

Corporate Parenting Board Workshop: Partnership Priorities

Held: 22.07.2021 - Notes and Outcomes

PLACEMENTS AND PROVISIONS (Objective 5 of the Corporate Parenting Strategy)

WHAT CAN BE DONE

- Consultation with children and young people about what type of accommodation they want to live in and where
- Improve partnership working with housing leads in district councils
- Training for corporate parents and relevant partners to improve partnership working and offer
- Improve our communication strategy with partners and celebrate positive achievements of looked after children and care leavers better to challenge and overcome the negative stereotypes
- Elected members challenge stereotypes at district level (councils and providers)
- For everyone to raise ambitions for children in care and leaving care
- Develop a champion model at the Corporate Parenting Board
- Elected members advocate on behalf of care leavers with developers
- Sponsor accommodation

WHAT INFORMATION IS NEEDED

- District based information
 - Demand
 - Placement and housing provisions
 - District housing managers to present their offer to the Corporate Parenting Board
 - Number of CLA/CL
 - Community and leisure provisions
 - Proximity of young people living independently to their support network (e.g. family/friends and former carers)
- What are good standards for placements and accommodation (e.g. foster placement, residential, supported accommodation)
- Child/Young Person perspective and carers perspective on placement breakdowns
- Reason for the chosen placement provisions (meeting needs vs availability)
- What is the quality assurance process for supported accommodation and what is the criteria for 'suitable accommodation'
- Provide update to the Corporate Parenting Board twice a year

EMOTIONAL WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH (Objective 6 of the Corporate Parenting Strategy)

WHAT CAN BE DONE

- Promote/embed the THRIVE model
- Promote/embed Trauma Informed Practice (TIP)
- Improve how young people are spoken and written about
- Develop a 'single door' approach for early access to support
- Improve diagnosis and intervention
- Develop a health and wellbeing directory of services available
- Identify community services that are not wellbeing services but provide emotional wellbeing support
- Identify support that addresses loss and social skills
- Identify support that counters feelings of low self-worth due to long waiting lists
- Update the Local Offer to include
 - Self-referral options/information
 - Split between physical and mental health information
 - Add the THRIVE model
 - Function to allow young people to provide feedback/rate services anonymously
- Mandatory mental health training for social workers and personal advisors
- Strengthen the presence of the Permanence Service at the Lancashire and South Cumbria Health and Care Partnership
- Elected members of the Corporate Parenting Board to strengthen the link with Lancashire's Health and Wellbeing Board
- Young People's involvement with the review of the Health Strategy (NHS)
- Set up a network event with all health and wellbeing services to learn from each other
- Improve young people's perception of health services (as they can be reluctant to accept support; e.g. utilise peer support which helps showing outcomes)
- Develop 'Going Forward' plans for the next 12 months in the context of Covid
- Gain clarity re Covid vaccinations for young people in care 16+ (in particular in the context of shared Parental Responsibility)

WHAT INFORMATION IS NEEDED

- Information on health outcomes that also includes information on the how well young people are doing in the context of their emotional wellbeing/mental health needs
- Information on the take up of services and the effectiveness of services
- Overview of provisions available to help identifying gaps (incl. gaps in early intervention)
- General Health Data

- Young People consultation on what information to collate on the impact of Covid to enable an understanding of what is important and are the priorities for young people during a pandemic (enables current and future learning)
- Data and information provided to the Corporate Parenting Board to focus on what has changed
- Data and information to be shared at the beginning of the meeting to allow sufficient time to evaluate, understand and scrutinise

SAFEGUARDING (Objective 8 of the Corporate Parenting Strategy)

WHAT CAN BE DONE

- Strengthen the presence of the Permanence Service within Lancashire Violence Reduction Network (Divert, Trauma Informed Practice, Data)
- Embed Trauma Informed Practice across services to better understand how to support and safeguarding young people
- Improve the language used when speaking about vulnerable young people and young people at risk to acknowledge they are victims
- Improve how we make young people aware of the support available to them
- Promote restorative justice instead of criminal justice
- Improve safeguarding partnerships in adulthood/links with Adult Safeguarding
- Ensure strong links with the Community Safety Partnership
- Utilise services and resources from the Children's Safeguarding Assurance Partnership (CSAP)
- Develop an overview of services available (incl. routes in and out of support) for professionals and young people
- Promote preventative actions and pathways of early support
 - Focus on young people not in education and with education health care plans
 - Explore offers of Targeted Youth Support
 - Utilise NYAS effectively (empower young people of feeling in control; learn from themes identified)
 - Support young people to access preventative support
 - Ensure preventative support is something to look forward to, is of value to the young person, gives opportunities to engage with other young people
 - Support young people to re-engage with education, employment, training

WHAT INFORMATION IS NEEDED

- Overview of services available
- Data and information to be provided in a themed and comprised form jointly from multiple services and sources instead of separate data from separated sources and services

- Information on the journey of young people and outcomes

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING (Objective 4 of the Corporate Parenting Strategy)

Notes and outcomes are not yet available due to sickness and leave since the last corporate parenting board and will be circulated at the earliest opportunity.