



CHILDREN IN OUT OF BOROUGH PLACEMENTS

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CHILDREN IN OUR CARE, CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES AND LEAVING
CARE

LEGAL FRAMEWORK

- The Children Act 1989 Volume 2: Care Planning, Placement and Case Review (England) Regulations 2010
- Children's Homes Regulations 2015 (Regulation 41)
- Legal obligation requiring a responsible authority to notify the host authority when a child in care is moved across boundaries.

LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS

- Local arrangements are agreed through the North West Help and Protection Forum
- Complimented by the Childrens Safeguarding Assurance Partnership Contextual Safeguarding Task and Finish Group
- Partner agencies representation from health, Lancashire Constabulary, Childrens Services, including Engage
- Blackburn with Darwen has designated business support function who collate notifications from other Local Authority's and record on protocol so this information is captured

INTERFACE WITH HEALTH AND POLICE

- Duty to notify health colleagues out of the area
- Lack of consistency with Police being notified of children coming into Lancashire

NUMBERS OF CHILDREN PLACED IN BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN

Placing authority with two more placements in BwD	Number of CYP
Lancashire County Council	110
Blackpool Borough Council	15
Rochdale Met Borough Council	9
Liverpool City Council	7
Manchester City Council	5
Bury Met Borough Council Fostering Agency	6
Cheshire East Council	3
Oldham Met Borough Council	5
Cumbria County Council	4
Tameside Met Borough Council	3
Wakefield Met District Council	3

TYPES OF PLACEMENTS

- Adoption
- Independent Fostering Agencies
- Residential
- Semi independent living

OFFER OF SUPPORT

- Engage Team examples of having supported 2 Looked After Children at risk of CCE and CSE
- 1 young person open August 2020 and closed February 2021 – team supported transition to move within LCC boundary due to accommodation offer
- 1 young person open September 2018 and closed in February 2021 – concerns re: County Lines

NEXT STEPS

CSAP Board identified at 3 strands of work:

- Expectations on Local Authority's placing in area
- Our own approach to children placed in our area
- Our approach to placing outside the area

NEXT STEPS CONTINUED

- Mapping exercise and open communication with regulated and unregulated private providers to build working relationship
- Develop a provider forum and communication strategy for residential children's homes (information pack)
- Develop a pack that can be shared with children's homes outlining expectations
- Improve health notifications and information sharing
- Develop standard response to Local Authority making inappropriate placements in the area