

Reducing Criminalisation of Children Looked After and Care Leavers – Action Plan January 2020

Desired Outcome	Action(s)	Lead(s)	Timescales	Date Reviewed / Outcome
1. One page strategy to support reduction in the criminalisation of children looked after	<p>To develop a one page strategy to give a framework to share responsibility across partners, disseminate the message and support agency engagement.</p> <p>All relevant managers to review and agree draft strategy. CE to arrange meeting.</p>	Carolyn Entwistle	March 2020	<p>Reviewed 11/08/2020</p> <p>One page strategy completed, shared and agreed at YJMB. Next step to share with Corporate Parenting Board.</p>
2. To promote understanding of the impact of criminalising children looked after and listen to the Voice of the Child	<p>YOT and residential/fostering staff to gather stories of Children</p> <p>Stories to be shared with agencies – at the In Care Out of Trouble meeting, Youth Justice Management Board, Corporate Parenting Board, Children's Services Management meetings. Promote champions from all services at senior level.</p>	<p>Residential or Fostering lead / Hannah Blower</p> <p>Brendan Lee / Barbara Bath</p>	November 2020	<p>Reviewed 11/08/2020, 16/10/2020, 27/10/2020</p> <p style="background-color: #92D050;">Strategy and action plan presented to children's services managers 23rd October 2020 CE.</p> <p style="background-color: #FFD700;">Corporate Parenting Board – BB has requested In Care Out of Trouble to be on the next agenda 24th Nov 2020. CE to present strategy, action plan and overview of the issues. MN and HB to present case examples – possibly one demonstrating agencies working together and one case that hasn't worked well, HB, MN and JW to agree cases.</p> <p style="background-color: #FFD700;">Aim of the presentation is to create awareness of issues and promote trauma informed and restorative approach with all agencies and identify champions in all services at a senior level.</p>

	Care Council and children known to youth justice to link into this agenda to give perspective on this. Suggest they lead on producing videos focussing on their stories.	Residential or fostering lead / Hannah Blower	November 2020	Reviewed 11/08/2020 Leanne Solieri to lead on this action and consider developing 2 case examples as above in preparation for the next In Care out of Trouble meeting Feb 2021.
3. Corporate Parenting Board to lead on this agenda	To review the terms of reference of the Corporate Parenting Board to include Reducing the Criminalisation of children in care and care leavers and have the agencies represented to enable this action.	Barbara Bath	September 2020	11/08/2020, 03/11/2020 ToR reviewed – agreed that In Care Out of Trouble will be on the next agenda and after that provide regular updates.
4. Effective reduction of criminalisation of children looked after	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To review the Terms of Reference for the In Care out of Trouble meeting to consider options for a more operational approach and ensure Courts and CPS involvement to improve engagement with the justice system. CPS to promote strategy to new lawyers. To present strategy and action plan, cases at Court meeting Performance monitoring provided at the group to include:- Monitoring those Children Looked After and Care Leavers who are charged and appear at Court. To include a review of the Out of Court Disposal Panel in respect to which children are referred to panel and those that go to Court. 	<p>Carolyn Entwistle</p> <p>DA CPS</p> <p>BIT / Lisa Williams</p> <p>BIT / Lisa Williams</p> <p>Carolyn Entwistle / Lesley Miller / Danielle Allanson CPS / Mike Nunn</p>	November 2020	<p>Reviewed 11/08/2020 ToR shared and agreed on 03/11/2020.</p> <p>CE to link with LMoorby re presentation to Court.</p> <p>Monitoring is in place – need to involve Probation re Care Leavers. GH to invite to next meeting. To review how we can incorporate Care Leavers at next CYJS analysis meeting.</p> <p>OoCD panels. Action to be planned once protocol has been completed.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the current Pan Lancashire protocol and monitor that it is working. Meeting to be arranged – CE to arrange this. 	Carolyn Entwistle / Sarah Callon / Alex Orwin Lesley Miller	March 2021	Meeting to be planned with Residential, Police and CYJS to forward these actions. CE to incorporate Care Leavers into the

	<p>To include promoting with the Police the understanding of the additional complex needs and challenges for children looked after and care leavers. Linking Police to prioritised children's homes to build positive relationships and support returns from missing from home episodes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewing the use of the 10 point check list • Lancashire Criminal Justice Board to lead on a task and finish group to review representation and any disproportionality of Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic children and to include Children Looked after and Gypsy, Roma, Traveller children 	<p>Lisa Moorby, Mike Nunn/John Simpson, Danielle Allanson, Lisa Moorby, Probation, Residential Managers – Blackpool and BwD</p>		<p>review of the protocol and invite Probation, Care Leavers. Also to invite LM Court and DA (CPS) to look at reviewing the use of the 10 point checklist.</p> <p>Police developments. Update provided by JC. Missing from home processes are being reviewed and training is taking place August 2020 to be completed in Police by October. Now three categories for children - low, medium and high. No longer absent category. New officers are to be appointed Pan Lancashire to visit 1st and 2nd time missing from home children – led by community safety policing. Also uplift in exploitation teams from January 2021.</p> <p>CE to represent CYJS on LCJB task and finish group re disproportionality.</p>
	<p>Agree simple performance management framework to monitor reduction in criminalisation of children looked after and care leavers. To monitor prevention and diversion outcomes for children looked after and care leavers.</p>	<p>Lee Pickering / Lisa Williams</p>	<p>February 2021</p>	<p>To present information at the next meeting. To include prevention and diversion outcomes for CLA.</p>

Key

Initial	Name	Role
AO	Alex Orwin	Service Manager, Blackburn with Darwen, UA
BB	Barbara Bath	Fostering, Adoption, Residential and CYJS Head of Service, Lancashire CC
BL	Brendan Lee	Children Looked After and Care Leavers, Head of Service, Lancashire CC
CCo	Chris Coyle	Senior Manager Children's Social Care, Lancashire CC
CE	Carolyn Entwistle	Senior Manager, Child and Youth Justice Service

DA	Danielle Allanson	Crown Prosecution Service
HB	Hannah Blower	Team Manager, Child and Youth Justice Service
JC	Julie Cross	Development Manager, Police Protection Unit
LMI	Lesley Miller	Head of Criminal Justice, Lancashire Constabulary
LMO	Lisa Moorby	Legal Team Manager, Courts
LP	Lee Pickering	Business Intelligence Team (BIT link) Lancashire CC
LW	Lisa Williams	Performance, Development Research Officer, Youth Justice, Lancashire CC
MN	Mike Nunn	Senior Manager, Residential Services, Lancashire CC
SC	Sarah Callon	Service Manager, Youth Justice, Blackpool, UA
SH	Sharon Hubber	Director for Children's Services, Lancashire CC

RAG rated

	Not meeting timescale
	Requires attention to complete
	Action completed