

## **Lancashire County Council**

### **Corporate Parenting Board**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 14th March, 2018 at 6.00 pm in Committee Room 'C' (The Duke of Lancaster Room) - County Hall, Preston**

**Present: Members**

County Councillor Ian Brown (Chair)	- Lancashire County Council
County Councillor Andrew Gardiner	- Lancashire County Council
County Councillor Phillippa Williamson	- Lancashire County Council
County Councillor Stephen Clarke	- Lancashire County Council
County Councillor Julie Gibson	- Lancashire County Council
Catherine	- representing Adoption
Graham Nelson	- Fostering Forum
John Readman	- Lancashire County Council
Michelle	- LINX Representative
Lisa	- LINX Representative
Sandra	- LINX Representative
Sinead	- LINX Representative
Gina	- LINX Representative
Paige	- LINX Representative
Iqra	- LINX Representative
Sam R	- LINX Representative

**Co-opted members**

Michelle Davies	- National Fostering Agency
Karen Buckley	- Aurora Care Young People's Services Limited
Amanda Mansfield	- Independent Reviewing Officers
Lorraine Moody	- Barnardo's
Lynda Pearson	- Leaving Care, LCC
Lisa Farrell	- Health
Michelle Dawson	- Barnardo's
Lee Jolleys	- Barnardo's

**Other Attendees**

Jane Hylton	- Leaving Care, LCC
Barbara Bath	- Fostering, Adoption, Residential and YOT Team, LCC
Mark Ormerod	- Lancashire County Council

Natasha Wright	- National Care Leavers Benchmarking Form Representative
Sam Gorton (Clerk)	- Lancashire County Council
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## **1. Introductions and Apologies**

All were welcomed to the meeting and apologies were received and noted from Jane Simpson, Debbie Ross, Roxanne McAllister and Kirsty Clarke. John Readman, Interim Executive Director of Education and Children's Services attended on behalf of Amanda Hatton.

The Chair welcomed Karen Buckley, Aurora Care Young People's Service Ltd and Michelle Davies, National Fostering Agency who were the new Agency Provider representatives from fostering and residential. Graham Nelson, foster carer was also introduced to the Board as this was his first meeting too.

## **2. Notes of the Meeting and Matters Arising from 25 January 2018**

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 January 2018 were agreed as an accurate record and there were no matters arising.

## **3. What our Elected Members have been doing**

County Councillor Brown attended the PROUD Children Looked After and Care Leavers awards that was held on 23 February 2018 and congratulated all award winners and the Task and Finish Group that co-ordinated the event. This year there was over 200 nominations which was an increase of around 100 from last year, making the judging process even harder.

Following on from the last meeting where young people raised concerns about being taken out from lessons in school to meet with Social Workers/IROs, Amanda Hatton has written to all colleagues concerned and requested that meetings with children and young people do not take place during lessons unless it is for educational reasons. If this is still happening, please let CC Brown know and he will report this back to Amanda/John Readman.

CC Brown asked that Barnardo's contact Sheffield City Council and Halton Council following their visits to Lancashire's Corporate Parenting Board (CPB) last year and ask for an update on their experience and whether it had had any effect on their Boards.

**Action:** Barnardo's to contact Sheffield City Council and Halton Council for an update on their visit to Lancashire's CPB meetings and report back at the next meeting.

Following an issue that had been raised by a young person who had lost his key and did not know who to ring for help as it was out of hours, CC Brown stated that he had made an initial telephone call to Timpsons asking for support and to

work with Lancashire County Council in supporting their care leavers when this happens.

CC Brown had recently had a 1:1 meeting with somebody who has raised an issue regarding the Care Leaver Policy. Details of this meeting had been sent to John Readman and he will feedback at the next meeting regarding this.

**Action:** John Readman to feedback back to the Board on the Care Leaver Policy issue that had been raised by CC Brown.

County Councillor Gibson apologised for not making the PROUD event, however congratulated the young people who were award winners and is very supportive of all our children and young people in care.

County Councillor Gardiner commented that the issue raised with regards young people being withdrawn from class for reviews/assessments was raised at Children's Services Scrutiny Committee earlier on today.

CC Brown reminded the Board that if there were any issues they wanted to raise to contact an Elected Member from the Board and they will try their best to sort it out. Also if anybody has any items for future agendas to forward them Sam Gorton.

#### **4. What our Young People have been doing**

##### **What LINX Have Been Doing**

LINX presented the attached PowerPoint to the Board on all the activities they had been involved with since the last meeting in January.

In addition, there were also two young people at an event in London tonight and another young person attending a different event in London on Saturday.

Two young people attended the Social Work Academy where young people advised new Social Workers on how they wanted to be treated by them and what they wanted from their Social Worker. Young people felt this is an ideal opportunity to air their views and put their opinions across as they have been involved with Social Workers already and can relay their experiences good or bad. Social Workers also commented that they feel this is the most powerful tool with regards to learning as they are hearing it from the young people who have had experience of working with Social Workers and because of what they did, this happened for the young person.

#### **5. What our Board Members have been doing**

At the Board meeting on 7 December 2017, those present made pledges as a Corporate Parent.

Some of the Board members gave an update on their pledge and a revised version is attached. If there are any further updates please send to Sam Gorton (email: [sam.gorton@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:sam.gorton@lancashire.gov.uk)) and she will update the Pledge as requested.

The Pledges will be reviewed again at a future meeting.

**Action:** Board members who made pledges to send an update to Sam Gorton for further review at a future meeting.

## **6. Update from the Interim Executive Director of Education and Children's Services**

### **PROUD**

John Readman echoed CC Brown's comments on the PROUD awards evening and added that it was an amazing, classy night and very professionally organised. He had received great feedback following the event which we can build on for future awards evenings.

### **Update on Director of Children's Services**

John Readman had received an update from Amanda Hatton, saying she was recovering well from her operation and she asked John to say "Hi" to the Board this evening. CC Brown asked if LINX would like to write to Amanda and maybe send messages.

**Action:** LINX to write a letter and collect messages to send to Amanda and forward this to Sam Gorton who will ensure she receives it.

### **Local Offer**

Consultation with around 800 care leavers had taken place on the Local Offer, on what they would like to see included in it. The deadline for the questionnaire is 7 April 2018 and then the results will be analysed and presented back to the CPB. A workshop will be held in April for Elected Members, CPB members, Chief Executive, LCC and John Readman and this will then form part of the Care Leavers Strategy. The Local Offer will be made by the end of 2018. A regular update will come to the Board.

### **Corporate Parenting Strategy**

John Readman asked if LINX were involved with the strategy and if not, then links needed to be made as some work had been started to look at having one document and the young people's views were crucial.

## **Pledge**

It was agreed that a new pledge was needed about what our young people were saying and what we as a Board were doing about it.

**Action:** The Board to look at designing a new pledge at a future meeting.

## **CPB Website**

This is outdated and needs revising. John requested volunteers to look at the website and agree content and ensure all documents are up to date. LINX are asked to be involved also. It was agreed that some of the five new Care Leaver apprentices could be the link between LCC and LINX on the project.

**Action:** Barbara Bath will seek to find a lead from Children's Services to create a Task and Finish Group to look specifically at bringing the website up-to-date as soon as possible.

## **Ofsted**

Barbara Bath talked about how LINX had been really influential during inspections and also supported all Social Workers, not just the newly qualified ones, those who have been doing it for years, and have made them look at their actions by young people sharing their experiences directly with them. CPB and young people had been really powerful and this had been recognised and praised by Ofsted. Colleagues in Children's Services were now beginning to change their thought processes and this needed to continue and shape and influence the Service going forward.

John Readman informed the Board that it was envisaged that Ofsted will carry out a full inspection possibly May/June 2018 where they would inspect for four weeks. They would possibly want to attend a CPB meeting, definitely meet with the Chair, CC Brown and maybe other members, and also meet with LINX. Preparation for their next visit needs to start now. When further information was available, John would ensure that this was circulated and there is an expectation for all to be involved.

Barbara Bath informed the Board that a recent Ofsted visit to one of the Residential homes in Lancashire now had all Units at Good/Outstanding except one whom they visited last week and said this is now improving. This is a real celebration for the Residential Service.

## **7. LINX (Lancashire's Children in Care Council)**

Sam R, young person, shared with the Board the attached information from the Become Board that he was a member of. He had also recently been accepted as a Board member on the Young Editors group which produces a magazine quarterly. The Board felt that this magazine would be useful for Foster Carers

and requested that Sam source more magazines to be shared with carers through the Fostering Forum.

**Action:** Sam R to source more Become magazines and distribute (with the help from Barnardo's/Barbara Bath), to the Fostering Forum.

### **What Would You Do Different If You Were In Charge of Children's Services?**

Mark Ormerod presented the attached PowerPoint to the Board on what he would do differently.

The Board received the presentation and discussion ensued. Mark felt there was a need for young people to be Care Mentors for those younger children coming into care, so they can help and guide them from experience. This could be a paid role or look at having it accredited, so the Care Mentors would have something to be recognised by.

Karen Buckley shared that she was happy for Young Inspectors to inspect her Agency and could also offer a Care Leaver Apprenticeship and is certain that other Agency Providers would be willing to offer an apprenticeship also.

Training in schools for specialised teachers could be an opportunity for the young people to speak to them, like they do in the Social Work Academy in a formal setting. This would give them more of an understanding of Children in Care.

Mark felt that one thing that needed changing for the better is Staying Put. He felt that a campaign on this was needed and that there was a distinct lack of knowledge on this. Foster carers are confused by it and more needs to be done about helping them to understand more and also allaying fears that if they offered a Staying Put policy they do not lose their foster carer status. Barbara Bath thanked Mark for highlighting this and that this was a quick fix solution. Barbara agreed to take this forward. Communications around Staying Put needed to be stronger – advertise it as well as advertising for foster carers.

Mark requested that a Focus Group be set up on Staying Put so young people were also aware of it and how it works. John Readman agreed to look at this.

- Action:**
- i) Barbara Bath to ensure the correct information is shared on the Staying Put policy and that foster carers understand it fully.
  - ii) John Readman agreed to look at setting up a Focus Group on Staying Put and will discuss with young people outside the meeting.

Mark felt that After Hours Support was crucial for care leavers. Look at changing contracted hours so staff can support young people after 5pm and before 9am if needed. If young people are working, they cannot always make contact 9am-5pm and then the office closes and there is nobody to contact, ie if a key is lost.

Mark was thanked for his very informative presentation and CC Brown and John Readman will scrutinise this and follow it through and report back at a future meeting.

**Action:** John Readman and CC Brown to follow up points within the presentation and share findings/solutions at a future meeting.

LINX had also been asked the same question about what they would change if they were in charge of Children's Services. Attached are their suggestions/comments.

### **Feedback on the CPB Performance Report March 2018**

Young people gave feedback on their findings from the Performance Report. Attached are the comments from young people they want answering. Concern was raised around Health Assessments and support that the young people felt was not given by Social Workers when accompanying them to appointments. This needs raising with Social Workers.

Numbers of Care Leavers attending University has increased. Barbara Bath agreed to look at why they are increasing and continue with the good work that is encouraging Care Leavers to attend University.

**Action:** Barbara Bath agreed to look at why University figures for Care Leavers were increasing, which is good news and to ensure this continues to rise.

### **Young Inspectors**

LINX presented the attached PowerPoint to the Board. They were asked which five Agency providers had been inspected. Lorraine Moody agreed to ask Dylan Williams who has been involved with this and will report back at the next meeting.

**Action:** Dylan Williams to report back at the next meeting which five Agency providers have been inspected by the Young Inspectors.

## **8. National Care Leavers Benchmarking Forum**

Due to the recent adverse weather conditions, Natasha Wright and Jane Hylton could not attend the last National Care Leavers Benchmarking Forum (NCLBF) meeting. The Board had been presented with different logos for the NCLBF and LINX were asked to choose from five. Option two was voted the best logo and Natasha and Jane would report back to the NCLBF on this.

## **9. Title for Corporate Parenting Board**

There had been no suggestions received as discussed at the meeting on 23 January 2018. LINX were once again asked to think of an alternative name for the Board and also look at a logo which could be used in the Mission Statement.

**Action:** LINX to report back to the Board at the next meeting suggestions for an alternative name and a logo for the Board.

## **10. Care Leavers Policy**

As previously discussed at Item 3, this item will be deferred to the next meeting. In the meantime John Readman will follow this up and discuss with Jane Hylton outside of this meeting.

**Action:**

- i) John Readman to follow this up prior to the next meeting and speak with Jane Hylton.
- ii) Sam Gorton to ensure this item is on the next agenda for May.

## **11. Any Other Business**

### **PROUD**

Michelle Dawson, Barnardo's was presented with her Winners certificate from the PROUD event in the Workers Category, who was nominated by the young people and won. Michelle expressed how fantastic it was to work with such inspiring young people every day. The Board congratulated Michelle on this achievement.

### **Invite for Chief Executive, Lancashire County Council**

Mark Ormerod requested that John Readman invite Angie Ridgwell, Chief Executive of Lancashire County Council (LCC) to attend a future Board meeting. John agreed to invite Angie.

**Action:** John Readman to extend an invitation to Angie Ridgwell, Chief Executive of LCC to a future meeting of the Board.

CC Brown thanked the Board members for their contributions and especially to Mark Ormerod for his presentation.

## **12. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting will take place on Tuesday, 22 May 2018 at 6.00pm in Committee Room 'D' – Henry Bolingbroke Room, County Hall, Preston, PR1 8RJ.



### **13. Performance Report**

This item was for information.



1 young person  
attended the  
BECOME meeting

1 young person too  
part the speed  
interviews

13 young people  
attended the PROUD  
awards evening

1 young person  
attended the APPG  
meeting in London

7 young people attended the  
LINX combined meeting

2 young people  
attended the Youth  
Council meeting



3 young people too  
part in the social  
worker awards

2 young people too  
part the  
Participation  
Conference Meeting

4 young people  
attended the  
NWCiCC Meeting

3 young people attended  
Barnardo's Care Journey  
Networking Meeting

8 young people  
attended the care  
leavers forum

1 young person  
attended the SCIE  
meeting in London

5 young people  
took part in the  
care leavers local  
offer consultation  
event

2 young people  
attended the social  
worker academy

2 young people  
attended the  
Participation  
Conference follow up  
planning meeting



**Corporate Parenting Board Pledges – 7 December 2017**  
**Updated – 14 March 2018**

<b>Pledged</b>	<b>Progress</b>	<b>Pledged By:</b>
Challenge young people in our care to achieve their dreams and believe they can get to where they want be in life.	Residential and fostering do not settle for second best for our young people, have high expectations for them and push them to do well in whatever area they want, ie education, sport, arts.	<b>Barbara Bath</b>
Our School Nurses offer appointments to some children in a venue of choice. Talk to services on how to extend this to all young people and their carers.		<b>Jane Jones</b>
Ensure that medical services work for you rather than against you.		<b>Dr Nicky Bamford</b>
Listen to what you are saying and take notice of what you are saying.  Feed back to the IRO Service that young people should be consulted about where their meetings take place...avoiding school/college.		<b>Amanda Mansfield</b>
Listen to you, listen to your views and aspirations and as a corporate parent to act on your views so you have a successful life and future.  Also to make sure your views and opinions are reflected in the local offer.		<b>Jane Hylton</b>

Pledged	Progress	Pledged By:
<p>Write to all social workers and IROs to remind them that education is really important to all of you so they need to do everything they can to make sure you get the best education possible. We will not pull you out of lessons for meetings and we will be aspirational for you. "You did, so can I".</p>		<p><b>Amanda Hatton</b></p>
<p>Hearing and acting on the voices of our young people.</p> <p>Have high aspirations for our young people and ourselves as their corporate parents.</p> <p>To form and model positive and caring relationships with young people.</p>		<p><b>Roxanne McAllister</b></p>
<p>Take back to the teams what you have people have said tonight.</p> <p>Listen and act on what the young people have said.</p> <p>Expect the very best for young people.</p>		<p><b>Lynda Pearson</b></p>
<p>Keep on improving services for young people in care/leaving care.</p> <p>Carry on doing my best.</p>		

Pledged	Progress	Pledged By:
Having my voice heard.		Young Person
As young people I find it incredibly important that all looked after children and care leavers should meet others in similar situations and share their views and do activities together so we don't feel different or the odd one out.		Erin – Young Person
<p>Listen to all my family so they can achieve their aspirations and goals – whatever they will be.</p> <p>To provide a back-up service which will support all when they their own way in the world ie Kris' key.</p>	<p>Discussions with Timpsons is taking place with regards providing a back-up service for young people living independently.</p>	CC Gardiner
<p>Listen to young people on all issues and report back.</p> <p>Work tirelessly to make things happen for the benefit of young people.</p> <p>Look at attainment.</p> <p>Look at which Children Looked After is increasing.</p> <p>To make a difference.</p>	<p>Ongoing and do this on a day to day basis.</p>	CC Brown

<b>Pledged</b>	<b>Progress</b>	<b>Pledged By:</b>
Employ three apprentices in the care leaver service and support them to achieve.  To write the Participation Strategy by Christmas.		<b>Hannah Peake</b>
To get an apprenticeship.		<b>Michelle – Young Person</b>
Never let annoying adults get in the way of our ambitions, no matter how stupid, because quite frankly we are the future, and we can't be the future unless we get the support we deserve.		<b>Iqra and Nicole – Young People</b>
Encourage my children to be the best that they can be.		<b>Catherine</b>



## **Become 2017/18 – Young Persons Perspective**

I joined the Become board in 2017 with aspirations to achieve something better in the strive to make everything in and around the subject of children in care a whole lot better and at this meeting we get the opportunity to talk to others who may have had similar experiences or their own experience and express our concerns and this can even be taken to the MP that goes to parliament and discusses this and demands approval if needed for something like more support for young carers which is a topic I took with me and even though I am not a young carer myself I have friends that are and I know how much they can struggle and this point is going to be made in the house of commons and hopefully Young Carers should be getting more support sooner rather than later.

I think that joining this board was an easy process in a way as I have the right social skills and I am creative which is what this role requires and to be accepted onto the role at the time was amazing as it includes a trip down to London which is not something you do every day unless of course you work or live there and since joining there has been multiple topics including; Young Carers Support, More social worker training in areas they don't already cover now, Support with tax for areas that haven't got the support with council tax basically everything that is covered by our Barnardos groups except this is the next level and one step closer to the parliament and getting things sorted on a more countrywide scale rather than just the North West.

Recently I have been accepted onto their other board which is called the Young Editors group and this takes care of the magazine that Become produce quarterly and I had the pleasure of meeting more new people and meeting Dominic who is the leader of both groups well I say leader I mean he plans the meetings and the young people are the leaders and in this meeting we mainly cover the magazine topics and this is what we discuss in the policy advisory group which is the other one I attend and in the young editors we decide the creativity side of the magazine and I have been asked to do a page on hairdressing to show what young people can and will achieve in their future lives and careers. So basically I go to the meeting of both boards 4 times a year so I travel down to London eight times a year on behalf of young people and try my best to get action on the topics that they ask me to cover and then they take action.

**Sam R**



# DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

A PRESENTATION BY YOURS TRULY

# THE BRIEF

were to replace the current Director of Children's Services, what would I immediately change?

## Ormerod's Master Plan



# FIRST THINGS FIRST

- This is subjective.
- It's a rough idea.
- Please don't be offended. (That means you Roxanne)
- Questions at the end.

# THE MASTER PLAN

## PART ONE – CHILDREN IN CARE

- Committing to achieving the lowest amount of placement moves on record in the next two years, and building on this year in year out.
- A complete focus on keeping families together. Maintaining good relationships with carers.
- Care Mentors – older children in care/care leavers volunteer to support new YP in care.
- Finding a solution in regards to hard to reach children – maintaining Article 12.
- Young Inspectors style Reg 22 Visits to care homes.

# THE MASTER PLAN

## PART TWO – CARE LEAVERS

- Make support for Care Leavers up to 25 an opt-out system as opposed to opt-in.
- Recruitment of Care Leavers into LCC through Apprenticeships, Workstart. Wider support in EST.
- Reg 22 visits to Semi-Independent Living.
- Further rollout of Care Leavers Forum, and try to gain more members.

# THE MASTER PLAN

## PART THREE – HEALTH AND WELLBEING

- All Social Workers, PA's and support staff to attend training on Mental Health, including services to liaise with.
- Social Workers and PA's to attend mandatory training on supporting Young People with day to day responsibilities, I.E. Benefits Claims, Budgeting. This can be supported by LINX.
- A real focus on reducing crime by children in our care/care leavers, more support.



# THE MASTER PLAN

## PART FOUR – EDUCATION AND WORK

- Pupil Premium spending review.
- How can we keep our YP in education and further education.
- How can we improve the statistical average grades for YP in our care.
- More resources for apprenticeships and work opportunities through schemes such as workstart.

# THE MASTER PLAN

## PART FIVE – INTERNAL CHANGES

- All Children's Services have a State of the Union Address in the form of staff conference.
- A drive to recruit passionate social workers, and actually retaining them
- Young People to deliver training for PA's and Social Workers
- Boots on the ground approach, SLT to go on visits, shadow social workers
- Creation of staff feedback that goes direct to SLT for quarterly review

# THE MASTER PLAN

## PART FIVE POINT TWO – INTERNAL CHANGES

- A policy change so we can formally inspect private care homes and private semi-independent living providers
- A review of our complaints procedure
- More open communication about care file requests
- Push for foster carers willing to take in older YP and also support Staying Put
- Campaign around Staying Put – currently argued money is issue

# ASSORTED MUSINGS

- Page 18 A Corporate Parenting Conference.
- Networking with other Corporate Parenting Boards
- Arrange for LINX to become accredited in social worker training, as it is time we provided back to those young people who make an effort to speak up for themselves and for others – without them change wouldn't happen.

ANY QUESTIONS?

HOW CAN WE ACT ON THESE SUGGESTIONS?

WHAT CAN WE DO TO BE BETTER CORPORATE  
PARENTS?



## **LINX Group Work - "What would you do different if you were in charge of Children's Services"**

### **Change**

- More support with mental health, transitioning to college, going to new carers
- More professionals eg Police, GPs – give them advice, get info from them.
- Better assessment of individual needs – not continually asking questions.
- More training to identify issues/problems.
- Bridge 16-18 gap in mental health provision.
- Communication with carers.
- Increase understanding and awareness of teachers and other school staff.
- Better transition from CAMHS to Adult Services.
- Better contact methods with Social Worker.
- Increase support available to the young person.
- Even more opportunities for care leavers.
- More information/background/history of young person being released to carers/foster carers to help them support the young person better/meet their needs eg stop withholding important information relevant to the child.
- Improve CAMHS – more services available – shorter waiting lists/more professionals.
- More support for carers/foster carers.
- Stop changing Social Workers.
- Stop putting extra pressure.
- Give more opportunities and choice for YP about their life and situation.
- Be able to contact people – nobody answers phone.
- More empathy base on situations.
- Base decisions on each case not on protocol.
- Make complaints procedure easier – not our fault if we have to complain.
- Social workers keep in regular contact.
- Make us aware of services available to us.
- Stop making decisions based on money.
- A lot more mental health support.
- Support is "Too little too late".
- Don't tell children there is nothing that can be done until it's too late.
- Act quicker when children are in danger.
- Should be able to speak to supervisors.
- Keep children updated on their future.
- Help children understand why decisions are being made.
- Stop trying to force children into college – higher education.
- Allow children to be children.
- Start Pathway Plan sooner.
- More detail on Pathway Plan.
- Complete Pathway Plan fully before moving out.
- Change the names of different care leavers.
- Don't push for people to leave care at 16.

### **Keep**

- Helping others/giving peer advice.
- Grants for setting up home and help.





Comments from Young People on the Corporate Parenting Board Performance Report  
March 2018

**Service Activity**

- A referral is information received regarding a child that is deemed to require social care involvement. A contact is any information received that doesn't lead to a referral.

**Comment from Young People:**

Do these 'contacts' need a further investigation as to find out why it was reported initially? Why does it go straight to non-referral?

- The social work teams have moved from initial and core assessments to a new single assessment from 1 April 2014.

**Comment from Young People:**

Is this single assessment enough and does it contain the same amount of information needed for the core and initial assessments.

- Initial Assessments and Core Assessments data for 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17.

**Comment from Young People:**

Why are figures missing from 3/4 years ago? Surely they should have an amount by now,

- From 1 April 2014, contacts and referrals were counted differently hence the number of contacts are not comparable to previous years.

**Comment from Young People:**

Why were they counted differently? What made you want to change?

**Stability of Placements of CLA: Number of Moves**

- Latest information for February 2018 shows that just over 8 out of 100 children looked after have moved twice or more which is good performance and within target.

**Comment from Young People:**

Why are CYP still moving continuously? A young person should be able to pick a place most suitable to them so then they don't move and then the number will reduce quicker to possibly even zero moves.

- Performance has improved in February, with a further 1.1% placements deemed stable from December 2017.

**Comment from Young People:**

Why is it a low percentage? What's not being done right and whose fault is it? All placements should be deemed stable.

### **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. The Police will also now be able to change missing to absent on the young person's record.

#### **Comment from Young People:**

What happens if a SEND child goes missing, surely they cannot just dismiss it? Do they not report them missing rather than absent as they are more prone to danger as they may not understand dangers?

### **Outcomes for Children Looked After**

- Queries in the table under the previous performance for 2013/14 and the target figures.

#### **Comment from Young People:**

Why is it that we usually don't reach targets or the performance is lower? What is going wrong, why is it just Lancashire?

- The stress of placement moves, which sometimes require a change in school, was also highlighted. Due to the nature of schools covering parts of the curriculum at different times of the year, those moving schools may miss vital parts of the syllabus.

#### **Comment from Young People:**

Why hasn't this been done already? People should know that CYP are going to miss vital education if they get taken out of class.

### **Attendance at School by Children Looked After**

- 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.

#### **Comment from Young People:**

Going to college earlier may cause more stress as it is a complete change of environment straight away as usually you would have 6/7 weeks to prepare for college over the summer holidays so this isn't such a good suggestion.

### **Children Looked After with an Up-To-Date Health and Dental Assessments**

- Young people also feel that health assessments need to be confidential as in the past some LINX members have had foster carers in the assessments which can be uncomfortable when they are being asked personal questions.

**Comment from Young People:**

Is this actually happening as children aged under 16 need someone there for safeguarding reasons if for example they needed an intimate area checking, so this is a bad idea and why was it considered?





# Children Looked After Young Inspectors Update March 2018



Since the last Corporate Parenting Board Meeting the young inspectors have inspected 5 providers, with 1 provider yet to be inspected as they have rearrange our visit 3 times.



A new date for that provider has been  
set for the 19<sup>th</sup> March



The Young Inspectors will now  
contact the 5 provider and  
arrange a follow up inspection



The young people will  
feed this back to  
Lancashire County Council  
and the CPB with their  
reports after the follow up  
inspetcions.

We will update you on  
these at the next  
meeting