

Lancashire County Council

Corporate Parenting Board

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 11th September, 2014 at 6.00 pm
in Assembly Hall - County Hall Preston**

Present: Members

County Councillor Margaret Brindle	- Lancashire County Council
County Councillor Ian Brown	- Lancashire County Council
County Councillor Chris Henig	- Lancashire County Council
County Councillor Sue Pryn (Chair)	- Lancashire County Council
County Councillor Miss Kim Snape	- Lancashire County Council
Catherine Bob Stott	- representing Adoption - Director of Permanence, Protection and Schools
Bradley Mark	- LINX Representative
Sam	- LINX Representative
Gavin	- LINX Representative
Kristal	- LINX Representative
Anthony	- LINX Representative
Gina	- LINX Representative

Co-opted members

Marc Bentley	- Ambassador for Children and Young People
Katherine Ashworth	- Young People's Service, Lancashire County Council
Mark Hudson	- Independent Reviewing Officers
Nicola Bamford	- Designated Doctor and Consultant Paediatrician, representing CCG
Diane Booth	- Children's Social Care
Kate Baggaley	- Barnardos
Gareth Oates	- Barnardos
Louise Burton	- CCG (on behalf of Debbie Ross)

Other Attendees

Annette McNeil	- Integrated Health Service
Sam Gorton (Clerk)	- Governance Officer
Louise Storey	- Children's Social Care

Jane Gray	- Adoption Services
Sally Allen	- Safeguarding
Sarah Frankland	- ACERS
Brendan Lee	- Residential Services
John Simpson	- ACERS

1. Introductions and Apologies

All were welcomed to the meeting and the following apologies were noted:

County Councillors Beavers and Lord, Sue Parr, Caroline Beswick and Debbie Ross.

2. Notes of the Meetings and Matters Arising from 19 June 2014 and 24 July 2014

The notes of the previous meetings were agreed as an accurate record and there were no matters arising from them.

3. What our Elected Members have been doing

County Councillor (CC) Prynne informed the Board that she had met with the Chair of the Lancashire Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB), along with Bob Stott, Director for Permanence, Protection and Schools and Sam Gorton, Clerk to the Corporate Parenting Board (CPB) and discussed how we can work more collaboratively with them. It was agreed that they would meet again in six months time and that the annual report from the CPB would be presented to the LSCB meeting on 14 November 2014. There have been meetings held with the adoption rep from the CPB and the Head of Youth Offending Team, Fostering and Adoption regarding activity days. A meeting had been held regarding Out of Borough placements for CLA where a piece of work has been initiated to inform Directors of Children's Services in other Authorities around support offered should a child be placed within Lancashire.

CC Prynne reported that the issue regarding emails and communication with young people was still ongoing and regular updates will be reported as appropriate.

Regulation 22 visits had been carried out by various Elected Members to the following LCC and Independent establishments:

LCC - The Bungalow, Maplewood, Bowerham Road, Warwick Avenue, Belvedere House, Chorley Hall Road, Marsden Hall Road and Crestmoor.

Independent – Ashdene, Rowling House and Pier House.

The reports from these visits have been passed to relevant colleagues and issues raised will be addressed.

CC Pryn timeranked the Elected Members for carrying out these visits especially during the holiday period and requested that at least one, possibly more be carried out prior to the next CPB.

It was also noted that County Councillors have expressed an interest in becoming more involved with CPB issues in between meetings and CC Pryn timer will look at setting up Task and Finish Groups for pertinent topics and present these to the Board at the next meeting. If there is any specific area a County Councillor would like to get involved with, please inform CC Pryn timer.

4. LINX (Lancashire's Children in Care Council)

Marc Bentley was introduced by CC Pryn timer to this item and indicated that this was going to be his last meeting as Ambassador for Children and Young People. He was thanked on behalf of the Board for all the work he has undertaken as a member over the years.

Marc led the Board through a leaving care activity which is attached to the minutes for reference.

A Care Leavers Bed and Breakfast Expose [video](#) was shown and Diane Booth confirmed that in the last year, nine care leavers had had to use hotels however for no longer than two nights which is better than the previous year. LCC do not use B&Bs, only hotels in an emergency. This continues to be addressed with housing as there should be no CLA in B&Bs or hotels.

The next activity was a group work session, where groups were asked to state in order of importance what they feel makes suitable accommodation for care leavers.

The results are attached. It was noted that the number one criteria was to feel safe and that access to TVs and phones was quite a low priority.

LINX then gave feedback on what they had been doing since the last CPB meeting. Attached is the powerpoint showing all their activities.

The Performance Report is attached with comments from LINX following their discussion prior to the meeting of which they raised with the Board.

Action: It was agreed that Diane Booth will visit LINX to discuss their comments further.

Mark was congratulated on his GCSE results.

5. Activity Day

CC Pryn timer informed the Board that prior to the next activity day on 5 October 2014, she is requesting that two County Councillors and a young person attend.

Prior to the day a debrief will be held by officers for those attending on behalf of the CPB.

Action: County Councillors and Barnardos to inform CC Prynne who wishes to attend.

Following the day, CC Prynne requested that a report be brought back to the CPB on the outcomes.

Action: Diane Booth agreed to speak to LINX about the day.

6. Service 6

The Board were given the presentation (attached) on Service 6. They were informed that officers had visited LINX introducing them to the new service, which they found extremely useful.

It was noted that they were looking at setting up further Hubs and that information should be sent to GP surgeries and to include in the letter that is being sent to other Authorities with regards Out of Borough placements to advertise the service being offered.

7. IRO Annual Report

Sally Allen and Mark Hudson gave a brief outline of the report which was attached to the agenda and encouraged all to read it as this document is the eyes and ears of the young people.

It was reported that the Missing Protocol was being presented to the LSCB on 17 September 2014 for approval.

The attached Then and Now quiz was tabled, however as time was running out, it was agreed that LINX take this away and work on it and bring back to the next meeting.

Action: LINX to report back on the quiz at the next meeting.

8. Any Other Business

Fusion Social Network Group

Bradley informed everybody about a group he had set up and if anybody would like to attend to contact him. Further information is attached.

Marc Bentley

Marc gave a speech saying what a pleasure it had been to be involved with the CPB over the last six years. He has felt it has continually changed for the better over the years and the work that the young people carry out on behalf of all CLA

in Lancashire is amazing and that they are an inspiration to everyone. Marc's sentiments were echoed.

9. Meeting Schedule 2015

The meeting schedule attached to the agenda with the proposed dates for 2015 were agreed. The venue was also confirmed as "The Duke of Lancaster Room" (former Cabinet Room 'C').

10. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday, 4 December 2014 at 6.00pm in the Duke of Lancaster Room (former Cabinet Room 'C'), County Hall, Preston, PR1 8RJ.

Minute Item 4

How Many local authorities in England used Bed & Breakfasts to place care leavers in 2013-2014?

53% 63% 73%

How Many local authorities in England used Bed & Breakfast accommodation repeatedly?

26% 36% 46%

How Many local authorities in England placed care leavers used Bed & Breakfasts for 28 days or more, in breach of government guidance?

41% 51% 61%

Correct answers are written in red

Important Factors for Care Leavers Accommodation

Most important group category	Second Most Important Category	Least important category
<p>Group 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accommodation being safe • Able to close and lock front door • Able to afford bills • Access to toilet • Friends • Bed • Able to afford to eat • Feel safe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education • Access to doctors and other services • Emotional support • Training • Own place • Support to keep accommodation • Employment • Financial Support • Access to shops • Social activities • Needs met • Social Networks • Access to TV/phone • Support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to transport
<p>Group 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Able to afford to eat • Bed • Accommodation being safe • Feel safe • Financial Support • Access to toilet • Support to keep accommodation • Able to close and lock front door 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Networks • Conditions • Introductions • Skills • Comfort • Able to afford bills • Emotional support • Friends • Access to TV/phone • Support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to shops • Access to doctors and other services • Access to transport • Social activities • Needs met • Own place
<p>Group 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feel safe • Bed • Able to close and lock front door 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emotional support • Access to shops • Friends • Access to doctors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to TV/phone • Social activities • Needs met

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to toilet • Accommodation being safe 	<p>and other services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Able to afford to eat • Financial Support • Social Networks • Access to transport • Able to afford bills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Own place • Support to keep accommodation
<p>Group 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emotional support • Accommodation being safe • Able to afford bills • Able to close and lock front door • Feel safe • Support to keep accommodation • Needs met • Financial Support • Access to doctors and other services • Able to afford to eat • Access to transport • Bed • Feel Safe • Access to toilets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to shops • Social activities • Friends • Own place 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to TV/phone • Social Networks
<p>Group 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feel safe • Accommodation being safe • Able to close and lock front door 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friends • Access to doctors and other services • Social networks • Bed • Access to shops • Needs met • Access to toilet • Social activities • Access to transport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to TV/phone • Able to afford bills • Able to afford to eat • Emotional support • Support to keep accommodation • Financial Support



- 30th July – LINX attend Participation Monitoring Meeting at County Hall
- Recruitment and Selection Training several members of LINX attended across two dates.
 - North and East Lancashire 5th August
 - Central Lancashire 6th August
- Corporate Parenting Board Debrief and Agenda Setting at County Hall – 11th August



- Interview panel in Liverpool, Barnardo's North West Office for Project Workers -14th August
- 1 member of LINX attended the ENOC planning meeting at Bradbury House – 15th August
- Visit from Alison Cowan Head of Marketing at Barnardo's – 15th August
- Consultation with LINX on the CLA Strategy– 19th August

Residentials

- 8 Young People attended Young Inspectors Residential – 27th – 28th August
- 15 Young People attended the LINX Water Park Residential where they :
 - Received certificates from their input from the CYP plan in Lancashire and received feedback.
 - Consulted on contact tracing via Social Media requested by Debbie Ross Associate Head of Safeguarding/Designated Nurse CLA – East Lancashire
 - Consulted on the Care Leavers Guide



- Office of the Children's Commissioner Equality Day in London – 28th August
- European Network of Ombudsmen for Children 2 day film making for October Conference -1 LINX member attended on 3rd and 4th September
- 2 LINX members attended the Office of the Children's Commissioner care monitoring survey Meeting in London with 1 member on an interview panel for the OCC – 12th September

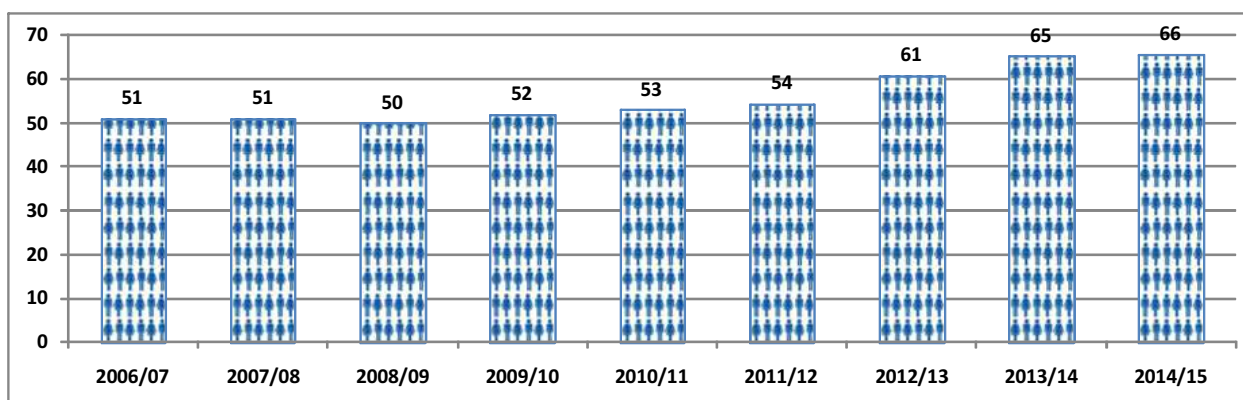
CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD PERFORMANCE REPORT, 31ST AUGUST 2014

Lancashire changed its integrated children's system from ISSIS to LCS in February 2014; this has an ongoing impact on the ability to report accurate performance, as such some information given below is subject to change.

ACTIVITY FOR CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER AND CARE LEAVERS

NUMBER OF CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER

- As at the end of August 2014, there are **1,605** children looked after in Lancashire.
- For every **10,000** children and young people in Lancashire, **66** are currently looked after.
- The number of children looked after in Lancashire had risen each month until March 2014, but now the number of children looked after has been at a similar level for 6 months.
- There are **more** children looked after in Lancashire than in England where 60 out of 10,000 are currently looked after.
- There are **less** children looked after in Lancashire than the North West (79 out of 10,000) and slightly less than in Lancashire's statistical neighbours (67 out of 10,000).



COMMENTS:

- ❖ Lancashire's number of children looked after has levelled off over the last six months, after big increases over the last two years.
- ❖ Lancashire's number of children looked after is lower than that of Lancashire's statistical neighbours and lower than the average of other North West local authorities

SERVICE ACTIVITY

Service activity helps to explain the rise in the number of children looked after in Lancashire:

- The contact centre has received more referrals than in previous years, although less contacts.
- The social work teams have moved from initial and core assessments to a new single assessment from 1st April 2014. Data on these assessments is only just becoming available, so levels of activity will not be known until sufficient information is available.
- With more children and young people than ever been identified for referral and assessment, more children are becoming looked after as a result, which could be due to rising poverty.



	Previous Performance				Current Performance
	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Contacts <i>per month</i>	998	1284	1525	750	3837
Referrals <i>per month</i>	1389	1175	1370	1679	1356
Initial Assessments	10071	9891	11288	11865	--
Core Assessments	4246	5019	5901	5724	--
Single Assessment <i>per month</i>	--	--	--	--	629

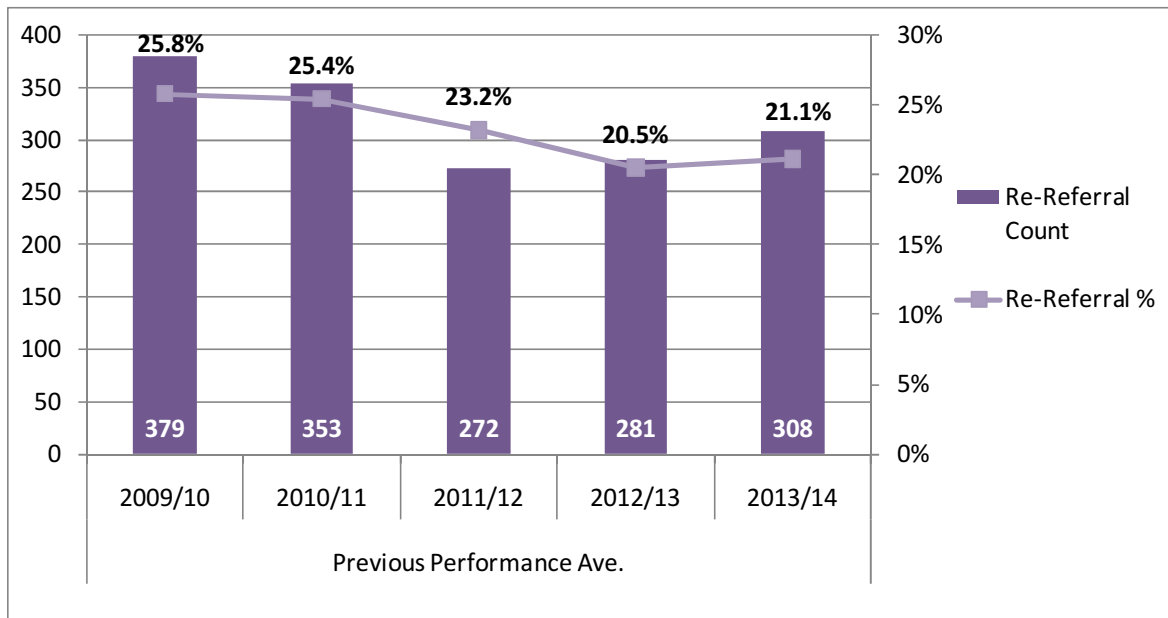
COMMENTS:

- ❖ Since the introduction of the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) in April 2013, a large number of contacts from the Police have been passed to MASH rather than going through Care Connect. As a result, contacts have reduced significantly.
- ❖ From 1st April 2014, contacts were counted differently including all referrals, hence the number of contacts are not comparable to previous years.
- ❖ From 1st April 2014 initial and core assessments were discontinued and the new single assessment was introduced. The first four months data shows that an average of 629 assessments is completed per month.

RE-REFERRAL RATE

A number of referrals that the authority receives are re-referrals; that is a child or young person has been referred to Children's Social Care once and is being referred again.

- Re-referral rates have historically declined which was considered good performance
- Average re-referral rate for 2013/14 increased slightly to 21 re-referrals out of each 100 referrals received



COMMENTS:

- ❖ Re-referral rates from the new system are difficult to verify, but figures show 29% re-referrals at the end July 2014, a rise on previous months.
- ❖ Young people are concerned about these rising figures and would like to know why there are more re-referrals?
- ❖ Young people feel more should be done to support families to reduce re-referral rates.

STABILITY OF PLACEMENTS OF CLA: NUMBER OF MOVES

How many children looked after moved placement twice during the past year:



- Out of 100 children looked after, Lancashire targets to have less than 10 children looked after having to move twice or more during the year
- Latest information shows that **8** out of 100 children looked have moved twice or more which is good performance and within the target
- This is also an improvement on last year when 9 out of 100 children looked had to move twice or more during the year

Previous Performance		Current Performance	Target	Performance Direction?
2011/12	2012/13	2013/14		
9.5%	8.7%	7.8%	9.5%	
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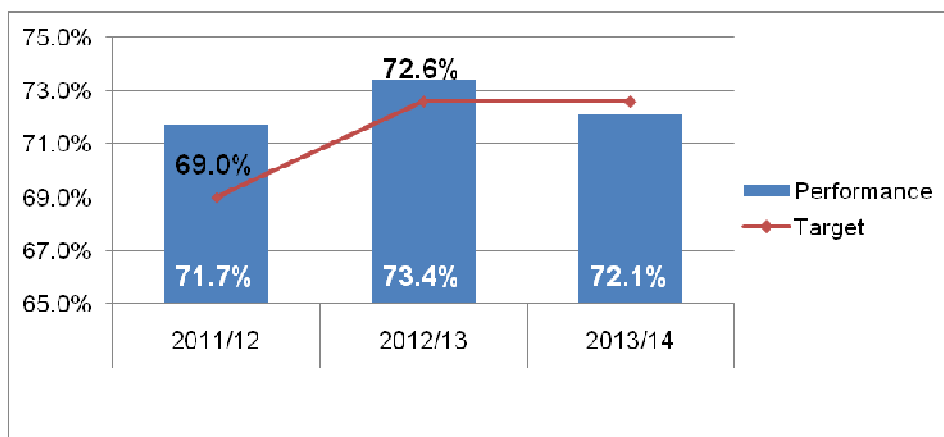
COMMENTS:

- ❖ Lancashire has carried out good placement stability work through research projects and improved processes, which has resulted in better performance and improved stability.
- ❖ Fewer children than ever have more than 2 placement moves, but further improvements are possible (only 7 out 100 moved in September 2012).
- ❖ Young people are happy that this is less than last year however they would like to see more research and reasons into what causes placement moves.
- ❖ Placement Stability is difficult to verify within the new system, but recent figures indicate that placement stability is at 6.6% for the end of July 2014.

STABILITY OF PLACEMENTS OF CLA: LENGTH OF PLACEMENTS

How many children looked after have been in their current placement for at least 2 years:

- Out of 100 children looked after, Lancashire targets to have more than 72 children looked after settled for a long time in their current placement.
- February 2014 information shows that **72** out of 100 children looked are in a long and stable placement, which is good performance, but below our target.
- Current performance is an improvement on performance from 2 years ago, but slightly lower than last year's performance.



COMMENTS:

- ❖ Lancashire has carried out good work on placement stability through research projects and improved processes.
- ❖ This has resulted in better performance and improved stability for children looked after.
- ❖ Young people feel that it is positive that 72% of young people have been settled in their placement.
- ❖ Placement Stability is difficult to verify within the new system, but recent figures indicate that placement stability is at 68% for the end of July 2014.

CHILDREN MISSING FROM CARE

Lancashire County Council and its partners are changing processes for children missing from care, and there will be a new protocol whereby young people are not reported missing straight away in case they are just running late. Also the Police will now be able to change missing to absent on the young person's record.

Lancashire County Council works with multiple agencies including Lancashire Police, to monitor the levels of children missing from care and this year's information is below:

	2013/14	2014/15 Q1
Lancashire CLA missing	355	62
Number CLA from other LAs missing	355	101
Other Children known to Lancashire CSC	408	232
Other Children Missing	1338	276
Children Missing with Lancashire boundaries	2456	671

COMMENT:

- ❖ In Lancashire, around 4 out of 100 children looked after went missing during quarter one (April to June 2014), which is lower than in previous quarters.
- ❖ Over the whole year, 22 out of 100 children looked after are reported missing (2013/14)
- ❖ The numbers represent the number of children looked after, and some children have multiple instances of going missing, an average of 1½ missing episodes per child.
- ❖ LINX have welcomed the changing protocols for children missing, and feel this is good.

OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER

Outcomes data from education is displayed by academic year rather than financial year.



Educational Attainment of Children Looked After

The key indicator used to measure attainment is the number of children and young people who get 5 GCSEs at grades A* to C including English and Maths:

- Performance for 2012/13 has been published and performance remains at 12.9% as it was in 2011/12 which was higher than the previous year.
- CLA attainment remains significantly lower than attainment for all children and young people of whom 6 out of 10 achieve 5 GCSEs at A*-C

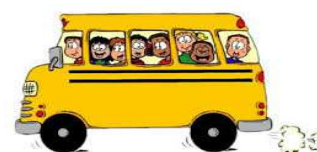
	Previous Performance		Current Performance	Target	Performance Direction?
	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13		
Lancs	11.9%	12.9%	12.9%	18.0%	😊
	↘	↗	↗	×	
England	13.6%	15.0%	15.3%	Higher	☹️

COMMENT:

- ❖ In Lancashire, attainment at GCSE among the children looked after remained stable in 2012/13, but remains below performance of 18.6% from 2009/10.
- ❖ Across England, just over 15 per 100 children looked after achieved 5 A*-C, slightly more than Lancashire's 13 per 100.
- ❖ Attainment by children looked after remains somewhat behind their peers with 6 out of 10 children and young people achieving 5 GCSEs at grades A* to C inc. English and Maths.
- ❖ *An update on performance for 2013/14 will be in the next report after September.*

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL BY CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER

Attendance at school is expressed as a percentage of all possible school sessions attended by all children looked after:



- Attendance in primary school was slightly below target with all children looked after only missing 5 out of every 100 sessions in school
- Attendance in secondary school was slightly worse than last year, with all children looked after missing 8 out of every 100 sessions in school

	Previous Performance		Current Performance	Target	Performance Direction?
	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13		
Primary	96.3%	96.2%	95.0%	96.0%	☹️
	↗	↘	↘	×	
Secondary	92.5%	94.3%	92.0%	96.0%	☹️
	↘	↗	↘	×	

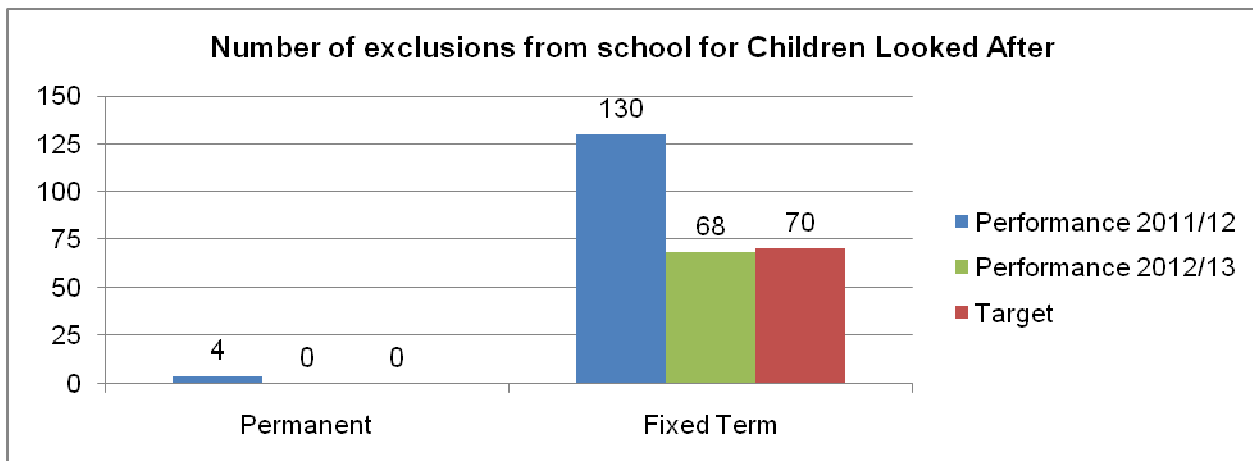
COMMENTS:

- ❖ Young people would like to know more about why young people are missing school and what factors are impacting on their ability to attend school?
- ❖ Young people feel that they should be able to choose what they do at school, for example, completing exams or doing practical courses and perhaps going to college earlier than usual to start these courses.

EXCLUSIONS FROM SCHOOL OF CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER

Exclusions from school are included as a pure number of children looked after either permanently excluded or on fixed term exclusion:

- In the last year there were no permanent exclusions of children looked after
- In the last year there were 68 fixed term exclusions of children looked after
- These numbers are both within the targets set by corporate parenting board and a significant improvement on the previous year



COMMENTS:

- ❖ Exclusions have dropped significantly in this academic year compared to a high level in the previous year. Young people are happy about this and feel that it shows things could be improving to support looked after children in schools.
- ❖ Young people would like there to be more research into the reasons for fixed term exclusions. Are schools aware of other factors in the young persons' lives that may be affecting their behaviour at school? If so, are schools offering the right support for those young people?

CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER IN YOUNG OFFENDER INSTITUTIONS OR SECURE UNITS

- There are a small number of children looked after placed in young offender institutions or secure units, 6 as at 31st August 2014.
- 3 out of 100 children looked after are involved with the youth offending teams, while less than 1 out of 100 children and young people are involved with youth offending teams.
- Children looked after are three times as likely to be involved with youth offending teams.

CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER WITH AN UP-TO-DATE HEALTH AND DENTAL ASSESSMENTS

- 53 out of 100 children looked after have an up-to-date health assessment (July 2014)
- This is a lower level of up-to-date health assessments than in the previous year
- 60 out of 100 children looked after have an up-to-date dental assessment (July 2014)
- This is a lower level of up-to-date dental assessments than in the previous year

COMMENTS:

- ❖ Lancashire is investing in the improvement of oral health through the Smile 4 Life campaign which has been running since 2010.
- ❖ This has been nationally acclaimed for its successes in raising awareness and improving oral health.
- ❖ Young people feel that the percentage of those with an up-to-date health assessment should be higher – somewhere between 90% and 95%.
- ❖ Young people feel that they should be given a choice as to whether they want a health assessment or not. Young people should only be made to have one if there is a cause for concern.



ADOPTION AND PERMANENCE

ADOPTION ORDERS

- **196** children looked after have been adopted over the last 3 years.
- The number of adoptions increased to 75 children looked after being adopted in 2012/13, higher than in previous years.
- Figures show that **83** children looked after were adopted in 2013/14, an improvement on the previous year
- Provisional figures shows that **47** children looked after were adopted in the first 5 months of 2014/15, which indicates a higher number of adoptions than in the previous year.



SPECIAL GUARDIANSHIP ORDER (SGO) OR RESIDENCE ORDERS (RO)

Special guardianship orders or residence orders are an alternative to adoption, but still provide children looked after with a permanent home:

- 17 out of 100 children looked after were given a permanent home under special guardianship order during 2013/14, a big improvement on previous years
- 10 out of 100 children looked after were given a permanent home under residence order during 2013/14, a slight decrease on performance last year

COMMENTS:

- ❖ Overall more children looked after than ever are being provided with a permanent home under adoption, special guardianship order or residence orders; 43 out of 100 children looked after in the last year (2013/14) which represents considerable success.

OUTCOMES FOR CARE LEAVERS

CARE LEAVERS IN SUITABLE ACCOMMODATION (OLD NI 147)

Suitable accommodation is regarded as suitable if it provides safe, secure and affordable provision for young people. The percentage of care leavers at age 19 that are living in "suitable accommodation":



- In 2013/14, out of 100 care leavers, **82** are considered to be in suitable accommodation
- This is lower than two years ago, when 93 out of 100 were in suitable accommodation

COMMENTS:

- ❖ The number of care leavers in suitable accommodation has declined from a high level in 2010/11 to a lower level in recent years. This is below the target of 89 out of 100.

CARE LEAVERS IN EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT OR TRAINING (OLD NI 148)

The percentage of care leavers at 19 who are engaged in education, training or employment:



- As at the end of 2013/14, **48** out of 100 care leavers were in education, training or employment on their 19th birthday.
- This is lower performance than in 2012/13 when 55 out of 100 care leavers were in education, training or employment in 2012/13.
- Nationally 85 out of 100 young people aged 16-24 are in education, training or employment (Sep 2013)

COMMENTS:

- ❖ Performance improved slightly in 2012/13, but dipped to low performance in 2013/14.
- ❖ Current performance for 2013/14 suggests that just under half of those leaving care since April 2013 were in education, training or employment, some way behind the target of 67 out of 100.
- ❖ Young people feel that this isn't good enough and more young people should be in education or training

CARE LEAVERS AT UNIVERSITY

- In 2011/12 there were 25 care leavers at university
- In 2012/13 there were a record 37 care leavers studying at university around the country, including 22 first year students. There were 7 graduates in 2012/13.
- In 2013/14 there are 36 care leavers studying at university including 13 first year students.
- Of the previous year's 22 first year students; 15 progressed to the second year, 1 completed with a one year foundation degree, 2 returned to repeat the first year, and 4 left their course.
- There are currently 8 students in their final year, hoping to graduate in 2013/14.



COMMENTS:

- ❖ There is a good level of Care Leavers at University in each of the last two years showing that Leaving Care support is there for potential students.
- ❖ However there it is concerning that 2 in 10 first year students dropped out of university, and a further 1 in 10 repeated their first year. The decision to study at University must be an appropriate choice for the applicant and suitable students need to be well supported.
- ❖ Young people feel that these figures show good progress, but there should be many more care leavers going to university.



Residential Service 6

Presentation to Corporate Parenting Board.

11th September 2014

Presented by
John Simpson
Sarah Frankland
Brendan Lee



Introduction

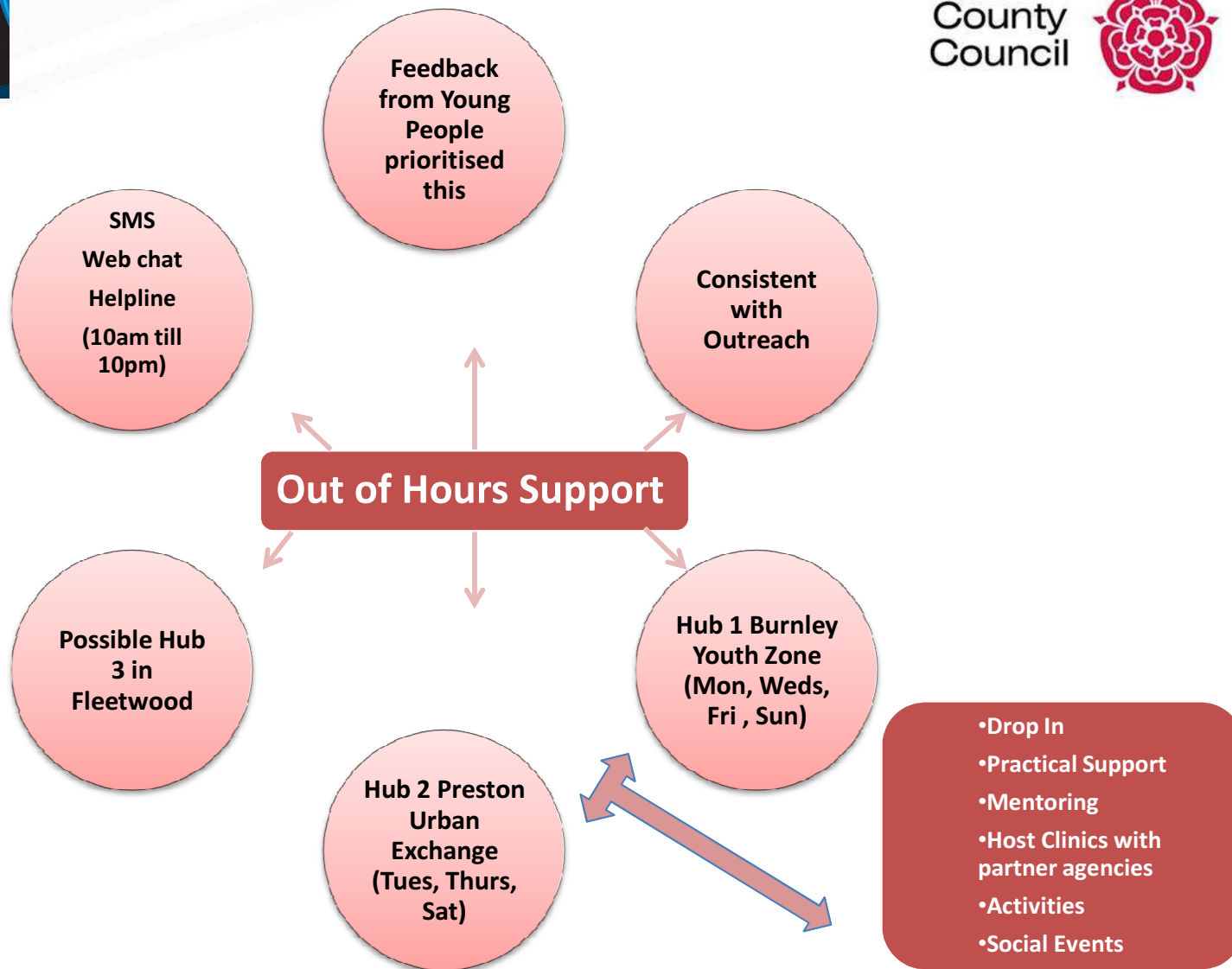
- In November 2014, We submitted a bid to the Vulnerable and Disengaged Young People (VDYP) fund operated by the Social Investment Business (SIB) group. Our proposal was to develop a service that seeks to support young care leavers across the Authority.
- That team is Service 6, and is a new service that provides practical support for young people leaving care across the Authority.
- Whilst working on our bid, we consulted with young people to see what they would expect from us, some of these discussions were chaired by Dr.Cath Larkins from UCLan school of Social Work.
- We also noted the findings of Edward Timpson's (MP) [Care Leaver Strategy 2013](#), and we found that there were six key elements that our consultation process highlighted, hence the name Service 6. John will be taking you through these shortly.
- Our Funding is in place until 31 March 2015.



Concept

- Service 6 is very much an extension of Residential Outreach Service, in that we are making use of our capacity to work 'Out of Hours', and deliver support in the community.
- The emphasis is very much on practical support – and to this end we will essentially be taking the 'key working model' used across the Residential network of homes and embedding this into Service 6 methodology.
- We see two key strengths to our model- the first being that we have shaped our service on what both research (Care Leaver Strategy 2013) and the views of young people have highlighted.
- Our second key strength is the simplicity of the service- it is based on practical support – something that together with Residential staff skills and experience in supporting young people, we feel we are well placed to deliver.

1. **Out of Hours Support**
2. **Training**
3. **Signposting**
4. **Volunteering**
5. **Community Assets**
6. **Activities**



SMS
Web chat
Helpline
(10am till 10pm)

Possible Hub 3 in Fleetwood

Feedback from Young People prioritised this

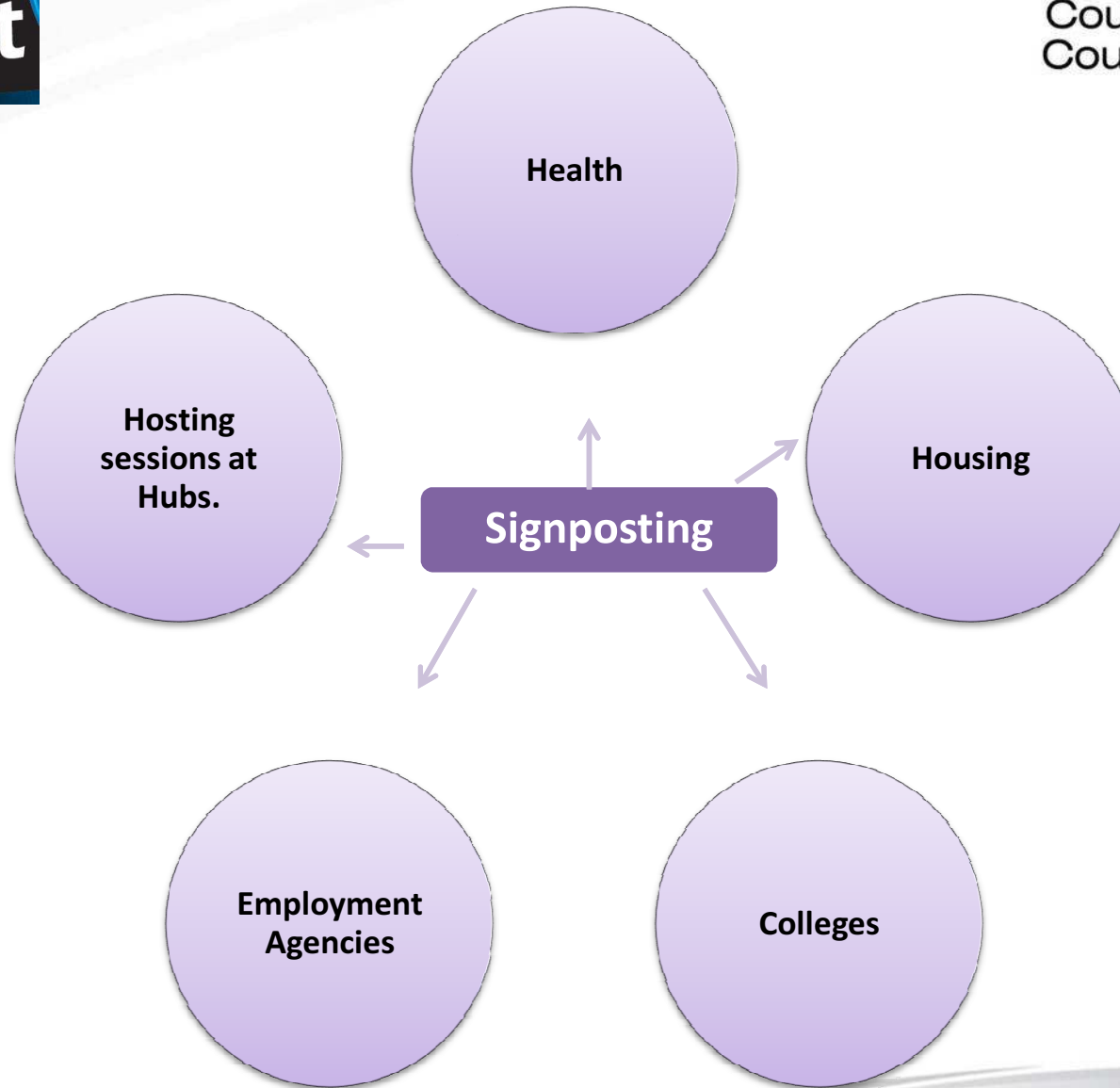
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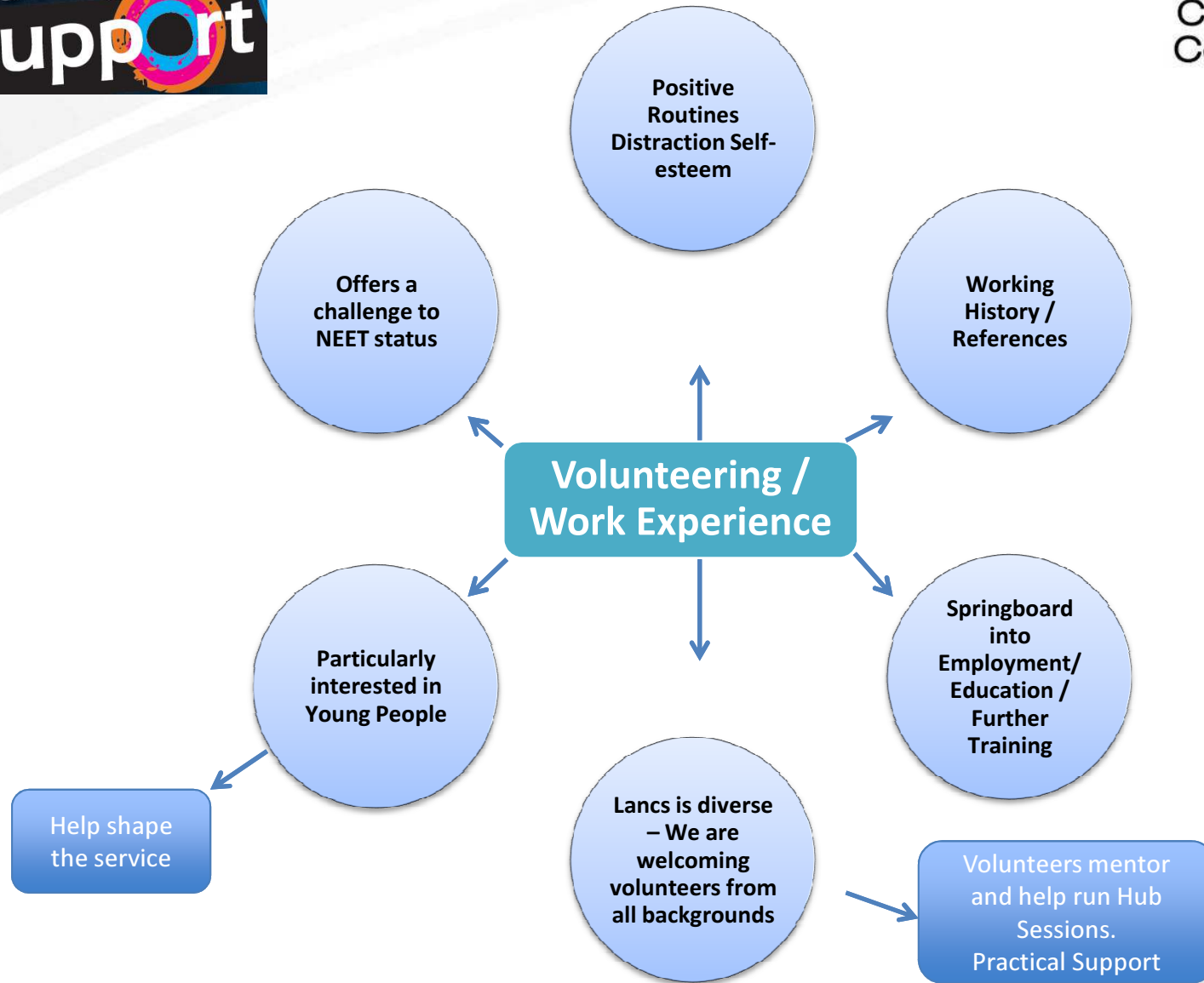
Hub 1 Burnley Youth Zone (Mon, Weds, Fri, Sun)

Hub 2 Preston Urban Exchange (Tues, Thurs, Sat)

- Drop In
- Practical Support
- Mentoring
- Host Clinics with partner agencies
- Activities
- Social Events













Service 6 support

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Our support service for young people who have recently left care.

We have drop-in sessions at Burnley Youth Zone and Preston Urban Exchange from 6pm to 10pm.

Here you can pop in for a chat and maybe a bite to eat and have someone around to talk to about anything you want to discuss. Fun and interesting activities will be organised.

This is a great opportunity to meet other young care leavers like yourself!

www.lancashire.gov.uk/youthzone

Someone to talk to

If you have recently left care and need someone to talk to then our trained advisors are here to help everyday from 10am – 10pm.

Drop-in

Come along to one of our drop-in sessions at Burnley Youth Zone and Preston Urban Exchange.

Chat online:
to one of our advisors at
lancashire.gov.uk/youthzone

Call us:
Simply call our free helpline on
0800 51 11 11

Text us:
07786 511111
start your message with
'S6'

We also need young volunteers to mentor and support carer leavers. Find out what opportunities are available at lancashire.gov.uk/volunteer and search 'Leaving Care'.



Any Questions ???

Please send any feedback to
Service6@lancashire.gov.uk

THE THEN AND NOW QUIZ

1. How many IROs are there now in Lancashire?

Then: 2012/13: 23.5 FTE

2. What is the average caseload for an IRO?

Then: 2012/3: 105

3. What should an IRO caseload be?

Then: Between 50 and 70

4. How many looked after children are there?

Then: 2012/13: 1,482

5. What proportion of CLA reviews were held in timescale?

Then: 2012/13: 95%

6. How many children had three or more placement moves in a 12 month period?

Then: 2012/13: 8.7% (equals 128 children)

7. How many children participated in their CLA review?

Then: 2012/13: 94.7%

8. How many children were subject to a CP plan?

Then: 2012/13: 876

9. What proportion of child protection plans were reviewed within timescale?

Then: 2012/13: 96.7%

10. How many starred recommendations were made by IROs using formal problem resolution processes?

Then: 2012/13: 24

11. Parents/carers provide feedback from child protection conferences. How many questionnaires were received back?

Then: 2012/13: 88

12. How many IRO annual reports have now been written?

13. What is the main reference point for the IROs?

14. What do you think is the most important role of an IRO?

Welcome to Fusion Social Group

[www.fusion-social-
group.co.uk](http://www.fusion-social-
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GROUP

Minute Item 8

By Bradley Wilson

Meet the director



Hello my name is Bradley and I am the director of fusion social group and I am wanting members for our social group if you are interested in being a part of fusion please contact me via bradley.wilson@fusion-social-group.co.uk
The Group is going to be held at St James Church, St James Street, Clitheroe
On a Friday evening the group will be starting on 7th November if we have enough volunteers and group members please can you let me know
Thanks,
Bradley

Welcome to Fusion

- Fusion is going to be funded by the Care UK Wellbeing Foundation and will operate weekly 6.30 till 8.30 pm if you want any more details please email me
- Or if you want to volunteer volunteering is also good for C.V and also keeps you busy please email if you want to volunteer
- The email address for volunteering is volunteer@fusion-social-group.co.uk
- I will now show you the volunteering uniform which has to be smart black pants and polo shirt with fusion on or just a black or white shirt like the one I have on which comes at a big cost to us to get them in

