

Lancashire Children's Rights

Advocacy and Independent Visitor Service

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Our Aim

- Ensure vulnerable CYP have the opportunity to influence decisions, policies and practices that affect their lives.
- Provide independent advocacy support to eligible CYP
 - Issue based advocacy – provided for a particular purpose, such as support for complaints and representation, and is provided on a time limited basis until a problem is resolved. (CLA, CL, CIN)
 - Meeting Based Advocacy – to enable CYP to participate effectively in the planning and review process for their care, wellbeing and education. (CLA, CL)
- Recruit, manage and sustain Volunteer Independent Visitors for Children Looked After, who will befriend and assist CYP.

The service has operated since April 2000.

Summary of advocacy service 1st April 2017 – 31st March 2018

- 189 new advocacy referrals received
- 58 cases remained open from previous year
- 13 referrals not eligible
- 56 referrals did not progress
- 88% of 105 closures showed improvement in self-assessments

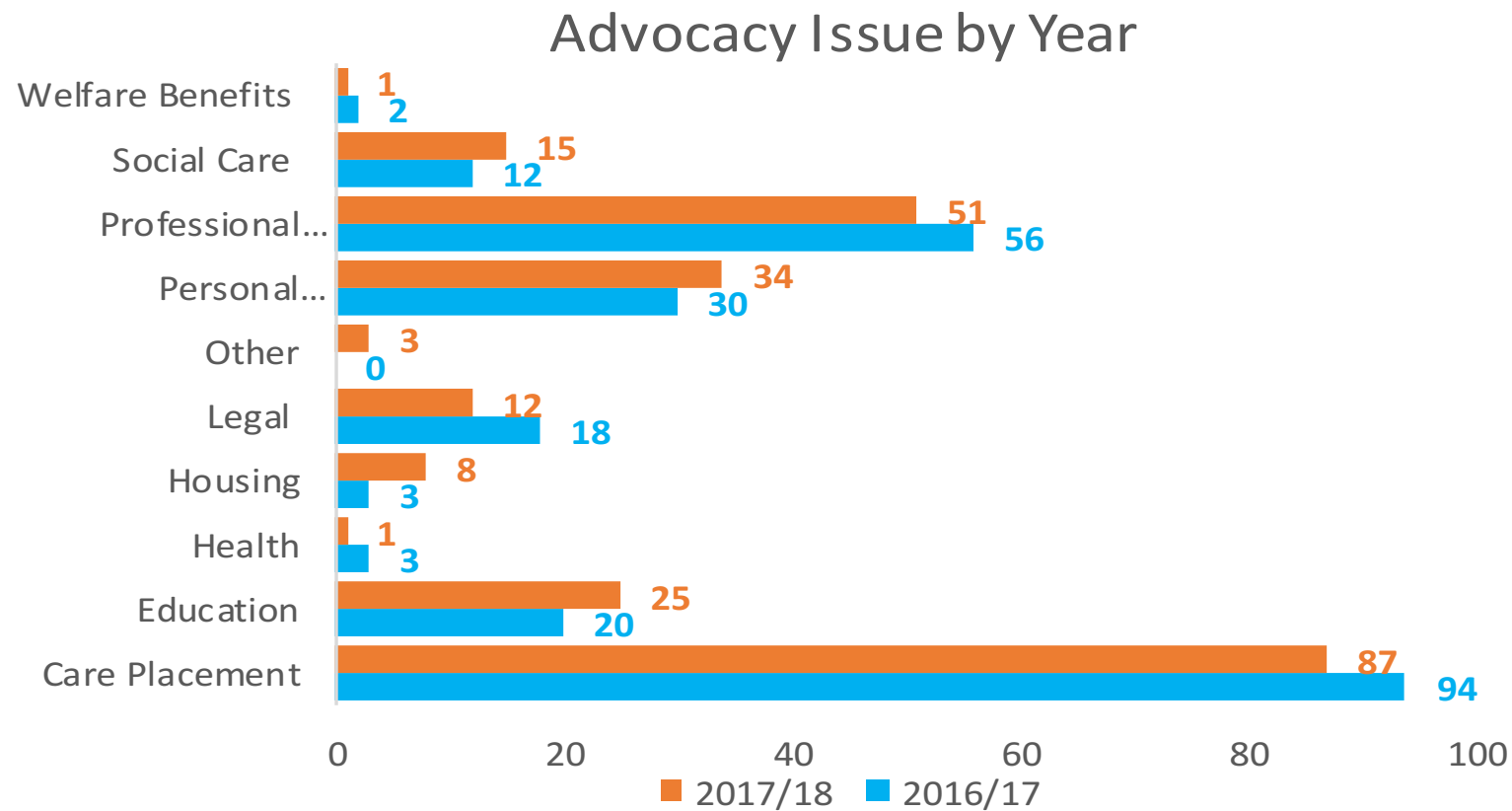
“She was my voice & fought for my rights”

‘Attended my meetings and gave me the voice I never had before’

“Supports me - Listens to me - Understands me or if she doesn't she will try - Seems to fight for what is best for me - Gives me advice - Makes me feel like I am not on my own”

“Because you getting things sorted”

Advocacy Issues 2016/17 – 2017/18



Placement issues, professional support and personal relationships remain the highest number of advocacy issues dealt with.

Summary of Independent Visitor service 1st April 2017 – 31st March 2018

- 45 new referrals received
- 57 cases open from previous year
- 34 referrals did not progress (not requested by CYP or change in circumstances)
- 1 referral not eligible
- 55 matches within the year

“My IV is great we do fun things and he is always happy he makes me laugh.”

“He listens and lets me speak and express my feelings”

“I can speak to her when I need to talk to other people who are not my family”

“Just talking and listening”

“She helped me with confidence and also she made me feel like I was important”

Safer Families – Lancashire

***Supporting refugees and
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Intensive 1:1 Support

- Improving emotional wellbeing, friendships and having a voice
- For parents and young people
- Support navigating complex systems
- Advocacy role for age assessments

Group Work

- Learning Together workshops
- Youth programmes
- Adult Programmes

Raising Awareness Sessions across Lancashire

- Schools, colleges, universities
- Community groups
- Agencies

To help the wider community understand the issues faced by refugees and asylum seekers in Lancashire.

Volunteer Recruitment

- To recruit, manage and sustain volunteers to support and deliver group work and drop in sessions.

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