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’.*

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| *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’.*

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| *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* |
| *Social workers and managers will be trained to look for strengths within every family* |  | *01/09/2019* |

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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’.*

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

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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’.*

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

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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’.*

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

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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’.*

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

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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’.*

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

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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’.*

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| *Action* | *Evidence* | *Target date* |
| *Specialist exploitation teams/ workers will support young people at risk* |  | *Immediate and ongoing* |
| *Social workers, police, carers and YOT teams will work together to divert children and young people from crime* | *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.* | *Immediate and ongoing* |

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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’.*

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

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