth Justice Service.

The Youth Justice Service will continue to work closely with colleagues in Children's Social Care and others to divert young people (including CLA) away from being prosecuted. 39% of the CLA cohort were First Time Entrants' to the Youth Justice System.

There were 37% of the children who were reported to be from a BAME background (with the wider population for Kirklees District children being circa 30% from a BAME background). Disproportionality has also been set by the Youth Justice Management Board as a strategic priority for 2021-25 and a subgroup of the YJ Board will shortly commence to help drive practice seeking to reduce disproportionality across Youth Justice services.

2. Information required to take a decision

For information only, no decision required.

3. Implications for the Council

3.1 Early Intervention and Prevention (EIP)

Not applicable

3.2 Economic Resilience (ER)

Not applicable

4 Improving Outcomes for Children

The Youth Justice Service will be working with young people who are or have been exploited and those whose circumstances will expose them to risk of exploitation.

The Integration of YJS and co-investment with the Youth Engagement Service (YES) is to provide a service that is tailored to the needs and wishes of the child or young person, is child centred and takes a relationship-based approach. The YES will support the child and carers by offering direct work with young people and their families/carers, to inform, support, and empower. Often this will be achieved by being an additional service alongside the statutory plan. Within the YES there is a significant role for the Youth Justice Service. There is a real ambition to closer align the Youth Justice Service with the remainder of the Youth Engagement Service.

Youth Justice practitioners work closely with key education and training staff across Kirklees and although not having a dedicated education worker, do utilise the Employment Training and Education (ETE) Pathways and SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability) and YJ Protocol with a focus upon Education Health Care Plans (EHCP). Kirklees YJS received 'Quality Lead' status from Education for All in 2019. ETE is regarded as being one of the key factors in diverting and keeping children away from offending and it is pleasing that this cohort have benefited from this joint working.

Where children are missing from education or at risk of exclusion or having difficulties finding a suitable placement, youth justice staff are represented on both the Single Point of Referral and Behaviour and Attendance Collaborative' (BACS) Meetings; where individual children are discussed, and a plan put into place to support them. The Virtual School is the key lead in terms of ETE Placements for young people in care and joint working here will also have a particular focus going forward.

A significant proportion of the children within this cohort have experienced abuse, trauma, and neglect. This directly impacts on their social, emotional, and physical development. The Youth Engagement Workers and Health and Wellbeing staff within the wider YJS and YES (Youth Engagement Service) Detached Youth Support Service provide trauma informed interventions, which can make a significant contribution toward a child's overall health and wellbeing. Additionally, we have recently recruited a senior mental health worker who will be seconded into YJS from CAMHS which will further support this work.

In terms of the Speech, Language and Communication element, the Youth Justice Service and YJ Management Board have challenged the CCG regarding the needs of the YJ cohort and this is currently being considered within the therapies review. It is hoped that the YJS will have an in-house provision working alongside the youth justice practitioners to deliver a service to those children with those specific and complex needs (SEND).

4.1 Reducing demand of services

Not applicable

4.2 Other (e.g. Legal/Financial or Human Resources)

Not applicable

5. Next steps

- Improve ETE outcomes for children in the YJ cohort, specifically those who are also CLA
- A reduction in the use of violence and serious violence, with a sharper focus on serious violence in the CLA cohort
- Improved coordination and diversion for CLA at risk of offending
- Improved access to a range of health services to support desistance.
- Further integrate YES and contextual safeguarding practices.

6. Officer recommendations and reasons

That the report be noted.

7. Cabinet portfolio holder's recommendations

Not applicable

8. Contact officer

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9. Background Papers and History of Decisions

Not applicable

10. Service Director responsible

Elaine McShane (Family Support and Child Protection)

Kirklees Youth Justice Service Looked After Children

Young People Successfully completing their interventions with the Youth Justice Service

	General Population			CLA Population		
	No of interventions ending	No of successful completions	%	No of interventions ending	No of successful completions	%
2016 - 2017	241	155	64.3%	54	24	44.4%
2017 - 2018	185	126	68.1%	32	24	75.0%
2018 - 2019	169	131	77.5%	37	25	67.6%
2019 - 2020	253	229	90.5%	33	30	90.9%

Offending by Looked After Children (those young people who have been looked after for 12 months or more at 31st March)

	Cohort (those yp 10 - 17 who are LAC at 31st March)	No of YP in the cohort offending	%
2016 - 2017	342	21	6.1%
2017 - 2018	344	25	7.3%
2018 - 2019	328	18	5.5%
2019 - 2020	347	11	3.2%

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Date of Meeting	Issues for Consideration	Officer Contact
<p align="center">1st July 2020</p>	<p align="center">Pre-meeting (Informal)</p> <p>Educational attainment and progress – LAC outcomes data 2018 SFR analysis</p> <p>Performance Monitoring report (Children’s Services)</p> <p align="center">Public Items:</p> <p>Minutes of 10th Feb and 4th March</p> <p>Attendance by Karl Battersby, Strategic Director of Economy and Infrastructure on role of corporate parent</p> <p>One Adoption WY Annual Report 6 monthly report</p> <p>Children’s Performance Highlight Report CIC and Fostering/Children’s Homes</p> <p>Summary of educational outcomes for 2018</p> <p>OFSTED and Improvement Board Update (verbal)</p> <p>Overview of number of children in Care (snapshot) including age profile</p> <p>Updates from Board Members on interaction with services</p>	<p align="center">J Tolley</p> <p align="center">J Bragg/S Comb/J Tolley</p> <p align="center">H Kilroy</p> <p align="center">K Battersby</p> <p align="center">J Bragg/S Comb/J Tolley</p> <p align="center">J Tolley</p> <p align="center">S Comb/J Bragg/T Brailsford</p> <p align="center">J Bragg</p> <p align="center">A Quinlan</p>

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	Mental Health and Emotional Support to children and young people in care (standard item)	
30th September 2020	<p align="center">Pre-meeting (Informal)</p> <p>Performance Monitoring report (Children’s Services)</p> <p align="center">Public Items:</p> <p>Children’s Performance Highlight Report CIC and Fostering/Children’s Homes</p> <p>OFSTED and Improvement Board Update (verbal)</p> <p>Statement of Purpose for Fostering Service (Annual)</p> <p>Statement of Purpose for Residential care</p> <p>Overview of number of children in Care (snapshot) including age profile</p> <p>One Adoption WY Annual Report 6 monthly report</p> <p>Annual report on the health of looked after children</p> <p>Annual Report on Private Fostering</p> <p>Mental Health and Emotional Support to children and young people in care (to include interim update on cahms review)</p> <p>Updates from Board Members on interaction with services</p> <p>Ad-hoc Task and Finish Group (Risk Register)</p>	<p>J Bragg/S Comb/J Tolley</p> <p>S Comb/J Bragg/J Tolley</p> <p>J Bragg/S Comb/T Brailsford</p> <p>A Quinlan</p> <p>L Counce</p> <p>J Bragg</p> <p>S Whiteley (One Adoption)</p> <p>G Addy</p> <p>A Quinlan</p> <p>Stewart Horn</p> <p>Board Members</p> <p>Cllr Kendrick</p>

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3rd November 2020	<p align="center">Pre-meeting (Informal)</p> <p>Performance Monitoring report (Children’s Services)</p> <p>Head Teachers Report on educational outcomes of looked after children</p> <p align="center">Public Items:</p> <p>Children’s Performance Highlight Report CIC and Fostering/Children’s Homes</p> <p>OFSTED and Improvement Board Update (verbal)</p> <p>Annual report on Children’s Rights and Independent Visitors Scheme (1st April 18 to 31 March 19) to include a 6 monthly update (Apr 19 to Sept 19)</p> <p>Overview of number of children in Care (snapshot) including age profile</p> <p>Annual report on Complaints and Compliments for Children in Care</p> <p>Updates from Board Members on interaction with services</p> <p>Corporate Parenting Board Agenda Plan 2020/21</p>	<p>S Comb/J Tolley</p> <p>J Tolley</p> <p>J Bragg/S Comb/J Tolley</p> <p>S Comb/J Bragg/T Brailsford</p> <p>M Tiernan/A Gledhill</p> <p>J Bragg</p> <p>Y Mughal</p> <p>Board Members</p> <p>H Kilroy</p>

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<p>13th January 2021</p>	<p align="center">Pre-meeting (Informal)</p> <p>Performance Monitoring report</p> <p align="center">Public Items:</p> <p>Attendance by Richard Parry, Strategic Director for Adults and Health on the role of corporate parent</p> <p>One Adoption Agency 6 monthly Report (April to Sept)</p> <p>Children’s Performance Highlight Report – CIC and Fostering/Children’s Homes</p> <p>OFSTED and Improvement Board Update (verbal)</p> <p>Overview of number and age of children in Care</p> <p>Updates from Board Members on interaction with services</p> <p>Corporate Parenting Board Agenda Plan 2020/21</p>	<p>J Tolley/J Bragg</p> <p>Richard Parry</p> <p>Suzanne Whiteley (One Adoption)</p> <p>J Bragg/J Tolley</p> <p>J Bragg</p> <p>J Bragg</p> <p>Board Members</p> <p>J Harris</p>
<p>23rd February 2021 (CANCELLED)</p>	<p align="center">Pre-meeting (Informal)</p> <p>Performance Monitoring report (Children’s Services)</p> <p align="center">Public Items:</p> <p>Annual report on Review of Foster Carer Handbook (deferred – not yet rescheduled)</p> <p>Annual Report on Private Fostering (deferred – not yet rescheduled)</p>	<p>J Bragg/J Tolley</p> <p>Andy Quinlan</p> <p>Andy Quinlan</p> <p>Charlotte Jackson/Ian Mottershaw</p>

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	<p>Annual report on Youth Offending Team relating to their work with children in care and comparative data for 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19 (deferred to next meeting)</p> <p>Social Worker stability and the reasons for changes and moves (deferred – not yet rescheduled)</p> <p>Thriving Kirklees (Report and Action Plan) (deferred – not yet rescheduled)</p> <p>Children’s Performance Highlight Report CIC and Fostering/Children’s Homes</p> <p>OFSTED and Improvement Board Update (verbal)</p> <p>Overview of number of children in Care (snapshot) including age profile</p> <p>Updates from Board Members on interaction with services</p> <p>Corporate Parenting Board Agenda Plan 2020/21</p>	<p>Chris Sweeting / Charlotte Jackson</p> <p>J Bragg</p> <p>Stewart Horn</p> <p>J Tolley/J Bragg</p> <p>J Bragg/T Brailsford</p> <p>J Bragg</p> <p>Board Members</p> <p>J Harris</p>
<p align="center">23rd March 2021</p>	<p align="center">Pre-meeting (Informal)</p> <p align="center">Performance Monitoring report (Children’s Services)</p> <p align="center">Public Items:</p> <p>Review of Terms of Reference of the Board</p> <p>Children’s Performance Highlight Report - CIC and Fostering/Children’s Homes</p>	<p>J Bragg/J Tolley</p> <p>Jodie Harris</p> <p>J Tolley/J Bragg</p>

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	Overview of number and age of children in Care	J Bragg
	Proposal for Fostering Modernisation	E McShane/T Brailsford (verbal)
	Annual report on Youth Offending Team relating to their work with children in care and comparative data for 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19	Chris Sweeting / Charlotte Jackson
	OFSTED and Improvement Board Update (verbal)	T Brailsford/J Bragg
	Updates from Board Members on interaction with services	Board Members
	Corporate Parenting Board Agenda Plan 2020/21	J Harris

Future reports/items (dates yet to be agreed):

Update on the Role Corporate Parent from:

- Strategic Director for Growth and Regeneration
- Strategic Director Environment and Climate Change
- Strategic Director Children’s Services
- CCG’s Chief Officer

Annual Foster Carer Handbook

Thriving Kirklees and CAMH’s update

OFSTED & Ambition Board Update (verbal)

Statement of Purpose for Fostering Service

Statement of Purpose for Residential Care

Statement of Purpose for Fostering for Children in Care

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Overall financial policy for care leavers

Supported Lodgings Scheme

Update on Transitions Programme / on the approach to commissioning across Adults and Health, Children's Services, and the Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG's) action as of meeting 13 Jan 2021

Annual reports:-

- 6 monthly report on Children's Rights (Oct to March) (M Tiernan/A Gledhill) – June 2020 (same month every year)
- 6 monthly report on Independent Visitors Scheme (Oct to March) (M Tiernan/A Gledhill) – June 2020 (same month every year)
- Annual Report on Children's Rights and Independent Visitors Scheme (April 19 to March 20) – (M Tiernan/A Gledhill) – June 2020 (same month every year)
- Annual report on Complaints and Compliments for Children in Care (Y Mughal) – October 2019 (same month every year)
- Annual report on children who go missing from care (Lead Officer tbc) – date tbc
- Annual report on the work of the leaving care service (J Bragg) – date tbc
- Annual report on children and young people placed outside the Kirklees boundary (S Comb) – date tbc
- Corporate Parenting Board Annual Report (S Comb) – date tbc
- Annual Health Report (G Addy) – September 2019 (same month every year)
- Annual Report on Private Fostering (A Quinlan) – September 2020 (same month every year)
- Annual review of the Foster Caring Handbook (A Quinlan) – July 2020
- Annual Report on Kirklees Fostering Service (A Quinlan) – June 2020 (same month every year)

Quarterly reports:

- Fostering Agency Report (April to June) (A Quinlan) – date to be confirmed
- Fostering Agency Report (July to Sept) (A Quinlan) – date to be confirmed
- Fostering Agency Report (Oct to Dec) (A Quinlan) – date to be confirmed
- Fostering Agency Report (Jan to March) (A Quinlan) – date to be confirmed

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