

Overarching Strategic Corporate Parenting Priorities 2016/2017

Ensure looked after children are safeguarded

Agree 6 monthly CPG reports to be presented to LSCB

Receive 6 monthly reports on Missing and CSE, and evidence how this impacts the care planning for individual young people

Receive 6 monthly reports on the foster carer's training undertaken

Reduce delay in achieving permanence for looked after children

Consider any outcomes of the annual report from the IRO service in relation to gaps for LAC - Focus for 15/16 to include gaps in care plans and attendance at reviews of birth parents and young people

Monitor the effectiveness in ensuring all children have a permanence plan identified by their second LAC review

Monitor stability of placements and delay for children against indicator and regional/statistical neighbour trend positions

Monitor timescales for placement agreement meetings including the completed "delegation of consent" documents

Further develop arrangements for monitoring and reporting on delays in permanence planning & implementation of permanency plans for adoption, return to birth family and Section 20 Looked after Children

Monitor the outcome of court proceedings and number of weeks to conclude proceedings

Monitor the adoption scorecard

Narrow the achievement gap for looked after children

Champion and promote work with foster carers, schools and partners to embed the processes for completing and reviewing PEP's

Receive a report from the Virtual Head Teacher on the timeliness and quality of PEPs including young peoples involvement

Monitor the progress in narrowing the gap through improving achievement and progression from Early Years and Foundation Stage to Key Stage 4 for vulnerable groups (Special Education needs and children from low-income families)

Deliver the annual Looked after children's awards evening

Receive a termly report from the Virtual Head Teacher on the progress of LAC and links with designated teachers and governors and identifying those LAC not in good or outstanding schools

Receive update on 16+ activity for the Virtual School particularly in relation to ensuring good quality support and advice for both those looking to attend higher and further education and those at risk of becoming NEET

Reduce the need for children to become or remain looked after

Monitor the effectiveness of the FGC model and specifically how it supports placements with extended family

Monitor the effectiveness of the LAC permanency panel to ensure a reduction in timescales for a permanency plan to have been implemented

Monitor the work of the SGO panel particularly in relation to appropriate permanency planning

Monitor pathway planning to ensure clear plans are in place for young people to move into independence

Experience of the Child and Family

Review the impact of the pledge and other engagement work with LAC and make recommendations for further improvements

Ensure all Members are supported in their CPG responsibilities and take up training at Level one and two

Monitor young people's involvement in training, recruitment and service delivery and consider how this relates across the wider council activity

Consider implementation of inspections by care experienced young people

Monitor 2015/2016 improved consistency of allocation of social worker and regularity/quality of visits to looked after children from 2014/15 baseline figure

Monitor workforce vacancy rate, reasons for turnover and professional development in order to ensure appropriate training of supported staff to deliver services to children, young people and their families

Receive the outcomes and associated action plans from audits in relation to looked after children to ensure these are indicating an improved trend position

Monitor the effectiveness of the advocacy service for young people and ensure it is being delivered in line with the contract

Support the emotional and physical wellbeing of looked after children and care leavers

Monitor the effectiveness of processes for ensuring care leavers have a full health history

Receive reports on the number of children in care with timely initial and review health assessments and monitor the timeliness of notifications of new into care and placement changes

Receive 6 monthly reports from CAMHS worker for LAC to ensure that the EHWP of LAC is being targeted and managed appropriately

Monitor the numbers of care leavers who are parents

Monitor those children who go missing from home/placement and/or are at risk of child sexual exploitation

Monitor the SDQ outcomes in social care and ensure plans are in place for those children scoring high on the annual SDQ

Monitor the impact of new LAC procedures for those young people placed on remand

Ensure sufficiency of high quality placements for looked after children

Receive an annual report from the Southend Foster Families Council

Receive reports from cases presented to the LADO in respect of foster carer concerns or those involving residential placements

Monitor the effectiveness of the recruitment and retention strategies of foster carers and prospective adoptive parents

Receive 6 monthly reports in relation to the wellbeing of children placed in out of borough residential placements

Receive annual fostering and adoption reports

Annually review the sufficiency statement and update as required

Monitor the capacity of placements in line with the sufficiency duty and ensure five year projection will meet need

Consider six monthly reports in relation to placement trends and quality of provision including PVI placements