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Corporate Parenting Specialist Advisory Group

Monday, 14th October, 2019

6.00 pm

Meeting Room A - Old Town Hall, Blackburn

AGENDA

PART 1 - ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PUBLIC

1. **Welcome and Apologies**
2. **Declaration of Interest in items on this Agenda**

A form is attached for completion by Members declaring an interest in items on the agenda.

Declarations of Interest **3**
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on 8th July 2019**

For the Group to agree the Minutes of the Corporate Parenting Specialist Advisory Group meeting held on the 8th July 2019.

Minutes of the meeting held on 8th July 2019 **4 - 7**
4. **Vice Chair update on behalf of Young People**

Discussion item: For the Group to be provided with a verbal update from the Vice Chair on behalf of Young People.
5. **Update on Participation**

For the Group to receive an update on Participation and be provided with a summary report of the Summer activities.
6. **Update on the education results for the CIOC pupils**

For the Group to be provided with an update on the GCSE results for the CIOC pupils.
7. **Highlight Report; Corporate Parenting dashboard**

To review and consider the latest monitoring reports on Looked after Children in the Borough.

Corporate Parenting Dashboard Oct 2019 **8**

8. Feedback on the SEN inspection

For the Group to be provided with an update on the SEN inspection.

9. Update on Care Quality Commission inspection

For the Group to receive a further update on the Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection and note the combined agency action plan.

PART 2 - THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC MAY BE EXCLUDED DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM

There are no Part 2 items.

Date Published: 4th October 2019
Denise Park, Chief Executive

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

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Members declaring an interest(s) should complete this form and hand it to the Democratic Services Officer at the commencement of the meeting and declare such an interest at the appropriate point on the agenda.

MEETING: **CORPORATE PARENTING SPECIALIST
ADVISORY GROUP**

DATE: **14th October 2019**

AGENDA ITEM NO.:

DESCRIPTION (BRIEF):

NATURE OF INTEREST:

DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY/OTHER (delete as appropriate)

SIGNED :

PRINT NAME:

(Paragraphs 8 to 17 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Council refer)

CORPORATE PARENTING SPECIALIST ADVISORY GROUP **Monday, 8 July 2019**

PRESENT – Councillors Gunn (Chair), Afzal, P Akhtar, Batan, Bateson, Davies, I Hussain, M Hussain, Jan-Virmani, Khan, Liddle, Mahmood, McGurk, Oates, Patel, Smith, Taylor and Whittle.

OFFICERS –

Care Leaver	Vice Chair
Jayne Ivory	Director of Children's Services, & Education
Joanne Siddle	Interim Head of Education
Alyson Hanson	Interim Head of Permanence
Jaffer Hussain	Participation Officer
Caroline Waldron	Deputy Designated Nurse for Safeguarding Children & LAC
Tracy Mosley	Fostering Support Officer
Samantha Briggs	BwDFCA - Secretary
Paula Quinn	BwDFCA - Events and Fundraising Manager
Dr Ratnaweera	Designated Doctor LAC – CCG
Firoza Hafeji	Governance Officer

RESOLUTIONS

1 Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made. Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Cllrs Brookfield, Daley, Gee and Floyd. Apologies were also received from Charlotte Hesketh and Angela Allen.

2 Declaration of Interest in items on this Agenda

There were no declarations of interest received.

3 Minutes of the meeting held on 13th March 2019

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 13th March 2019 were approved as a correct record and were duly signed by the Chair.

4 Foster Carers Association/Vice Chair update

Foster Carers Association update

The Chair welcomed Samantha Briggs, BwDFCA Secretary and Paula Quinn, BwDFCA Events and Fundraising Manager to provide a verbal update on Foster Carers Association.

The Group heard that the Association was planning on activities to be held in the Summer holidays which involved a trip to Anderton Centre.

RESOLVED - That Samantha Briggs and Paula Quinn be thanked for the detailed information.

Vice Chair update

The Vice Chair provided a verbal update on her meeting with Young People and shared feedback received, highlighting the changes Young People would like to see.

Members noted the feedback and requested that the progress made be brought back to a future meeting for Members to note.

RESOLVED - That the Vice Chair be thanked for the detailed information and the progress made be brought back to a future meeting.

5 Plans for Celebration of Achievement event to be held in November 2019.

Update on Celebration of Achievement event

The Chair welcomed Joanne Siddle, Interim Head of Education, to provide the Group with an update on the Celebration of Achievement event to be held on 12th November 2019 at Ewood Park.

Members heard that nomination forms were provided to relevant professionals to support them in nominating young people for an award. It was noted that Young People were also provided with nomination forms to enable them to nominate someone that had made a difference to their lives.

The new Participation Officer, Jaffer Hussain, was working alongside Young People to create a presentation which was to be displayed at the event.

Update on actions received from “Making a Noise” event

Members were provided with an update on actions received from “Making a Noise” event which highlighted that a new participation officer had been appointed. A Corporate workshop alongside other events was scheduled to discuss future actions.

Introduction of Jaffer Hussain, New Participation Officer

The Chair welcomed Jaffer Hussain to his first CPSAG meeting to update the Group on future work plan to support the Group and the Voice Group.

Jaffer informed the Group that he started his new role in June 2019 and had been out to meet colleagues from across the LA to help him plan for the future. The focus for the first 6 – 9 months was shared as:

- Re-establishing the Participation Champions Network which brings together colleagues from across Children Services as the wider LA and Third Sector to share best practice, updates and training and development opportunities around Participation.
- Re-establishing the ‘Voice’ groups, which was the mechanism by which we engage with and support Looked after Children ensuring they have a voice around service design and delivery. The group will be meeting regularly and will hopefully attend the CPSAG to update on their plans.
- Supporting services to work towards their Investing in Children award which gives services and organisations national recognition for the good practice and active inclusion of children and young people in dialogue,

which results in change. Across BwD, nearly 30 services and organisations have been awarded liC making us the second largest liC area – Durham is the first and it's where liC originated and is based.

Key event dates were shared with the Group as:

- Interview Skills training – 25th July, 6th August and 20th August, 10.00am – 4.00pm
- Participation Open/Fun day – 27th August, 12.00pm – 4.00pm
- Voice Meeting – week beginning 10th September, 6.00pm – 8.00pm
- Participation Champions Meeting – 24th September, 10.00am – 3.00pm

RESOLVED – That the information was noted by Members.

6 Update on Care Quality Commission inspection

The Chair welcomed Caroline Waldron to the meeting to provide an update on the Care Quality Commission (CQC) Safeguarding and LAC review for Blackburn with Darwen.

Caroline shared a presentation which highlighted the process of the review which included:

- CQC Review programme commenced in 2013
- It was not an Inspection of services
- No grading but a series of recommendations were provided
- Focus of the review was:
 - Evaluating the quality and impact of local health arrangements for safeguarding children.
 - Improving healthcare for children who are looked after.
- Team of 5 CQC Inspectors attended from Monday - Friday
- Comprises of focus groups and site visits to health settings and case tracking.
- The experiences of 79 children and young people were considered as part of the review

The Group were informed that the final report was published on 2nd July 2019 on the CQC website.

Members noted the key lines of enquiry and what the inspectors felt was working well. Next steps were shared as:

- A combined agency action plan to be submitted by 30th July 2019.
- The action plan was required to address the 31 recommendations.
- CQC would sign off the plan if it provided assurance.

RESOLVED –

- 1) That Carolyn Waldron be thanked for the detailed presentation
- 2) That the signed action plan be brought to a future Corporate Parenting Specialist Advisory Group meeting for noting.

Carolyn shared an article which was published in July Community Practitioner magazine and went out to all school nurses, health visitors and midwives whom were Unite members in the UK. The article was created by Caroline Waldron, as a Safeguarding Nurse exploring the role of the Health

Practitioner as a corporate parent for looked-after children and care leavers, identifying practical steps.

7 Highlight Report: Corporate Parenting Dashboard

Alyson Hanson, Interim Head of Permanence and Jayne Ivory, Director of Children’s Services & Education presented an update on the latest monitoring report for Children in our Care for June 2019.

Members noted that the number of children entering care in 2019 was 80 and the number of children leaving care was 55 with 46% of children aged 0-2 years old. It was noted that currently there were 409 Children in our Care which consisted of 56% males and 44% of females.

RESOLVED – That Alyson Hanson, Interim Head of Permanence and Jayne Ivory, Director of Children’s Services & Education be thanked for the detailed report.

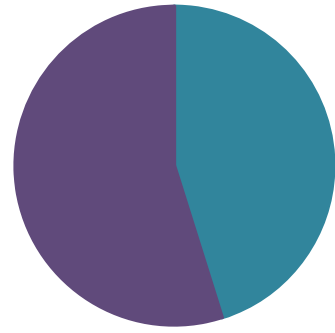
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Date:

Chair of the meeting
at which the minutes were confirmed

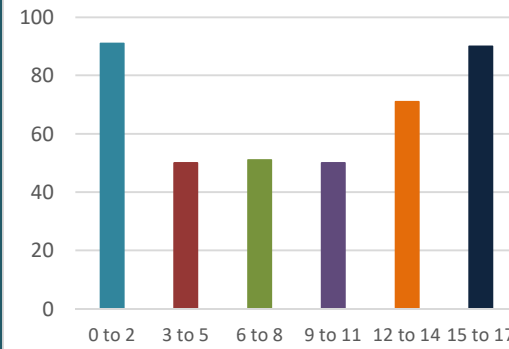
Children in Our Care - 2nd Oct 2019

Gender of Children in Our Care



Female	182	45%
Male	221	55%
Total CIOC	403	

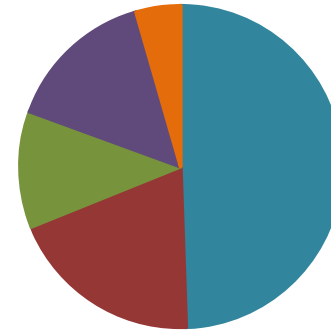
Age Profile of Children in Care



0 to 2	91	9 to 11	50
3 to 5	50	12 to 14	71
6 to 8	51	15 to 17	90

Entering Care Oct 18 to Sept 19

Age of children entering care



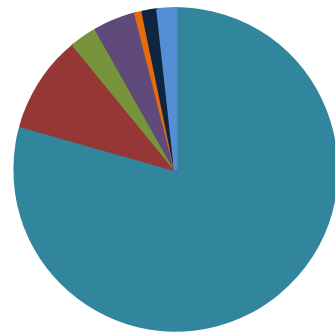
0 to 2	89 (50%)	11 to 15	27 (15%)
3 to 6	35 (19%)	16+	8 (4%)
7 to 10	21 (12%)		

Children in Our Care since 2008

Number of Children in our care since 2008



Ethnicity of Children in Our Care



White/UK	320	79%
Asian Pakistani	39	10%
Other	11	3%
Mixed	17	4%
Black	3	1%
White Other	6	1%
Asian Other, incl Indian	7	2%

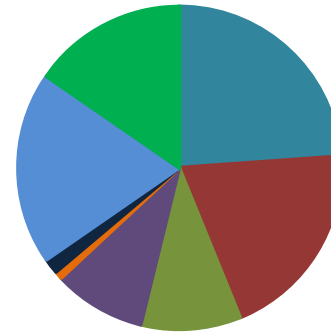
Where are children in care placed?

Foster Placements (in-house)	143
Foster Placements (agency)	68
Placed with Parents	49
Friends & Family	58
Children's Homes (agency)	28
Adoptive Placements	14
Res Accom Not Subject to CH Regs	16
Other	19
Children's Homes (in-house)	4
NHS	1
Independent Living	0
Residential School	2
Secure	0
Prison/HMYOI	1

# Children in Our Care with a Disability	24
% Children in Our Care with a Disability	6%

Leaving Care Oct 18 to Sept 19

Destinations of Care Leavers



Reached 18	31 (24%)
Returned to parents	26 (20%)
Moved in with relatives	13 (10%)
Other reason	12 (9%)
Moved into supp.accomodation	1 (1%)
Child Arrangement Order	2 (2%)
Adopted	25 (19%)
Special guardianship	20 (15%)

Entering/Leaving Care since 2001

	Entering	Leaving	Net
Total in 2001	111	95	16
Total in 2002	103	117	-14
Total in 2003	131	134	-3
Total in 2004	102	104	-2
Total in 2005	119	100	19
Total in 2006	94	104	-10
Total in 2007	97	92	5
Total in 2008	114	104	10
Total in 2009	151	94	57
Total in 2010	112	123	-11
Total in 2011	155	128	27
Total in 2012	125	149	-24
Total in 2013	123	120	3
Total in 2014	89	125	-36
Total in 2015	163	139	24
Total in 2016	170	139	31
Total in 2017	161	143	18
Total in 2018	162	153	9
Total in 2019	117	100	17

*Please note this table is calculated by calendar years

Age Profile of Children in Care and the length of time children have been in care

Time in Care (in yrs)	Current Age																	Total		
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		17	
0-1	40	11	15	10	7	6	9	2	8	3	4	2	3	4	4	7	2	4	141	
1-2		12	8	4	4	3	5	2	4	1	5	1	6	3		2	2	7	69	
2-3			5	3	2	3	3	2	5	2	1	4	2	1	3	2	4	5	47	
3-4				3	4		2	3	4	2	5	2	2	4	1	3	1	5	41	
4-5					1				2		1	3	3	3	1	2	1	17	17	
5-6											2	1	2	1	2	3		11	11	
6-7							1			1	2	3	2	1	1	5	1	17	17	
7-8									1		3	3	3	3	5	3	1	2	21	21
8-9									1					2	3	3	4	2	15	15
9 yrs & longer											3		1	3	1	7	1	8	24	24
Total	40	23	28	20	18	12	20	9	22	12	20	18	23	26	22	35	21	34	403	403

Performance compared with national, regional and comparator averages

	Current - BwD	Comparator Median	Regional Average	National Average
Number of children in our care (CIOC) per 10,000 0-18 year old population	104	98	91	64
% in foster care	67%	73%	69%	73%
Of which - in-house provider or family and friends approved care	50%			48%
Of which - Other provider	17%			25%
% in adoption placements	3%	3%	2%	3%
% in residential/resi schools/secure/other residential provision	12%	12%	12%	13%
% placed at home with parents	12%	8%	13%	6%
Placement Stability (% of CIOC with 3 placements or more in a yr)	12.7%	9%	10%	10%
Placement Stability (% of CIOC in same placement for past 2 yrs & in care for 2.5 yrs+)	64%	71%	71%	70%
% of Care Leavers aged 19-21 years old in Education, Employment or Training	42%	51%	50%	51%
% of Care Leavers aged 19-21 years old in suitable accommodation	95%	88%	87%	84%
Adoption Scorecard (rolling 3 yrs) - entry into care to adoption placement (days)	431			520
Adoption Scorecard (rolling 3 yrs) - Placement Order to matching (days)	151			220
Average Caseload in Assessment and Safeguarding Teams	28.9			
Average Caseload in Children in our Care Teams	21.7			
Number of unaccompanied asylum seekers in care	2			

*Comparable information as at March 2018