

Lancashire County Council

Corporate Parenting Board

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 26th September, 2018 at 6.00 pm in Committee Room 'C' (The Duke of Lancaster Room) - County Hall, Preston

Present: Members

County Councillor Ian Brown	- Lancashire County Council
County Councillor Julie Gibson	- Lancashire County Council
Catherine Amanda Hatton	- representing Adoption
Graham Nelson	- Director of Children's Services, LCC
Michelle	- representing Fostering Forum
Kris	- LINX Representative
Paige	- LINX Representative
Natasha	- LINX Representative
Bobby	- LINX Representative
Kaci	- LINX Representative
Sam	- LINX Representative
Iqra	- LINX Representative

Co-opted members

Caroline Waldron	- Safeguarding and Looked After Children, East Lancs CCG and BwD CCG
Amanda Mansfield	- Independent Reviewing Officers
Lorraine Moody	- Barnardo's
Lynda Pearson	- Leaving Care, LCC
Dylan Williams	- Barnardo's
Stephen Young	- Corporate Management Team, Lancashire County Council
Rebecca King	- Barnardo's
Michelle Dawon	- Barnardo's

Other Attendees

John Readman	- Executive Director of Education and Children's Services, LCC
Karen Buckley	- Aurora Care Young People's Services Limited
Jane Hylton	- Leaving Care, LCC
Barbara Bath	- Fostering, Adoption, Residential and YOT Team, LCC

Gavin Redhead	- Participation Lead, LCC
Reece Hobin	- Apprentice - LCC
Sam Gorton	- Democratic Services, LCC
Peter Knowles	- Children's Social Care, LCC
Ralph Rushworth	- Apprentice - LCC

1. Introductions and Apologies

All were welcomed to the meeting and apologies were received and noted from County Councillors Andrew Gardiner, Phillippa Williamson and Stephen Clarke, Michelle Davies, Nicola Bamford, Roxanne McAllister, Kirsty Clarke and Tracey Ellmore.

Stephen Young, Executive Director of Growth, Environment, Transport and Community Services was welcomed to his first meeting.

Gavin Redhead, Strategy Lead for Participation (Young People) was also welcomed to his first meeting. Gavin had recently taken over from Hannah Peake and looked forward to working alongside the young people of Lancashire.

2. Notes of the Meetings and Matters Arising from 22 May 2018 and 26 July 2018

The minutes from the previous meetings held on 22 May 2018 and 26 July 2018 were agreed as a correct record and there were no matters arising from them.

3. LINX Activity

LINX presented the attached PowerPoint quiz to the Board to highlight the importance of physical and mental health and well-being of children in care and care leavers.

Following the activity, group work ensued with each table being asked how they felt the following individuals/groups could help children looked after and care leavers:

Friend
Corporate Parenting Board
Social Worker
Health Professional
Carers

Feedback from each group is attached.

4. What our Elected Members have been doing

County Councillor Ian Brown informed the Board that the issue with keys was still ongoing and discussions were continuing.

Work around the setting up home allowance for care leavers and looking at other organisations where care leavers could spend their allowance was also ongoing.

Following the meeting where Mark Ormerod reported on what he would change if he was Director of Children's Services, John Readman informed the Board that he would feed back at a future meeting on what could and could not be achieved. Some of the work had formed part of the Corporate Parenting Strategy and highlighting the Staying Put policy had also taken place.

5. Ofsted Update

Amanda Hatton gave an update on the outcome of the recent Ofsted Inspection and reported that services had got much better however, there was still a long way to go. Ofsted looked at all services that dealt with children looked after and care leavers and stated that social workers knew the children well and cared for them and that the social workers were not moving around which was good for the young people. Currently within Lancashire there was the most experienced social workers there has been which was also good. Funding right placements had improved as well. Leaving Care Services had seen an improvement and young people had been listened to. The Corporate Parenting Strategy had been developed and an action plan would be created going forward.

Educational attainments were getting better and Audrey Swann had visited schools to talk to them. Two young people recently received firsts at University, however this was not consistently good and as corporate parents we needed to encourage our care leavers to undertake further education.

We needed to be more consistent as their corporate parent and we have not quite delivered that yet. A pledge was being developed to support young people going forward and this would be discussed later on the agenda.

Ofsted did praise the young people they spoke to, saying they were very impressed with them as well as the Department for Education who said they were the best young people they had worked with.

6. Corporate Parenting Strategy including the Pledge

Peter Knowles, Children's Social Care Central Team Manager updated the Board on the Corporate Parenting Strategy and the pledge. A meeting was also being held with the Corporate Management Team on 27 September to deliver the strategy and promote the Local Offer and request that services support it.

The strategy still needed a few tweaks before it was presented to Cabinet. There would be one version of the strategy that everybody understood and delivered.

LINX were asked to provide the introduction and give feedback on the strategy as soon as possible.

A draft pledge had been circulated with the agenda and LINX again were asked to consider it and feedback their comments on it. Comments from the Board were:

- that they felt it was too wordy and that mental health needed referencing on it under the Healthy and Active title
- ensure it as available in different languages, formats ie large text, braille

Lancashire County Council would be signing up to the pledge therefore it had to be fit for purpose and have an impact. Peter Knowles, Jane Hylton and Gavin Redhead agreed to work with LINX on finalising the pledge. The action plan and strategy would back the pledge up. It was anticipated that the pledge would be launched at the end of November.

Actions:

- i) LINX to write an introduction for the strategy and feedback to Peter Knowles on the content.
- ii) LINX to comment on the pledge and finalise it with Jane Hylton, Peter Knowles and Gavin Redhead.

7. Care Leaver Local Offer

Jane Hylton, Assistant Base Manager, Children's Social Care Central gave an update on the Local Offer and reported that it was due to go live during Care Leaver week in October.

Feedback on the Local Offer and how it had got to where it currently was, is detailed in the PowerPoint presentation attached. The Local Offer website would be regularly updated as services come on-board. There had been lots of improvements made to the website and there would also be an events section, so care leavers knew when and where events were taking place. All information would be in one place for care leavers and this would also include national guidance/information required by law but mostly local areas which were relevant to our young people. There would also be a link to the website from the Care Leavers Facebook page. It was confirmed that the website works on all mobile devices.

There was still ongoing interest in providing a Lancashire card for care leavers, which would give them discount on public transport, museums etc. Stephen Young agreed to speak with Jane Hylton on this suggestion outside of the meeting.

Offers would appear on the website and where and how those offers could be accessed ie leisure centres that were offering free passes for three months and then offer access after this at a significantly reduced rate.

Caroline Waldron, Safeguarding and Looked After Children, East Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group and Blackburn with Darwen Clinical Commissioning Group informed the Board that there was an exemption for care leavers on prescription costs. An HC1 SC form needed to be completed and this

was something that needed to be available on the website. Caroline agreed to forward the form to Anna Howarth who would ensure that Jane Hylton was in receipt of it to be included on the website. This exemption did not include dental fees, however this was something that Caroline would take back to her service to discuss further.

If anybody had any offers/schemes/information for young people, please use the Local Offer email address and a member of the team would be in touch – careleaverlo@lancashire.gov.UK.

When the website went live, it was vital to ensure that foster carers, residential homes were aware of it and carers/staff use it as a resource.

One of the young people queried whether a credits scheme could be applied within Lancashire County Council for young people who volunteered and then their credits could be exchanged. Chorley Borough Council run a Local Exchange Scheme and young people felt this would be good for them here in Lancashire.

- Actions:**
- i) Stephen Young, Executive Director of Growth, Environment, Transport and Community Services to liaise with Jane Hylton on the idea of a Lancashire card for care leavers.
 - ii) Caroline Waldron to forward the HC1 SC form to Anna Howarth, who will liaise with Jane Hylton re putting this on the local offer website.
 - iii) Caroline Waldron will speak with NHS Services with regards to dental costs being exempt/reduced for care leavers.

8. Young People's Benchmarking Forum

Following the last meeting Ralph Rushworth presented to the Board four questions that had been raised at the Young People's Benchmarking Forum and representatives agreed to take these back to their Authorities and get their views.

Ralph shared his experience about how he tried to access his own records and what information was on Lancashire County Council's website. Details are attached in the PowerPoint and Ralph's experience as below:

The extract is from an A-Z guide I found for care leavers, this A-Z guide is made by the council, what you see is all it stated about files. The fact this screenshot says at the bottom of the extract proves that this document is severely out of date and it is still easily found/accessed with in our local authorities - we need to stop feeding our service users wrong information and communicate more effectively than we have been. We need to change.

The hyperlink is a genuine Lancashire County Council page to educate service users and the public on accessing files. Clicking into it there is a lack of information actually around file access - there is also a hyperlink to submit an online form to access files - this is broken - takes you to an error 404. I emailed

the email on the page about information and no reply. This shows LCC are not up-to-date with the general information they are advertising and seems that if this information already isn't accurate surely the deeper into LCC it goes the less information is going to be known/accurate. I contacted someone in document management service who gave me another point of contact but still nobody could give me a definite answer.

My Personal Adviser had put the form in to access my file when I started my apprenticeship in April 2018. I had still heard nothing back from her about it or the document management service (which is initially where I assume the files are stored and sent off to the young person's home address).

No numbers to contact to track the progress of the files. I contacted duty on 0300 1236720 they ended up trying to put me through to my social worker who I sit in the same office with, so after 20 min on hold it was for nothing.

My Personal Adviser gave me the form they send to the PO box and there was a number on the bottom to contact for the form in different languages or formats – 01772534285, I rang this number several times and it would say the number is no longer in service. Majority of Personal Advisers I asked hadn't done it before so there clearly wasn't education because no one could tell me what happens after you send off to request the files. Once I got into contact with someone who helps extract the data they told me they had sent the letter for proof of id (proof of id is needed to access your files and you send as a separate document the majority of the time.) to the wrong flat but also to the next door address which could be damaging to my life if he had sent the files there.

How we could improve

REMEMBER EVEN IF WE FIX THE PROCESS WE NEED A SAFETY NET OF SUPPORT

Training such as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder awareness, resilience coaching, peer mentoring, counselling – maybe make it mandatory, an available choice if you want to access your records, you receive them with a counsellor/therapist and they read it with you then you are free to leave and take the records but more sessions with the counsellor can be available if you would like them?

Even if we fix the process then we need to remember that reading your files can be extremely damaging to a young person's mental health, I have experienced first-hand my friend's mental health spiralling from receiving his files, simply because there was so much of his life he did not know and he did not have the right tools to cope with the impact this had on his life, but as a positive he is thriving in his life now and aiming to access Higher Education.

Following Ralph's account of his experience the Board agreed that:

- Actions:**
- i) Training needs to be improved.
 - ii) Progress needs to be tracked.
 - iii) Understanding what risks are in place and how they are managed.
 - iv) John Readman agreed to raise all of the above with Heads of Service and would feedback at a future meeting on progress.

Ralph was thanked for sharing his experience and bringing this issue to the Board's attention.

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

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 July 2018.

Young Inspectors

The attached PowerPoint was presented and there were no issues arising from it.

Become Charity for Children in Care and Young Care Leavers

Sam, LINX member and also a member of the Become Charity for Children in Care and Young Care Leavers gave an overview of the group. They met eight times a year in London and had been in existence since 1985. Young care leavers from around the Country came together and worked to improve the everyday lives and future life chances of young people who were unable to live with their birth families. Work included giving evidence to parliamentary committees, lobbying on legislation and writing and sharing briefings about specific issues with parliamentarians, as well as supporting care experienced young people to share their views and experiences, either in person or in other ways.

A magazine was also produced and further information could be found on the Become [website](#).

Sam was thanked for his presentation.

10. Any Other Business

There were no other items of business received.

11. Date and Time of Future Meetings

Dates and times of future meetings were confirmed as follows:

Tuesday, 27 November 2018 at 6.00pm in Committee Room 'C' – Duke of Lancaster Room, County Hall, Preston.

Wednesday, 23 January 2019 at 6.00pm in Committee Room 'C' – Duke of Lancaster Room, County Hall, Preston

Thursday, 28 March 2019 at 6.00pm in Committee Room 'C' – Duke of Lancaster Room, County Hall, Preston

Wednesday, 22 May 2019 at 6.00pm in Committee Room 'D' – Henry Bolingbroke Room, County Hall, Preston

12. Performance Report

This item was for information.

Mental Health

The mental health of children looked after and care leavers is something we feel is very important.

In the Corporate Parenting Strategy 2018 – 2022 it states in the Corporate Parenting Principles:

To act in the best interests and promote the physical and mental health and well-being of those children and young people.

Mental Health Awareness Quiz



Question 1

- 'Stigma' refers to:
 - a) A plan of treatment agreed to by a patient and doctor.
 - b) Lack of knowledge about mental health.
 - c) Prejudice in society which could prevent people in need from speaking up or seeking help.



Answer

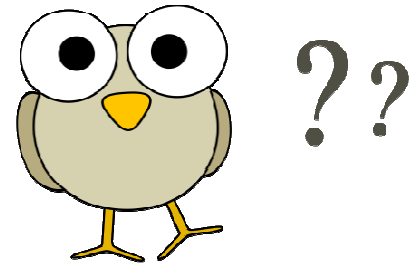
- Stigma refers to:

c) Prejudice in society which could prevent people in need from speaking up or seeking help.

There continues to be a stigma associated with mental illness that contributes to feelings of shame and guilt and this may prevent people from asking for help.

Question 2

- Mental health refers to:
 - a) Achieving a period of 12 – 18 months without a psychotic episode
 - b) Striking a balance in all aspects of your life – social, physical, spiritual, economic, mental.
 - c) A constant feeling of contentment.



Answer

- Mental health refers to:
b) Striking a balance in all aspects of your life – social, physical, spiritual, economic, mental.

Generally good mental health means achieving a balance between all aspects of life.



Question 3

- Who is most likely to get a mental illness?
 - a) Poor, uneducated people
 - b) Mental illness can affect anyone, regardless of intelligence, social class or income level.
 - c) People with stressful jobs.



Answer

- b) Mental illness can affect anyone, regardless of intelligence, social class or income level.

No-one is immune from suffering from mental illness, it can affect anyone.



Question 4

- Clinical depression is:
 - a) Severe feelings of worthlessness, sadness and emptiness that last for several weeks and begin to interfere with a person's work and social life.
 - b) Sadness or disappointment.
 - c) Depression brought on by frequent trips to a hospital or dental clinic.



Answer

Clinical depression is:

- a) Severe feelings of worthlessness, sadness and emptiness that last for several weeks and begin to interfere with a person's work and social life.



Question 5

What does SAD stand for?

- a) Simple Anxiety Defect
- b) It is a short form of 'sadness'
- c) Seasonal Affective Disorder – a type of depression that follows a seasonal pattern



Answer

- What does SAD stand for?
c) Seasonal Affective Disorder – a type of depression that follows a seasonal pattern.

Seasonal Affective Disorder is marked by an increase in symptoms of depression in October and November and then a decrease in April and May.

Question 6

Post-traumatic stress disorder is:

- a) A recurring anxiety disorder resulting from the trauma of an unexpected, shattering event.
- b) A one-time reaction to a very difficult experience.
- c) A panic disorder.



Answer

Post-traumatic stress disorder is:

- a) A recurring anxiety disorder resulting from the trauma of an unexpected, shattering event.

PTSD is not just a one time reaction to a very difficult experience but a recurring anxiety.



Question 7

Social Phobia is:

- a) A dislike of hosting social get-togethers.
- b) An excessive fear of social or performance situations.
- c) A resistance to gatherings of more than five people.



Answer

Social phobia is:

b) An excessive fear of social or performance situations.

This anxiety can be specific to a certain social situation such as speaking, eating or writing in front of others or can be a more general fear of the majority of social encounters.

ANSWER

Question 8

Agoraphobia is:

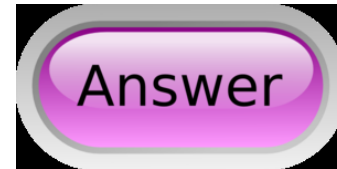
- a) A fear of being in places or situations which would be difficult to escape from.
- b) A fear of the outdoors.
- c) An eating disorder.



Answer

Agoraphobia is:

- a) A fear of being in places or situations which would be difficult to escape from.



Agoraphobia is the fear of having panic attacks in places or situations which would be difficult to escape from. It is not a fear of going out into public places.

Question 9

If a person is having a panic attack, the best response is to:

- a) Firmly hold and restrain them.
- b) Stay with them and encourage them to be calm and breathe deeply.
- c) Try to dismiss their fears by telling them that it is all in their mind.
- d) Use it as a time to help the individual confront the fear head-on and find its cause.

Answer

If a person is having a panic attack, the best response is to:

b) Stay with them and encourage them to be calm and breathe deeply.

The most effective ways of helping a person through a panic attack are to speak slowly and help the person remain calm and take deep breaths. Do not try to grab or hold them, do not dismiss their fears as irrational or force them to confront it immediately.

Question 10

People with schizophrenia are typically violent.

True

False



Answer

People with schizophrenia are typically violent:

False

Individuals with schizophrenia are not prone to violence.



How did you
do?

Activity

On the sheet write how you think this person can help and support someone's mental health.

What are the action points, if any, to be taken from this activity?

How Individual People Can Help Young People with Mental Health Issues

Social Worker

- Use appropriate language to needs for young people to understand (no jargon).
- Promote health/assessments/appointments.
- Support families and carers.
- Support attendance at appointments.
- Be supportive.
- Care.
- Listen.
- Be honest.
- Understand.
- Let them know you care.
- Make time.
- Coping strategies.
- Be consistent.
- Know what is available (outside support).
- Empathise.
- Advocate.
- Make sense.
- Resources.
- Making you feel valued.

Friend

- Help them through the door if they have wheelchairs.
- Pick up medication.
- Make meal.
- Speak for them if they cannot speak.
- Translate to our language if they cannot speak English.
- Invite over to your house.

Health Professional

- Support and advice.
- Actively listen.
- Checking physical as well as mental health.
- Raise the profile of the issue in communities.
- Source relevant treatment.

Carers

- Stability
- Routine
- Love
- Consistency

- Knowing when to get involved and when to step back for young people's independence.
- Good active listener.
- Know what is available "support wise" in their area.
- A good balance of 'rules', 'guidance' and 'fun'.
- Funding towards extra services.
- Good trusting relationship between young people and carers.
- Access local services.

Corporate Parenting Board

- Challenge and change things that are not working.
- More funds
- Mental Health of staff as well as young people.
- Members of staff trained.
- Act as a voice.

Corporate Parenting Strategy Update

Update

- Local Offer due to go live during Care Leaver week
- Corporate Parenting Strategy has been consulted on by Young People
- Strategy to be finalised and agreed at Cabinet for November

What do we need from you

- We need an introduction from Children and Young People to form part of the Strategy and why this is important to you.
- This is your strategy and will allow Children and Young People to affect service deliver and have a VOICE in what the LA does

Pledge

- For review (PDF)

LANCASHIRE LOCAL OFFER CARE LEAVERS AGED 16-25

UPDATE

Recap on the local Offer

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yr2vcHOVRW4&feature=youtu.be>

The Mock Offer

- <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/youthzone/care-leavers-local-offer/>
- Feedback from LINX and care leaver forum

Next steps

- ***Questions for the Board***
- *For a meaningful and effective local offer, have board members been able to take into consideration feedback from care leavers and how the local authority (across all departments) could support care leavers, demonstrating good corporate parenting? Can Board members update on progress of potential offers?*
- *Feedback from LINX on the mock offer*

Ralph and Aarons Presentation

- Slides 6-16 for Ralph and Aaron's original presentation!

Why consult care leavers ?

The government say we have to.

To give young people a voice for change.

To get it right.

Lived experience.

To get involved in Something Big!

How we did it

Online
Questionnaire



We had a
consultation day
at Lancaster
university



Participation
events



What have care leavers told us

Health and Wellbeing

Relationships

Education/Employment/Training

Accommodation

Participation

What are we getting right/
not getting right about
information and support

What care leavers said about Health and Wellbeing

"identify emotional support earlier before going into independence"

"Need better transition between services-child care to adults"

"mental Health services need more training on the support care leavers need
.....and issues effecting care leavers"

"want information on how to access leisure services"

"Healthy living Drop-in for care leavers"



What care leavers said about relationships

"I would like to hear more from other care leavers about what it feels like to live independently and get help from them. Social workers are always busy and don't know anything about leaving care"

"Would like out of hrs groups or activity groups at weekend's and across the county so we can all attend them"

"Participation groups run by care leavers at weekends-especially for lonely care leavers"

"Peer-Peer support from other care leavers"

"Independent visitors up to age 25"

What Care Leavers said about EET

- “care leavers need more opportunities to visit universities”(Partnership work is currently progressing within Lancashire)

“Need summer schools”

- “I would like other care leavers and social workers to know about the employment and support team. They have helped me into an apprenticeship”

“Careers advice at the right time, 15-17 years of age”

- “I think it would be great if care leavers in apprenticeships received support such as the bursary and incentive reward, like what you get if you go to uni because apprentice’s are educational and lead onto employment”

What care leavers said about accommodation

"Need smaller accommodation for care leavers like student accommodation, don't want to live on my own. Staying Put to 25 and what about residential"??

"Accommodation more suited to the needs of care leavers"

"This is where I need a lot of help, don't like the foyer, too big. I would like to live in smaller accommodation with another care leaver so we can help each other. There's not enough options for housing. Like to see training flats so this could have prepared me better. Care doesn't prepare you for living on your own"

Need more preparation with practical skills like DIY" Tenancy training as it is a mind field all the jargon"! SUHA-not 'normal' how this is spent!



What Care Leavers said about Participation

"Participation groups run by care leavers at weekends- especially for lonely care leavers"

I want more information about what a forum is, I know Barnardo's runs one but its too far for me to travel. Want more activities in evening and weekend but leaving care don't work then"

"Some care leavers have children, please consider a crèche when planning things"

"Would like out of hrs groups or activity groups at weekend's and across the county so we can all attend them"

"LCC should get young people involved younger-show the importance of having a voice"

What are we getting right for care leavers?

Support and Information

“There seems to be more focus in providing better services for care leavers including PA training and better communication”

“ Material and advisory support on your part is great”

“Great support financially if in need. Emotional support has always been given when I’ve needed it-don’t make you feel like you’re talking to a professional just doing their job”

“Supportive and consistent worker”

“I like the information on the Youth Zone webpage.

My PA keeps me informed”

“Giving young people information about different organisations and groups. Help with housing and finding jobs. You’ve managed to help a lot and improve my future”

What are we not getting right for care leavers?

Support and information

"I think my PA is good but don't see her as much as I'd like to. She is very busy all the time. If she is supposed to be like a parent to me why can't I see her more often? You need more workers"

"Going about things the wrong way using wrong words"

"I had a lot of problems understanding how to pay bills and apply for benefits before leaving residential into independence I was never shown"

"Social workers need to know more about leaving care stuff"

" Don't like how we spend the setting up home allowance, Don't like how we spend the setting up .

Conclusion

- **A New Belongings Vision for a Gold Standard Leaving Care Service**
- **Cared For**-meet the needs of care leavers, young and old!!!
- **Cared about**-Individual care leavers know there are people he or she can count on for support, help and advice when they need it-now and in the future
- **Able to care for themselves**-Build resilience, and better preparation for leaving care and beyond!



Young people and Care leavers

Access to Records

Ralph Rushworth - Apprentice

Group Task

1. What is the process for care leavers accessing records in your LA?
2. What effect can accessing records have on CL & why is it important to have support in place?
3. Who provides support to CL around access in your LA?
4. Is there enough training and awareness for staff – Leaving care team and partner organisations – around accessing records?

Building on from YPBMF

The APPGC panel and expert witnesses focussed on issues raised by YPBMF around:

Access to care records and support to understand them and also - The lack of support to understand care decisions (such as separation of siblings and decisions made about placements)

<http://www.careleavers.com/what-we-do/access-to-records/>

A-Z Guide Extract

Files

Files and case records are kept for every young person who is Looked After on the computer electronic system. It stores information about you and is part of your life. If you live in a children's home there will usually be a file there too. Only people with special permission can see your files; this will include your social worker and his or her managers.

Any reports and reviews should be regularly discussed with you by your social worker and you have the right to see information that is kept on you. To see your personal information you will need to apply in writing or by completing the application form at the back of the booklet 'Your information. Your rights'. This is available from all children's social care offices and you can ask your social worker to bring it with them when they come and see you. Your social worker will help you fill the form in or you can ask someone else you trust to help you do this.

You then need to send your request to:

The Data Protection Officer, PO Box 100, County Hall, Preston PR1 0LD

You will not be able to see your personal information straight away but you must have a response from us within 40 days.

When young people have been looked after for a long time social workers often encourage them to put together their own life history describing their life so far, where they have lived, who their relatives are and so on and this is a good opportunity for you to ask them questions that you might have about your file.

see the entry on ISIS

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/council/transparency/access-to-information/access-information-held-by-the-county-council/>



Your info Your rights pdf extract

Can I see my records?

You are entitled to know what information we hold about you. If any of your details are wrong, tell us and we will correct them.

If you would like access to your information you should apply in writing. You can either send us a letter or complete the request form attached to this document. Applications should be sent to:

**Access to Information Team
Lancashire County Council
PO Box 78
County Hall Preston PR1 8XJ**

We are obliged to reply to your request within 40 days. The Data Protection Act sets out the fees we can charge. However, we believe you should be able to have access to your information free of charge so it will not cost you anything to get your records.

Next steps

- > How can we improve this system?
- > what training could be put in place?
- > What I would like to see in the future?
 - > tracking of progress for the records, up until receiving.
 - > S/W PPA speaking about Access with confidence/ evidence of knowledge.
 - > 'safety net' support system.



1 young person
attended a meeting in
London with SCie

7 young people
attended the
Linx combined
meeting

3 young people
attended the LINX
Primary Session

9 young people
attended the Care
Leavers Forum

3 young people attended
a meeting with Sue
Prynn re: DWP project

3 young people attended the
CRAE Meeting in London

5 young people
attended LINX East
Meeting

10 young people attended
the care leavers forum trip



Children Looked After Young Inspectors Update September 2018



Since the last Corporate Parenting Board Meeting the young inspectors have trained 6 young people to be young inspectors.



All of the previous establishment have been contacted. The young inspectors have booked 3 out of the 6 for a revisit.



The young inspectors have booked to inspect Barnardos Fostering Service, they will inspect the North West Fostering Service and East Midland Family Placement in October.



LINX and POWAR young people will be delivering a session on Young Inspectors to Barnardo's Carlisle Service in October.



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