

# Corporate Parenting Strategy

## Action Plan

### Objective 1

#### **Children and young people have a voice in the way we deliver our services**

*'To ensure that children and young people are consulted and actively participate in the decisions we make about how we deliver our services'.*

*'Nothing about me without me'.*

Action	Evidence	Target date
Children and young people participate in their reviews		Immediate and ongoing
Children and young people chair their own meetings		Immediate and ongoing
Children and young people are part of staff interviews	Young people's questions were asked in recent YOT interviews. Young People involved in the EDCS interview.	Immediate and ongoing
Children and young people have a voice in how we deliver services		Immediate and ongoing

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### Objective 2

#### **Children and young people can remain safely at home**

*'To ensure that early support is provided at the right time to prevent the need for statutory intervention'.*

Action	Evidence	Target date
Care planning routinely considers return home		Immediate and ongoing
Early Help is provided to help children and young people live safely at home		Immediate and ongoing

<i>Social workers and managers will be trained to look for strengths within every family</i>		<i>01/09/2019</i>
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## Objective 3

### **Care leavers in Lancashire will have a 'Local Offer'**

*'To ensure that all care leavers feel supported and can access a range of services to promote their continued wellbeing into adulthood'.*

<i>Action</i>	<i>Evidence</i>	<i>Target date</i>
<i>Care leavers will know what help is available</i>		<i>01/05/2019</i>
<i>The local offer will be available, easy to access and regularly updated</i>		<i>01/05/2019</i>
<i>The Staying Put offer will be refreshed and shared</i>		<i>01/05/2019</i>
<i>Young people will be prepared by using ASDAN</i>		<i>01/05/2019</i>
<i>Young People will be given education and training opportunities</i>		<i>Immediate and ongoing</i>

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## Objective 4

### **Children and young people will be supported in their education, employment and training**

*'To close the achievement gap between those children and young people that the local authority cares for and those that are cared for by their own families'.*

<i>Action</i>	<i>Evidence</i>	<i>Target date</i>
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<i>All children and young people will be provided with education</i>		<i>Immediate and ongoing</i>
<i>Personal Education Plans will be reviewed and made more meaningful and age appropriate</i>		<i>01/09/2019</i>
<i>A plan will be developed to improve young people's performance in key stage 4</i>		<i>01/11/2019</i>

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## Objective 5

**Children and young people will have a suitable place to live and be cared for**

*'To ensure that the children and young people we care for have a range of suitable and appropriate accommodation to meet their immediate and long term needs'.*

<i>Action</i>	<i>Evidence</i>	<i>Target date</i>
<i>Review what accommodation is available, and what is needed</i>		<i>01/04/2019</i>
<i>Young people will be involved in arrangements for where they will live</i>		<i>Immediate and ongoing</i>
<i>Opportunities for young people to 'stay close' to their former residential placements will be explored</i>		<i>01/11/2019</i>
<i>There will be a flexible approach to 'setting up home'</i>	<i>Flexible payment card agreed to enable.</i>	<i>Achieved</i>

<i>Impact</i>

## Objective 6

**The health and wellbeing of our children and young people in care and care leavers will be a priority for Lancashire County Council**

*'To improve the health and wellbeing of the children and young people we care for'.*

<i>Action</i>	<i>Evidence</i>	<i>Target date</i>
<i>Access to specialist health services will be improved</i>		<i>01/11/2019</i>
<i>We will use the SDQ to support young people's health care</i>		<i>01/04/2019</i>
<i>We will look at innovative ways to support children and young people access health care</i>		<i>01/03/2020</i>
<i>We will promote timely health and dental checks</i>		<i>01/05/2019</i>

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## Objective 7

**Children and young people will receive appropriate financial support**

*'To ensure that young people have enough money to provide for their needs whilst in care and after they have left care and ensure that they are supported financially to establish their own homes'.*

<i>Action</i>	<i>Evidence</i>	<i>Target date</i>
<i>We will engage young people in the ASDAN programme to prepare them for independence</i>		<i>Immediate and ongoing.</i>
<i>We will be flexible with the 'setting up home money</i>	<i>Flexible payment card agreed to enable.</i>	<i>Achieved</i>

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## Objective 8

### Children are protected from harm and risk of exploitation

*'To ensure that children are protected from harm and exploitation and ensure that they are provided with support to overcome any pull factors that would lead them to being exploited'.*

Action	Evidence	Target date
<i>Specialist exploitation teams/ workers will support young people at risk</i>		<i>Immediate and ongoing</i>
<i>Social workers, police, carers and YOT teams will work together to divert children and young people from crime</i>	<i>There is a multi agency 'In Care out of Trouble' group. There is a revised protocol between the police and local authority which looks to avoid unnecessarily criminalising children in Residential Care.</i>	<i>Immediate and ongoing</i>

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## Objective 9

### Children and young people in our care and care leaver achievements are celebrated

*'To ensure that the children we look after and have looked after, are recognised for their achievements and successes'.*

Action	Evidence	Target date
<i>We will have Corporate Parenting Champions across Lancashire</i>		<i>01/03/2019</i>
<i>We will recognise and celebrate the success of our young people</i>	<i>PROUD event</i>	<i>26/4/2019</i>

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