Corporate Parenting Board

Meeting to be held on Meeting Date 24 November 2020

Report of the Head of Service Fostering, Adoption, Residential and Youth Justice. (FARY)

Electoral Division affected: (All divisions)

Reducing Criminalisation of Children Looked After and Care Leavers (Appendices 'A' to 'F' refer)

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Executive Summary

This report is to raise awareness of the statutory guidance and agencies responsibilities in the reduction of criminalisation of children looked after and care leavers. Also, to update the Corporate Parenting Board with Lancashire's response to the statutory guidance and to have a shared understanding of the impact of criminalisation of children and strategies in place to divert and prevent criminalisation of children looked after and care leavers.

Recommendation

The Corporate Parenting Board is asked to approve and sign off the 'Reducing offending by Children in Care and Care Leavers Strategy' (Appendix 'A') and take a lead role in monitoring, implementation and development of the action plan (Appendix 'B').

Background and Advice

Background information and advice is contained within the appendices to this report. Appendix 'C' – In Care Out of Trouble presentation, Appendices 'D' and 'E' - Reducing criminalisation through prevention and diversion presentation and a case study and Appendix 'F' If you fall, I fall presentation which will all be presented at the Board meeting on 24 November 2020. The Strategy (Appendix 'A') is for approval and sign off from the Corporate Parenting Board and the action plan (Appendix 'B') is for consideration by the Board for further contribution.

