

# Corporate Parenting Board

A meeting of Corporate Parenting Board was held on Friday, 6th December, 2019.

**Present:** Cllr Barbara Inman (Chair), Cllr Carol Clark, Cllr Mrs Sylvia Walmsley and Cllr Sally Ann Watson.

**Officers:** Rhona Bollands, Dave Willingham, Gemma Mann, Jackie Ward, Peter Bell, Rachel McLoughlin, Sarah Massiter, Janet Wilson, Jo Gamble

**Also in attendance:** None.

**Apologies:** Cllr Helen Atkinson, Cllr Hilary Vickers and Cllr Marilyn Surtees.

## **CPB 22/19**      **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **CPB 23/19**      **Minutes of the meeting held on 11 October 2019**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 October 2019 were agreed as a correct record.

## **CPB 24/19**      **Health Assessments Review**

Consideration was given to a report on the Health Assessments Review.

Following an update report to Board in April 2019 regarding Review Health Assessments for Children in our Care, the 0-19 Governance board were asked to convene a working group to review the quality, impact and outcomes of RHAs, and the reshaping of health assessments. In addition, the 0-19 Governance Board were asked to review how data could be captured at a population level to help build a picture of health needs of the Children in our Care. This was a joint report from Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council, Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees Clinical Commissioning Group, North Tees Hartlepool Foundation Trust and Harrogate District Foundation Trust providing an update of progress to date and planned next steps. The report highlighted the tasks of the working group, population health needs, review health assessment process and the consultation that had been carried out with families, children and young people.

The next steps that were identified by the working group included:

- To map out with social care, health and education the process of how review health assessments and other review points align, and identify how collaborative working could be strengthened.
- To review output from consultation with families and through autumn hub events, to inform themes to review with other groups in January (i.e. young people leaving care).
- To share and review priorities identified from Children in our Care JSNA to inform the future shape of the health care assessment process.

Members were given the opportunity to ask questions and make comments on

the report and these could be summarised as follows:-

- It was noted that sexual health, CSE assessments, criminal activity and county lines were considered part of the process.
- There were links between many aspects of the physical health of young people and their mental health.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The process of how health assessments and other review points align be mapped out with Social Care, Health and Education, and how collaborative working could be strengthened be identified.
2. Output from consultation with families and through autumn hub events be reviewed, themes be informed to review with other groups in January 2020 (i.e. young people leaving care).
3. Priorities identified from Children in our Care JSNA be shared and reviewed to inform the future shape of the health care assessment process.

**CPB  
25/19 Children in Our Care Strategic Group Update**

Consideration was given to a report on Children in Our Care Strategic Group (CIOCSG).

The last CIOCSG was held on 21st November 2019 and would continue to meet 6 weekly.

The report highlighted the following items that had been discussed:

- Aspirations for Children in Our Care (CIOC)
- Health Assessments
- New Care Leavers Parenting approach
- Ongoing Schemes/Activities for CIOC
- Update on Approaches to Safely Reduce the Numbers of CIOC.

Members were given the opportunity to ask questions and make comments on the report and these could be summarised as follows:-

- Members were given an update with regard to the numbers of books that had been sold for the Drake Bookshop Christmas Scheme.
- The work that was being carried out with regard to the bag design scheme.
- Miriam Sigsworth would be in attendance at the next meeting of the Board to present an item on the Dartington Project.
- Members noted that the CIOC Strategic Action Plan would be reviewed in February 2020 and would particularly consider the impact that all of the work being undertaken with CIOC and care leavers was having improving outcomes.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

**CPB  
26/19**      **EET Update - verbal update**

The Board was given an update on EET. There were 229 young people active to the Leaving Care Team and a proportion of these young people were NEET. This could be for a number of reasons, including a lack of interest to engage in EET, being pregnant or a young parent and through illness. However there were also a number of young people who were NEET who were motivated and were work ready. A number of interventions were in place to support young people NEET and there were on-going projects in development to support this further. A Breakdown for young people active to Leaving Care Service by category was given.

The update further highlighted the following key areas:-

- Plans to Improve NEET
- Grandmentors Project
- EET Forum
- Philanthropic Society
- Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) Service Level Agreement
- Discretionary Housing Payments / Council Tax Exemption
- Care Leavers Association

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

**CPB  
27/19**      **Forward Plan**

Consideration was given to the Forward Plan for the Board.

RESOLVED that the Forward Plan be noted.