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County Council Wednesday 20 February 2019 10.00 am Council Chamber - Shire Hall, Taunton



To: The Members of Somerset County Council

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AGENDA

Item County Council - 10.00 am Wednesday 20 February 2019

1 **Annual Report of the Corporate Parenting Board** (Pages 3 - 52)

To follow.

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Corporate Parenting Board Annual Report 2017 - 2018

Cabinet Member: Cllr Frances Nicholson, Cabinet Member for Children and Families Division and Local Member: Jill Shortland OBE, Chair of Corporate Parenting Board Lead Officer: Philippa Granthier, Assistant Director Commissioning & Performance, SCC

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1. Summary

1.1. The role of the Somerset Corporate Parenting Board (SCPB), is to ensure that Somerset County Council (SCC), together with the five District Councils, fulfil their duties towards children looked after (CLA) and care leavers (CL), corporately and in partnership with other statutory agencies, including the NHS and Police. The existing Corporate Parenting Strategy and Terms of Reference (TOR), including membership, of the Somerset Corporate Parenting Board were agreed by Council in May 2016.

The Corporate Parenting Strategy 2016-2019 and annual action plan, aligns with and actively promotes, the Children and Young People's Plan 2016-2019, and the Sufficiency Statement 2016-2019.

The Corporate Parenting Board has met bi-monthly throughout the year, receiving regular updates from officers, partners and the Somerset In Care Council (SiCC) and Somerset Leaving Care Council (SLCC) who are a representative group of young people looked after or leaving care and are supported to meet by a Participation Worker (see Appendix A for their report) The voice of the child is a key aspect of the Strategy and the Board has continued to engage with young people, both through their representation on the Board, and through SiCC and SLCC which is well established and has an effective and regular link with the Board.

2. Recommendations

- **2.1.** The Corporate Parenting Board requests;
 - That Council recommends Corporate Parenting Board training to be mandatory for all Councillors who are members of the Board.
 - That Council recommends that councillors appointed to the Corporate Parenting Board who do not attend Board meetings for three consecutive meetings are reported to Group Leads.
 - That Council invites District Councillor representation on the Corporate Parenting Board to provide support on housing and leisure issues.
 - That Council acknowledge and thank the young people for the work that they undertake.

3. Background

3.1. The Council's corporate parenting arrangements, reviewed in 2015, were further reviewed following May 2017 Local Elections to ensure Somerset continues to provide a robust Corporate Parenting approach.

Full council in June 2017 approved the new elected members, and the updated annual action plan, and the arrangements set out in the corporate parenting strategy 2016-19.

The overall aim of the Corporate Parenting Strategy 2016-2019 is to strengthen good practice through a whole council approach to corporate parenting and a strong and effective approach to partnership working, thus improving the achievement, life chances and opportunities for all children looked after and care leavers.

The progress and achievements against the annual action plan are reported through quarterly reporting.

This report provides an update of the function and impact of the Board over the past 12 months. See Appendix B for the Corporate Parenting Board Action plan and Appendix C for the data dashboard.

4. 2017 - 2018 Achievements

4.1. The format of Board meetings is now well established with robust and concise reporting. The November Ofsted inspection report published in January 2018 commended the Corporate Parenting Board function:

"The lead member clearly champions children's needs and there is a much stronger corporate sense of responsibility for children. As a result, the local authority has successfully refreshed and revised the corporate parenting board, provided training to the majority of councillors and developed thriving and lively Children in Care Councils. Aspirations for children have increased within children's services, but there is more to do to ensure that all the departments of the local authority share this responsibility, and that children looked after are clearly prioritised for training and development opportunities and wider council services."

Ofsted Report, 29 January 2018

- 4.2. The focus of the Corporate Parenting Board is on the delivery of five priorities covering placement sufficiency and stability, education, health, voice of the child and leaving care through well-established sub-groups with good cross agency working, led by a senior officer, and supported by a Councillor from the Board. Additionally, the key area of foster care development is led by the council's fostering service. Action owners on the groups take responsibility for issues to deliver solutions within deadlines. The outcomes of this work are reported quarterly through the Children & Young People's Plan 2016-2019 performance reporting arrangements, against the seven improvement programmes. Reports are complemented by detailed data and performance measures provided to the Board to support them in their role in leading and challenging service delivery. This collected information has been redefined over the past year which has led to more purposeful and meaningful analysis and Board discussions and direction.
- **4.3.** The chair especially wishes to highlight the many positive outcomes from the work of the Board and sub-groups especially:
 - District Councils have agreed to exempt Council Tax for working Care Leavers
 - 43 out of 55 Elected Members completed Corporate Parenting training in June and November 2017,
 - District councils have been offered awareness and training
 - Councillors have offered their skills as Corporate Parents to support CLA and CL; for example, CV writing, help with job applications, presentation skills etc, which the Leaving Care sub-group is looking to implement.
 - The Board responded to the consultation on the Somerset Strategic Housing Framework 2018-22

- The Board commended the Children's Commissioning Team on the production of a more robust Sufficiency Statement and action plan
- The Board approved the Annual Fostering and Adoption reports
- The Virtual School has appointed a post-16 link worker and is now reporting on decreased Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) figures (38.2% at March 2018 from 42.5% in March 2017) and more Education, Training and Employment (ETE) opportunities
- Individual participation has progressed in Child Protection Conferences and in the growing use of MoMo (Mind of My Own app)
- There has been an emphasis on improving the timeliness of out of county Health Assessments
- Health colleagues have carried out a 'deep dive' into the timeliness of initial and review Health Assessments.
- **4.4.** SiCC and SLCC held their own elections in June and voted for co-chairs to attend Corporate Parenting Board. It has given the Board great pleasure to observe the growing confidence of the young people who attend and their ability to present, challenge and debate.
- **4.5.** The chair especially wishes to highlight the many positive outcomes from the work of the Somerset In Care Council and the Somerset Leaving Care Council especially:
 - SiCC and SLCC produced a gallery of their work to inform the Ofsted monitoring visit in July 2017, for newly elected members in June and for the Ofsted single inspection of children's social care in November 2017
 - Members of SiCC and SLCC met Ofsted inspectors with a wider group of CLA and CL in November 2017
 - SiCC and SLCC welcomed David Fothergill (Leader of the Council), Julian Wooster (Director of Children's Services) and Claire Winter (Deputy Director Children's Services) to their meetings to discuss current issues,
 - A 'hopes and fears' exercise was carried out by young people with the Board to help inform work on refreshing The Pledge to children looked after and care leavers
 - The use of Mind of My Own (MoMo) app is being embedded through training and promotion to workers by the young people
 - Promoting the SiCC and SLCC website to CLA and CL and their carers and workers to increase awareness
 - Working with animators to make a Supervision animation for social work training
 - Young people took part in four Getting To Know You days to promote the work of SICC and SLCC, recruit new members and carry out consultations
 - Organising an exceptional Annual Achievement Awards ceremony where over 300 young people attended
 - Interviewing for several key roles in SCC and with our partners.

Membership of SiCC and SLCC remains at around 25 young people with requests to join regularly received and invitations to join offered.

SiCC and SLCC members appreciate the support they receive from staff and carers to attend the monthly meetings and to the staff and volunteers who organise their meetings.

5. Areas for Development

5.1. Develop the next Corporate Parenting Strategy 2019 – 2022:

Work will commence in year 3 to develop the next Corporate Parenting Strategy 2019-22. An evaluation will be undertaken of the current strategy to identify any gaps for development, or new areas of focus. There will also be a review of the representation of key stakeholders and Terms of Reference. All members will be required to sign up to the new Corporate Parenting Strategy 2019-22. The Voice of the Child Subgroup will have oversight of The Pledge refresh work.

5.2. Further training and awareness raising of corporate parenting activity within SCC, district councils and partners:

Corporate Parenting training events will be undertaken with stakeholders to enhance their understanding of their Corporate Parenting role. The Voice of the Child Subgroup will support a Corporate Parenting 'mini' training package (potentially online via The Learning Centre) for those councillors who are unable to attend direct training. Work will be undertaken to develop and implement a shared communication plan to strengthen the Corporate Parenting role across County and District Councilors and all partners. We will ensure all directorates propose actions within their annual service plans to support children looked after and care leavers. Work will continue with District Councils to achieve a commitment to council tax exemption for working care leavers across all districts.

5.3. Promotion of the 7 Principles of Corporate Parenting:

In order to thrive, children and young people have certain key needs that good parents generally meet. The corporate parenting principles set out 7 Principles (identified in section 1 of the Children and Social Work Act 2017) that local authorities must have regard to when exercising their functions in relation to looked after children and young people, as follows:

- 1. to act in the best interests, and promote the physical and mental health and wellbeing, of those children and young people
- 2. to encourage those children and young people to express their views, wishes and feelings
- 3. to take into account the views, wishes and feelings of those children and young people
- 4. to help those children and young people gain access to, and make the best use of, services provided by the local authority and its relevant partners
- 5. to promote high aspirations, and seek to secure the best outcomes, for those children and young people
- 6. for those children and young people to be safe, and for stability in their home lives, relationships and education or work; and
- 7. to prepare those children and young people for adulthood and independent living.

Work will be undertaken to ensure that the 7 Principles are included in the new Corporate Parenting Strategy 2019-22, aligned to the next Health and Well Being Plan, and the new Children & Young People's Plan 2019-22. A communication plan will be developed to promote and strengthen the 7 Principles of Corporate Parenting across County and District Councilors and all County Council departments.

5.4. Sufficiency and quality of placements:

Work will continue to develop our market, monitor contracts and improve communication with providers in order to build sufficiency of placements in Somerset. There is a quality assurance process within the Placements Team to ensure high quality placements and SiCC and SLCC has set a priority to work with this process through inspections and observations in 2018/19. Additionally, the voice of the young tenant is being sought through structures such as the P2i (Pathways to Independence) Board.

5.5. Educational attendance and attainment:

There will be continued oversight and monthly monitoring by the Virtual School of those CLA on reduced timetables, those excluded from school, those with poor attendance

and those placed in schools not judged as good/outstanding. We will ensure that good quality Personal Education Plans (PEPs) are in place for all CLA ensuring that progress is specifically measured and that appropriate SMART targets are set to enable all CLA to achieve their full potential. The Virtual School will work with SiCC and SLCC who has a 2018/19 priority around schools having a better understanding of CLA issues and improved standards.

5.6. Support to Health and Children's Social Care colleagues:

Following a 'deep dive' into missed timescales for initial and review health assessments, the Board will be working to ensure resource and additional capacity is in place to support colleagues undertaking these processes. SiCC and SLCC have set a priority to promote Health Assessments working with the Corporate Parenting Board Health and Wellbeing Subgroup.

6. How did we meet our 2017 - 2018 priorities?

HOW	ald we meet our 2017	- 2016 priorities:			
	PRIORITIES	CPB PROGRESS	SLCC – SICC PROGRESS	RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL	RECOMMENDATIONS TO BOARD
	Every councillor and officer of the council fully understands their Corporate Parenting responsibilities through improved promotion of training opportunities and regular invitations to districts, and better use of newsletters and other regular communication	Training of elected Members was particularly successful with 43 out of 55 Councillors now trained, compared to 5 out of 55 Councillors in previous quadrillion. District engagement improved this year with a positive focus on council tax exemption for care leavers	The presence of more young people at meetings has led to greater understanding of their needs	That Council invites District Councillor representation on the Corporate Parenting Board for housing and leisure	Further training and awareness raising of Corporate Parenting within SCC, Districts, and Partners Promotion of the 7 Principles of Corporate Parenting. Continued oversight on the progress of exempted Council Tax for care leavers
	Understanding the individual nature of our CLA and CL in order to provide appropriately for them	The Board receives updates on website usage, progress of MoMo usage, and Voice of the Child activities	Somerset is now in the top 10 of Local Authorities for MoMo use; we hosted a regional MoMo learning event and SiCC/SLCC have been invited to speak at the National MoMo Conference 2018		The Board should support more Foster Carers encouraging MoMo use for individual participation
	The provision of sufficient safe, stable placements with carers best able to meet their needs	The Board received regular progress updates on the Sufficiency Statement and action plan. Following Ofsted these documents are being refreshed and will be a standing agenda item	SiCC/SLCC receive various comments about placement stability and quality through their website. Further quality work forms part of their 2018/19 Priorities		The Board continues to receive regular updates on the progress of the sufficiency action plan and support a more robust approach to market

				development and contract monitoring
That CLA and CL are involved in decisions about their lives and the services provided for them	The Voice of the Child subgroup received views from SiCC/SLCC meetings. SiCC/SLCC asked for feedback for the issues they raise as a priority i.e. contact terminology, contact cards, KIT lists etc.	SiCC/SLCC have commenced a 'hopes and fears' exercise along with the Board, and will use findings to inform the Pledge refresh. SiCC/SLCC to produce a monthly bulletin after each meeting	That Council acknowledge and thank the young people for the work that they undertake.	That the 2018/19 action plan continues to receive views from SiCC/SLCC via the Voice Of the Child subgroup and feedback accordingly
Where necessary CLA and CL have full access to additional services to improve life chances and successful transitions to adulthood	The Board receives reports around Choices for Life transition panels and employment opportunities for Hinkley Point development, Viridor, Skanska and other employers	The SiCC/SLCC website promoted the two Choices for Life careers events in 2017/18. They made a film for employers, attended employers events and promoted opportunities on the website		The Board continues to work with District Councils to seek suitable employment and training opportunities
Improvement in education and health outcomes	The Virtual School now employs a post-16 worker, and has encouraged social workers to engage better with Personal Education Plans (PEP). The health subgroup is reporting a greater uptake of health assessments. More work required to improve timeliness following a deep-	The CLA nurse now volunteers at SiCC/SLCC meetings; the young people will be supporting her in developing an information leaflet to be inserted into CLA packs. This is a 2018/19 Priority for SiCC/SLCC		That the Board is ambitious for best health and education outcomes through support and direction to health, education and Children's Social Care colleagues

dive exercise into reasons for delay

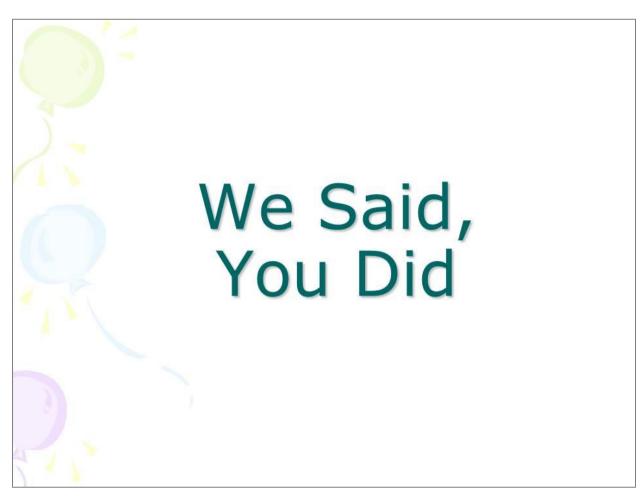


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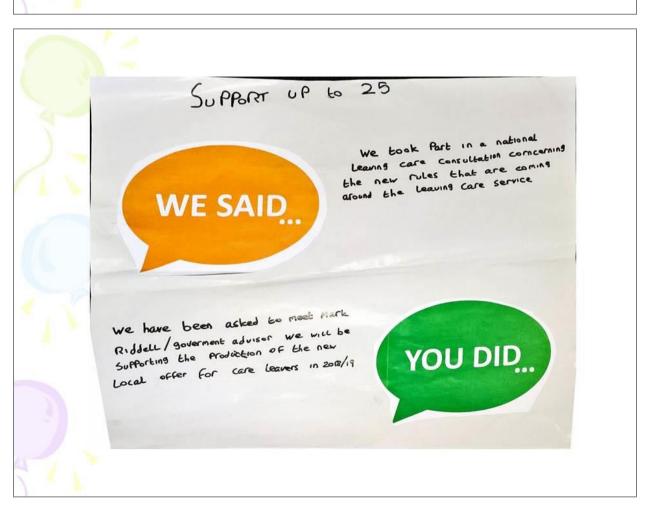
Who Are We?

- 25+ members aged between 10 -22
- Meeting monthly to work on issues from our Annual Priorities plan
- Sundays from 11 4 at The Roller-coaster in Bridgwater
- Supported by our Participation Worker and volunteers
- Lunch and refreshments provided
- Supporting events and activities in between



















Priorities for 2018/19

- Where You Live:
 - Quality Assurance
- Voice of the Child:
 - Work closely with Voice of the Child subgroup
 - Continuous feedback
- Education:
 - Make them aware of us
 - Get consulted on a Kite Mark
- Health:
 - Redesign the leaflet for Health Assessment
- Leaving Care:
 - Access to leisure
 - Work with care leavers offer





Appendix B - Task groups work plans

Appendix B (i) Health and Wellbeing - Task group work plans

Action Health and Wellbeing -	Action Owner	Timescales	Progress update / Plans	RAG
Promoting healthy outcomes and giving children t	he best start in life - Imp	rove the quality	of the health offer for children young people and care leavers, includi	ng
unaccompanied asylum seeking children				
1. Strengthen the timeliness and quality of healt	n assessments for childre	en and young p	eople placed out of county	
1.1 CLA will have implemented standard for out of county health assessments that will assist in the timeliness of out of county health assessments	Operational Manager Public Health West Jenny Thompson / CLA Nurse Specialist Angela Reece	07.08.2017	CLA Nursing team have implemented a standard of practice in relation to requesting health assessments for out of county children and young people, to assist in timely completion of health assessment: 1.Standard letter to all out of county CLA teams used. 2. Request for completion of review health assessment sent to out of county CLA teams 3 months prior to due date, with the expectation that an appointment will have been arranged with 2 months.	G
1.2 Data re health assessments of children and young people to be analysed to identify metrics for children placed out of county.	Operational Manager Public Health West Jenny Thompson / CLA Nurse Specialist Angela Reece / Designated Nurse SGC and CLA Maria Davis / Service Manager Business Intelligence Tony Johnson	07.08.2017	<u>Update 12.09.2017</u> : Dataset meetings held to review health assessment data for CLA. Metrics changed to include data regarding outstanding health assessments for in county and out of county CLA. Further data collated monthly by CLA specialist Nurse allows for identification of which neighbouring county have the highest rates of overdue health assessments for Somerset children and young people.	G
1.3 Funding will be provided for outstanding out of county health assessments.	Director of Quality, safety and engagement Sandra Corry / Designated Nurse SGC and CLA Maria Davis	10.08.2017	Funding to be sought for the CLA nursing team to work additional hours to address outstanding out of county HA's. Paper to go to CCG's Leadership meeting 10.8.17. <u>Update 12.09.2017</u> : Funding approved by the CCG for a 3 month project to address the outstanding Health Assessments for children placed out of county.	G

Action	Action Owner	Timescales	Progress update / Plans	RAG
1.4 Outstanding assessments of children and young people placed out of county are completed.	Operational Manager Public Health West Jenny Thompson / CLA Nurse Specialist Angela Reece / Designated Nurse SGC and CLA Maria Davis	01.02.2018	Update 3.11.2017: Designated Nurse for Safeguarding/ CLA and Head of CLA Nursing Team /Operational Service Manager PHN West to agree parameters for out of county HA project. Start of project delayed due to capacity within the CLA nursing team. Update 7.12.17: 10 children currently placed out of county that have outstanding health assessments. Designated Nurse to escalate to Director of Quality and Safety within relevant CCG and escalate to NHSE regarding CCG's failing to adhere to national policy. Update 9.02.18: Health assessments for the 10 out of county children were undertaken as part of the out of county project.	G
1.5 Timeliness of out of county health assessments is strengthened	Designated Nurse SGC and CLA Maria Davis	01.02.2018 01.06.2018	Update 3.11.17: Designated Nurse for Safeguarding/ CLA has escalated concerns regarding inequity of health assessments for Somerset children placed out of county to NHS England. Update 7.12.17: 10 children currently placed out of county that have outstanding health assessments. Designated Nurse to escalate to Director of Quality and Safety within relevant CCG and escalate to NHSE regarding CCG's failing to adhere to national policy. Update 05.03.18: Meeting held 22.02.18 with Designated Leads within Dorset CCG to discuss health needs of Somerset CLA placed in Pan Dorset area. National Safeguarding Team NHS England have provided guidance to all CCGs on the management of escalation of delays in timescales and quality of Initial and Review Health Assessments for looked after children placed out of area. Somerset CCG is following this guidance. This is on the agenda for the next national meeting for regional leads.	R
1.6 Increase opportunities for children looked after and care leavers to get involved in the work undertaken by the Health and wellbeing sub group.	Strategic Manager, Children Looked After & Leaving Care Services Julie Skorupka / Participation Officer Lesley Corrin	01.06.2018	<u>Update 7.12.2017</u> : SiCC and SLCC to decide how they would like to engage with the work undertaken by the Health and wellbeing sub group in the future. <u>Update 09.02.18</u> : SiCC and SLCC are in the process of reviewing the newly drafted Health Assessment leaflet and the current CLA pack.	B - On track

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1.7 Improve the quality and accessibility of information promoting the health and wellbeing of children looked after and care leavers	Operational Manager Public Health West Jenny Thompson / CLA Nurse Specialist Angela Reece / Designated Nurse SGC and CLA Maria Davis / Public Health Specialist Michelle Hawkes	01.06.2018	<u>Update 7.12.2017:</u> Members of the health and wellbeing sub group will identify appropriate links and resources that children looked after and care leavers could access through the Keeping Happy and Healthy Section of the SiCC / SLCC website. <u>Update 09.02.18</u> Meeting arranged for 20.03.18 for health representatives to review information promoting the health and wellbeing of children looked after and care leavers on the SiCC and SLCC website.	B -On track	
Improving emotional health and well-being - Ensure when young people come into care there is timely access to CAMHS, and/or emotional support as appropriate 2 Through the implementation of the CAMHS transformation programme, ensure there is timely access to emotional health support.					
2.1 To provide advice and interventions to children and young people with mild to moderate degree of difficulties	Fiona Abbey, Commissioning/ Programme Manager for Children and Young People's Mental Health and Wellbeing Services / Kerry Allan Divisional Director CAMHS	03.11.2017	Update 3.11.2017: All CLA and care leavers have timely access to CAMHS service through the Single Point of Access.	G	
			forms their individual care plan and is updated regularly.		
3.1 Develop Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ) guidance on in depth analysis of SDQ's and process to follow if child / young person assessed as normal / borderline / requiring intervention	Somerset EHWB Team Sally Karimian / CLA Nurse Specialist Angela Reece/Educational Psychologist Dee Henderson / Social	20.02.2017	Update 20.2.2017: a small working group is to be set up to look at SDQ's, clarifying how they are used to inform services put in place to meet the emotional needs to children looked after. Update 3.11.17: At the emotional health and wellbeing sub group on 3.10.17 the aims and membership of the working group were reviewed and agreed.	G	

Action	Action Owner	Timescales	Progress update / Plans	RAG
	Worker Faye Dodd / IRO Julia McFaul			
	Somerset EHWB	01.03.2018	Update 07.08.2017: Draft emotional health pathway has been	G
	Team Sally Karimian	01.00.1010	developed by a task and finish group; incorporating the Strengths	
	/ Head of CLA service		and Difficulties Questionnaire score (SDQ). <u>Update 3.11.17:</u> update	
	Jenny Thompson		on development of SDQ guidance (incorporating emotional health	
	/Educational		pathway) to be provided at each subsequent sub group. <u>Update</u>	
	Psychologist Dee		7.12.2017: Acting head of Child Adolescent Mental Health services	
	Henderson / Social		(CAMHS), social worker and IRO have joined working group and	
	Worker Faye Dodd /		have scheduled a meeting in January 2018. <u>Update 9.2.18:</u> EHWB	
	IRO Julia McFaul		team have published referral guidance and flowchart showing	
	/Nancy Southcott		actions to be taken by CSC staff when a Child Looked After or Care	
			Leaver presents with an emotional health need that can be met	
			through their service. A draft CLA pathway to CAMHS Pathway has	
			been drawn up and is awaiting CAMHS sign off. CAMHS and CSC	
			have also agreed to meet monthly to talk about problematic/	
			"stuck" cases. As from 01.01.18 the EHWB Team now screen all	
			children 6 weeks after they became looked after, which includes a	
			review of the SDQ score and the Health assessment	
			documentation, as well as information on child and family held by	
			Children Social Care.	
3.2 Embed use and analysis of Strengths and	Becky Hopkins	01.03.2018	<u>Update 3.11.2017</u> : At the emotional health and wellbeing sub	G
Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ) into practice by	Strategic manager		group on 3.10.17 Julie identified a lead for this. <u>Update 7.12.17:</u>	
Foster Carers	for Fostering and		Further work to be undertaken with foster carers in relation to	
	Resources / Strategic		SDQs will be raised at the EHWB team steering group 25.1.2018.	
	Manager, Children		<u>Update 09.02.18:</u> The importance of the SDQ was discussed as part	
	Looked After &		of a planned meeting with foster carers 17.1.18. The EHWB team,	
	Leaving Care Services		supported by the Health and Wellbeing sub group and the CLA	
	Julie Skorupka /		team, will be reviewing the Fostering Handbook to ensure it	
	Operations Manager		includes additional information about health assessments and	
	Jo Manning		SDQs. This will be disseminated to In house Foster carers, Agency	
			carers and residential providers. Children's Social Care are	
			considering how the importance of SDQs can be included in their	

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			in house training for Foster Carers.	
3.3 Embed use and analysis of Strengths and	Operational	01.03.2018	<u>Update 20.2.17:</u> CLA specialist nurse met with IRO team and	G
Difficulties Questionnaire into practice by health	Manager Public		discussed SDQ's as part of this meeting. <u>Update 07.08.2017:</u>	
professionals	Health West Jenny		Public health nursing teams have been provided with training on	
	Thompson / CLA		interpreting and responding to SDQ's. <u>Update 3.11.17</u> : review of	
	Nurse Specialist		training needs of medical staff undertaking health assessment	
	Angela Reece /		planned. <u>Update 7.12.2017:</u> It has been agreed that training will be	
	Designated Nurse		provided to medical staff undertaking health assessments; to	
	SGC and CLA Maria		incorporate use and analysis of SDQs in HA process, use of BAAF	
	Davis		forms when completing health assessments and what constitutes a	
			good quality health care plan.	
3.4 Embed use and analysis of Strengths and	Paul Shallcross / Julie	01.03.2018	<u>Update 20.2.2017:</u> Appendix 3 (Guidance on data collection on the	G
Difficulties Questionnaire into practice in	Skorupka / Jason		emotional health of looked after children) of the 2013 DfE guidance	
children's social care; case social workers and	Pincott		Children looked after by local authorities in England is used by CSC	
Independent Reviewing Officers (IROs)			to improve compliancy and completion of SDQ's by social workers.	
			<u>Update 3.11.17:</u> At the emotional health and wellbeing sub group	
			on 3.10.17 Julie Skorupka identified lead for this, and agreed to	
			discuss work to be undertaken to ensure that IRO's are routinely	
			including the SDQ score in Reviews, when discussing action plan in	
			place to address child's health and wellbeing needs. <u>Update:</u>	
			7.12.2017: CLA nurse specialist and strategic manager for CLA and	
			care leavers are attending CSC operational manager's away day;	
			they will include importance and use of SDQs in their presentation.	
			<u>Update 05.03.18</u> : IROs are now routinely considering SDQs as part	
			of the CLA review process. Operational Manager Public Health	
			West and Designated Nurse SGC and CLA to meet with the IRO	
			team to discuss use and analysis of SDQs at CLA Reviews	_
3.5 Develop health and social care Children	Children Looked	01.03.2018	Update 3.11.2017: Children Looked After (CLA) and care leavers'	G
Looked After (CLA) and care leaver's dataset to	After (CLA) Nurse		health and social care dataset currently includes data on the % of	
include more meaningful data on SDQs.	Specialist Angela		children (aged 4 plus) looked after for >1yr that have had an SDQ	
	Reece / Designated		recorded. At the emotional health and wellbeing sub group on	
	Nurse Safeguarding		3.10.17 it was agreed that this needed to be developed to include	

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	Children and CLA		details on date of completion of SDQ, date for formal review and	
	Maria Davis / Tony		score. <u>Update 7.12.2017</u> : Dataset meeting scheduled for	
	Johnson / Ian Clift		05.01.2018.	
4. CLA have access to emotional support through	h the Emotional Health a	nd Wellbeing (EHWB) Team	
4.1 A fully staffed Emotional Health and	Jo Manning	01.03.2018	Update 07.08.2017: Active recruitment undertaken in relation to	R
Wellbeing Team (EHWB) are to be embedded		01.06.2018	employment of clinical psychologists within the Emotional Health	
into social care.			and Wellbeing Team within social care. Interim arrangement	
			includes support from Educational Psychologist. <u>Update 3.11.2017:</u>	
			A 0.8wte clinical psychologist has been appointed and starts	
			November 2017. <u>Update 7.12.2017</u> : Clinical Psychologist Dr Helen	
			Wood starts 6.11.2017. Active recruitment ongoing for second	
			Clinical Psychologist 0.6wte post. <u>Update 09.02.18</u> : Social Work	
			posts have been recruited to and will have Social Workers in all	
			posts from beginning of January. <u>Update 05/03/18:</u> Recent	
			recruitment attempt for clinical psychologist post 2 was	
			unsuccessful due to confusion over location of work base. A	
			psychologist who has met the team is very interested in the	
			vacancy, which CAMHS have been asked to re-advertise.	
			EHWB Team Manager is leaving March 2018 and an interim team	
			manager has been identified.	
			ne more emotionally resilient, through provision of the appropriate lev	el of
advice, guidance and support that they individua	ally require and make a po	sitive transitior	n into adult life	
5. Ensure that individual health practitioners ar	e supported in their skills	and competen	cies to deliver effective and coordinated care for each young person	
5.1 Health plans are quality assured and	Designated Nurse	03.11.2017	An audit of review health assessments undertaken as part of	G
demonstrate SMART outcomes to enable	SGC and CLA Maria		Sompar Public Health contract found that only 20% of review	
young people's transition to adulthood	Davis/ Operational		health assessments made an assessment of emotional health - this	
, 51	Manager Public		is linked to historical lack of availability of SDQ scores to those	
	Health West Jenny		nurses undertaking health reviews and this has been addressed.	
	Thompson / CLA		<u>Update 20.2.2017:</u> Quality assurance of HA's undertaken by CLA	
	Nurse Specialist		team / Health Visitors / School nurses is undertaken by Specialist	
	Angela Reece		Nurse CLA. Approx. 50 per month. <u>Update 3.11.2017:</u> Designated	

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			Doctor for CLA undertakes QA of HAs completed by local	
			paediatricians	
Achieving effective multi-agency support for mor partnership with other agencies	e vulnerable children and	young people	- Consider how to provide a health advisory service for care leavers in	
6. Provide support to the Leaving Care Staff and to sexual health services, emergency contracept			ost young people to, utilising existing resources currently in place in are	relation
6.1 Leaving Care Staff will be able to advise	Operational manager	01.09.2017	<u>Update 20.2.2017:</u> Advice has been given to social care in relation	G
care leavers on how to access relevant	Leaving Care Team		to accessing information on care leaver's health needs through	
services in relation to their health and	Trish Lyons /		primary care services. Leaving Care Staff and Managers to ensure	
wellbeing.	Designated Nurse		that care leavers are registered with a GP and know how to access	
	SGC and CLA Maria		them in hours and out of hours.	
	Davis/ Operational			
	Manager Public			
	Health West Jenny			
	Thompson / CLA			
	Nurse Specialist			
	Angela Reece			
6.2 Leaving Care Staff will be able to utilise a	Operational manager	01.03.2018	<u>Update 07.08.2017:</u> Meeting between health and social care to	G
toolkit in relation to advising care leavers	Leaving Care Team		review development of toolkit for leaving care social workers in	
services currently in place to address a young	Trish Lyons /		relation to resources currently in place to address young person's	
person's health needs.	Designated Nurse		health needs. <u>Update 7.12.2017:</u> Multi agency review of letter sent	
	SGC and CLA Maria		to young people that refuse HAs is to be undertaken. <u>Update</u>	
	Davis/ Operational		5.03.18: The Leaving Care Team are utilising the health information	
	Manager Public		on the SiCC and SLCC, and Leaving Care websites to support care	
	Health West Jenny		leavers in addressing their health needs. Meeting arranged for	
	Thompson / CLA		20.03.18 for health representatives to review information	
	Nurse Specialist		promoting the health and wellbeing of children looked after and	
	Angela Reece		care leavers on the SiCC and SLCC website.	
6.3. Young people will have access to the	Operational manager	01.03.2018	<u>Update 12.09.2017</u> : Verbal advice has been given to social care in	G
health information held by their GP.	Leaving Care Team		relation to accessing information on care leaver's health needs	
	Trish Lyons /		through primary care services. <u>Update 3.11.17:</u> Draft letter for	

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	Designated Nurse		leaving care team and care leaver to request health information	
	SGC and CLA Maria		from GP shared. <u>Update 7.12.2017</u> : CLA nursing team now have	
	Davis/ Operational		access to EMIS and are ensuring as much health information as	
	Manager Public		possible is provided to young people prior to them leaving care, as	
	Health West Jenny		part of their last RHA. <u>Update 5.03.18:</u> The Leaving Care Team are	
	Thompson / CLA		using the GP letter template to request health information from	
	Nurse Specialist		the young person's GP, as and when needed.	
	Angela Reece			
7. Consider how the unique health and wellbeing 7.1 Raise awareness of common health	All members of	20.02.2017	Update 20.02.017: CSC have disseminated a briefing on common	G
issues that unaccompanied asylum seeking children may present with on arrival to Somerset.	emotional health and wellbeing sub group	20.02.2017	health issues that unaccompanied asylum seeking children can suffer from. Health briefing in relation to UASC to be a standing agenda item for the Health task and finish group.	d
7.2 Health services to work in partnership with children's social care to identify how an unaccompanied asylum seeking young person's health needs can be met	All members of emotional health and wellbeing sub group	07.08.2017	<u>Update 07.08.2017</u> : Fitness to Transfer health information routinely shared with CLA nursing team and children's social care on transfer to Somerset; to allow for immediate response to any health needs identified. Designated Nurse and CLA nursing team to advise social care staff in relation to appropriate resource to meet health need identified in Kent, if not able to be met by registering with a local GP ASAP.	G

Appendix B (ii) Leaving Care - Task group work plans

Action	Action Owner	Timescales	Progress Update / Plans	RAG
1 Improve outcomes for care leavers in respect of Education,	Training and Employmer	nt		
		Achieved	Clive to provide progress report about the directory of provision Achieved – now BAU	В
	Clive Mallon - Service Manager, OD and HR	01/05/18	Decision to be made about the best platform for the information to be accessed. When the decision is made work will be required to build user friendly web pages. Update 13.2.18 CM and JY have agreement that opportunities will be embedded into the Skills for Somerset site by 1/5/18 and coordinated by Ben Eve	Α
Redefine and develop Pathway to Employment (P2E) work to best meet the needs of vulnerable young people including care leavers	Clive Mallon - Service Manager, OD and HR	Achieved	Expansion of the matrix of opportunities for vulnerable young people is underway and local education providers have been challenged to support this work. Further work is required to; Confirm the educational offers Liaise with businesses (small, medium, large, District Councils, SCC Partners) Seek agreement to being included as a supportive employer. Produce written material to describe opportunities and provide advice on accessing them. Achieved – now BAU	В
	Julie Skorupka - Strategic Manager, CLA and CLs, CSC Management, Taunton	31/03/18	Explore possibilities of employing a single point of contact advisor to promote opportunities and initiatives UPDATE 13.2.18 Julie Skorupka to commence	А

Action	Action Owner	Timescales	Progress Update / Plans	RAG
			investigation to meet Ofsted recommendation	
	Vikki Hearn - Service Manager, Commissioning Development, Major Programmes	31/3/18	Detailed plans for Care Leaver Programmes in Skanska, Viridor and 1610 to be finalised 13.2.18 UPDATE – First draft of plans from providers have been reviewed and challenged and now sent back as a challenge – awaiting their response.	А
Bid being made for funds to set up an Education & Business Partnership (EBP) for a Careers One Stop information Shop for employers and education.	Julie Young - Education Outcomes, Children's Commissioning	Achieved	The EBP will launch in Spring 2018 and help to broker information and activity between education providers, businesses and employers Update 13.02.18: The EBP manager has been recruited	G
Hold events to bring together employers and young people following the success of the 5 th July 'Hidden Workforce' seminar event. The events aim to break down the barriers and provide sustainable opportunities for those young people who are most distanced from the workplace.	Julie Young - Education Outcomes, Children's Commissioning Claire Merchant Jones - Transitions, Health	December 2018	Choices for Life will be part of the Somerset Careers Fair at Yeovilton Fleet Air Arm museum 13/11/18. The bespoke area will provide vulnerable young people and their families/carers with information to support their transition into Post 16 education and employment and will provide information on staying safe and healthy	А
and the workplace.	Julie Young - Education Outcomes, Children's Commissioning	Achieved	by West Somerset Opportunity Area to hold second event in 2018 Evaluate the impact of the events on outcomes	G

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	Claire Merchant Jones - Transitions, Health Interface Service		Update 13.2.18 Areas for future improvement have been agreed including getting more parents/carers involved in future events.	
	Julie Young - Education Outcomes, Children's Commissioning	January 2018	Work with Somerset Recruitment Companies (Red Berry Recruitment and One Step Recruitment) to pilot projects that help to break down the barriers to employment and showcase examples of good practice UPDATE 13.2.18 Achieved.	G
	Claire Merchant Jones - Transitions, Health Interface Service	May 2018	Supported Traineeships are now being designed with EDF, Butlins and Willmott Dixon. UPDATE 13.2.18 Piloting to start in Spring	А
	Julie Young - Education Outcomes, Children's Commissioning Claire Merchant Jones	Achieved	Secure funding to run a Manufacturing Talent Academy programme for a group of vulnerable young people which will also help to fund the training of job coaches who will be able to work with care leavers	В
	- Transitions, Health Interface Service		uppate 13.02.18: Job Coaches are trained and being deployed. Manufacturing Talent Academy underway with vulnerable group.	
	Julie Young - Education Outcomes, Children's Commissioning	Achieved	Work with selected employers, including EDF, to develop a sustainable internship model that can help provide opportunities for our young people	В
	Claire Merchant Jones - Transitions, Health Interface Service	May 2018	Update 13.02.18: Supported Traineeships and Internships in final stages of development ready for a Spring 2018 start. Including work with SS&L and Acacia Training.	А

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Develop Transitions Panels and Early Leaver reporting processes for Year 12 and 13.	Julie Young - Education Outcomes, Children's Commissioning	July 2018	Develop notification systems and referral processes to make sure that all Early Leavers are referred to support agencies including Building Better Opportunities and Somerset Skills for Young People to help re-engage and prevent lack of engagement Update 13.02.17: All Children Looked After are now individually tracked and monitored in Year 11 through the Transition Panel process and in the future this will continue into Year 12 and 13 for those in education. Systems are now in place to refer Early Leavers.	В
		July 2018	A new Careerpilot online career programme and student career plan package is to be implemented to all Children Looked After and care leavers through the virtual school. This will provide every young person with a Careers Plan UPDATE 13.2.18 Training to be organised. By Julie Y	А
	Julie Young - Education Outcomes, Children's Commissioning Claire Merchant Jones - Transitions, Health Interface Service	July 2018	Embed the work of the panels in practice, evaluate their effectiveness and further develop as required Update 13.02.18: Transition Panels now extended to Special Schools, the Virtual School and YOT young people. Key staff now in regular attendance.	В
	Vikki Hearn - Service Manager, Commissioning	July 2018	Update 13.02.18: The social value guidance has been sent for comment to	А

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	Development, Major Programmes		the Strategic Commissioning Board who have overseen its development. An example of good practice in the document refers to 'developing opportunities to those with learning difficulties and care leavers to work and gain work experience' To review progress at the next subgroup meeting and identify implementation date	
Review impact of Plus Employability Programme for care leavers	Claire Merchant Jones - Transitions, Health Interface Service	Achieved	Review meeting set for 11/12/17. To report to next subgroup meeting UPDATE 13.02.18:. Review meeting was held 11/12/17 and agreed a way forward to improve engagement. Representatives from Pluss attended a Leaving Care Service Development day on 7/2/18 and are contributing to a 6 week emotional health and wellbeing employability group for care leavers. Further review meeting to be held.	В
	Claire Merchant Jones - Transitions, Health Interface Service	April 2018	Continue to oversee the effectiveness of the Programme for care leavers. Further meeting to be held	А
Ensure new twice yearly Education Training and Employment (ETE) Board is overseeing the tracking of those who are not in ETE and strategic developments to promote ETE for all care leavers	Claire Winter - Deputy Director Children and Families, Social Services Zoe Heywood — Virtual Head teacher	Achieved	Review impact of new arrangements Update: Date arranged for review 12 January 2018 Achieved 13.02.18: Review held 12/1/18. Board meetings now to be held quarterly. Considered to be a useful mechanism for operational monitoring of progress, identifying gaps and blocks and planning to resolve them	В

Action	Action Owner	Timescales	Progress Update / Plans	RAG
Further analysis is required about the geography and placement or accommodation type for children looked after and care leavers over statutory school leaving age, who are able and available for, but not engaged in, education training or employment (ETE)	Tony Johnson - Service Manager – Business Intelligence, Children's Services, Customers & Communities	31 March 18	Tony and Trish to investigate whether it is possible for the data systems to collate more detailed analysis for each meeting. UPDATE 13.02.18: Having investigated what is feasible, analysis of causes of nonengagement will be operationally collated	Δ
	Trish Lyons - Operations Manager Leaving Care		quarterly. Tony will investigate an automatically generated monthly report demonstrating fluctuations throughout the year and comparison of that with previous years	
2 Improve the availability of suitable supported accommodate	ion for care leavers			
Ensure that the quantity and quality of provision commissioned by the Pathway to Independence (P2i), and that managed by the Leaving Care service is regularly monitored and is suitable	Carrie-Anne Hiscock - Senior Commissioner, Children's Commissioning	April 2018	A Young Commissioners project is starting using Year 2 Health and Social Care students to carry out reviews and consultation with P2i and Leaving Care accommodation service users as part of peer reviewing model. Update: 13.02.18 Visits were held week commencing 29/1 and provided useful information. Some more site visits are planned shortly an online survey is available for young people and others to comment. When completed a report will be written for the P2i Board and key findings shared with the subgroup.	A
As part of P2i development and Sufficiency Statement ensure that the range of accommodation available meets the needs of all 16/17 year old Children Looked After (CLA), and Care Leavers	Carrie-Ann Hiscock - Senior Commissioner, Children's Commissioning Vikki Hearn - Service Manager, Commissioning Development, Major Programmes	April 2018	An increasing menu of options is available for care leavers. Work is underway with Adults Social Care and Public Health to consider future commissioning of support and accommodation. UPDATE 13.02.18 – This is being taken to the CPB on the 8th May.	А

Action	Action Owner	Timescales	Progress Update / Plans	RAG
3 Ensure that the specific needs of care leavers who are seeking	ng asylum are taken into	account		
Review the role of the Leaving Care Worker working with the specialist Asylum Seeker team	Julie Skorupka - Strategic Manager, CSC Management, Taunton Rachel Austin - Team Manager, Central CLA Team, Taunton	31 March 18	Update 13.02.18: The Leaving Care Worker transferred to the Asylum Seeker team 22/11/17 and her contract has been extended until June 2018.	G
Eliminate or reduce the barriers to asylum seeking CLA and care leavers (UASC) accessing education, training, employment and volunteering opportunities	Rachel Austin - Team Manager, Central CLA Team, Taunton Claire Merchant Jones - Transitions, Health Interface Service	31 March 18	Work collaboratively with colleges regarding flexibility of course entry on arrival. Consider ways to compensate for restrictions on asylum seekers access to volunteering or work opportunities Update 13.02.18: Taunton and Bridgwater College, with Somerset Skills and Learning are developing a bespoke UASC programme that can be accessed by young people on arrival. This will prepare them to join courses at the next available opportunity. The programme is expected to start in January 2018	A
	Rachel Austin - Team Manager, Central CLA Team, Taunton	31 March 18	Work is underway to link asylum seeking care leavers into the National Citizenship Scheme both as participants and volunteers.	А
Address issues identified regarding suitable placements for asylum seeking children on arrival	Rachel Austin - Team Manager, Central CLA Team, Taunton Julie Skorupka - Strategic Manager, CSC Management, Taunton	6/10/17	Clarification needed on actions being taken by commissioners. Rachel to discuss with Louise Palmer Strategic Commissioning Manager Update 13.02.18: Julie has now had agreement that the Placement team will source relevant accommodation	G

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Increase the quality of delivery and appropriateness of accommodation for young people seeking asylum that are in and leaving care.	Carrie-Ann Hiscock - Senior Commissioner, Children's Commissioning Rachel Austin - Team Manager, Central CLA Team, Taunton Julie Skorupka -	September 2018	Consider the accommodation needs of asylum seekers as part of the sufficiency review. Update 13.02.18: The Commissioning Service is developing a Provider Framework to address this issue.	А
	Strategic Manager, CLA and CLs, CSC Management, Taunton			
4 Ensure compliance with new legislation regarding the publi	cation of the Local Offer	for care leavers		
Develop the Leaving Care Local offer in line with statutory requirements of the Children and Social Work Act 2017 and Department of Education (DfE) Guidance	Julie Skorupka - Strategic Manager, CLA and CLs, CSC Management, Taunton		Detailed DfE Statutory Guidance is awaited. If available, to be reviewed at the next subgroup meeting Update 13.02.18: Date for release of detailed guidance still awaited but likely to be April 2018.	А
	Trish Lyons - Operations Manager Leaving Care	Advice regarding implementation date awaited.	When Guidance is received, consideration of the degree of involvement of Board members in the development of the Offer Update 13.02.18: Local Authorities will need to produce their Local Offer within 6 months from the date of receipt of the Guidance. Mark Riddell OBE, the government appointed National Implementation Officer, is visiting Somerset on 10th and 11th April. He will meet with care leavers, the Chief Executive Officer, the Leader of the Council, the Director of Childrens' services, staff and managers. He will write a report making recommendations following his visit and	Α

Action	Action Owner	Timescales	Progress Update / Plans	RAG
			this will be shared with the subgroup and	
			Board.	

Appendix B (iii) Voice of the Child (VOC) - Task group work plans

Action	Action Owner	Timescales	Progress Update / Plans	RAG	
1) Develop Participation Strategy					
Progress action plan for Participation Strategy	Fiona Phur - Business Partnership Manager	June 2018	Participation toolkit has been launched – January 25 th . Received positive promotion in the local press and on Our Somerset. Participation Toolkit	В	
2) Increase participation of children	looked after and care leave	rs			
Increase opportunities for Children Looked After to participate via use of the MOMO app	Julie Skorupka Strategic Manager, Children Looked After & Leaving Care Services	May 2018	JS to create MOMO Champions Terms of reference and brief guidance to ensure that all Champions are clear what is expected of them.	А	
	Paul Shallcross Strategic Manager Quality Assurance, Safeguarding and Care	March 2018	CSC Induction process to be updated to include reference to MOMO (PS) – to be incorporated into a review of the CSC induction process which will be completed by April 2018	А	
	Fiona Phur - Business Partnership Manager	March 2018	SEND Priority 4 group has investigated implementing MoMo Express, an additional part of the app which may be helpful in working with disabled children. It was not felt to be helpful or fit for purpose so will not be pursued.	G	
	Paul Shallcross Strategic Manager Quality Assurance, Safeguarding and Care	March 2018	Discussions to take place to investigate the feasibility of integrating MOMO into Foster care training. Action complete – Helen Rolls (Staff Development Officer, Learning and Improvement) has agreed to pursue this and will liaise with the MoMo steering group to ensure she has the required information.	G	

	Julie Skorupka - Strategic Manager, Children Looked After & Leaving Care Services	March 2018	Cassie Jones (Virtual School) to be invited to the MoMo implementation group to discussed how the Virtual School can promote the service in schools.	A
	Caroline Mellor Business Support Supervisor	March 2018	Baseline figure for MoMo use to be established for 2017/18 to enable clear monitoring of implementation and take up for 2018/19	А
Further develop the representation of the VOC in Child Protection Conferences	Liz Pearson - Service Manager ISRO, Safeguarding Care & QA	March 2018	Child Protection Conferences – it has been agreed that the offer of an advocate for Child Protection Conferences will be on an opt out basis rather than an opt in.	G
	Liz Pearson - Service Manager ISRO, Safeguarding Care & QA Penny Quigley Community member SSCB & Advocate Louise Wallace Route One Advocacy	April 2018	Work is needed to baseline the current participation data, and to break down children by age range to ensure that we are able to monitor improvement clearly. Evaluation of a pilot scheme in South Somerset, where ISROs offered/promoted advocacy, rather than social workers, is needed to assess whether this was useful, and whether it should be rolled out across the county. Small task and finish group to meet to look at this piece of work — Penny Quigley, Liz Pearson, Louise Wallace, Tom Whitworth	A
Increase the participation of young people in the recruitment of professional staff	Lesley Corrin - Participation Officer, Voice of the Child	April 2018	Recruitment – more young people are now involved in recruiting staff but further work is needed about how this can meet the needs of the service and the young people – LC to produce terms of reference re. use of young people in interviews	А

	Fiona Phur - Business Partnership Manager Lesley Corrin - Participation Officer, Voice of the Child	July 2018	SiCC and SLCC to be asked to consider 3 areas that they would like to be covered in interview questions for the ASYE social worker assessment centres.	А
	Lesley Corrin - Participation Officer, Voice of the Child	May 2018	LC to develop interview training as ASYE frequency may be monthly and a wider pool of panel members is likely to be needed.	А
Examine how we can improve individual participation i.e. reviews	Julie Skorupka - Strategic Manager, Children Looked After & Leaving Care Services Jason Pincott Operations Manager Children Looked After	May 2018	Task & Finish group to be created to look at how young people can and do participate in CLA reviews, to include Jason Pincott, Lesley Corrin, a CLA team manager, CLA social worker, IRO and VOC elected members (Jason Pincott to lead). Group to review existing processes and propose amendments	A
	Sue White – Senior Independent Reviewing Officer Julia McFaul – Senior Independent Reviewing Officer	May 2018	Independent Reviewing Officers have agreed to review how minutes of Children Looked After reviews are recorded – to make them more chid focused and meaningful to the subject of the review.	А
	Lesley Corrin - Participation Officer, Voice of the Child Fiona Phur - Business Partnership Manager	March 2018	SiCC and SLCC are refreshing their Terms of reference in Jan 18 to include a monthly briefing to VOC champions including CPB	А
	Lesley Corrin - Participation Officer, Voice of the Child	Complete	SiCC & SLCC representation at Corporate Parent Board meetings includes a regular agenda item at each meeting.	В

3) Pledge and charter compliance				
Review The Pledge to ensure that it reflects the priorities of Children Looked After, Care Leavers and Corporate Parenting Board	Lesley Corrin - Participation Officer, Voice of the Child Fiona Phur - Business Partnership Manager Julie Skorupka - Strategic Manager, Children Looked After & Leaving Care Services	December 2018	SiCC and SLCC have started work to refresh the Pledge though 'Hopes and Fears' activities with CPB and their monthly meetings. This work is ongoing and will form a key part of their program for 2018/19	Α
4) Understanding the corporate parentin	g role			
Roll out getting to know you events across all areas	Julie Skorupka - Strategic Manager, Children Looked After & Leaving Care Services Jason Pincott Operations Manager Children Looked After	March 2018	Getting to know you sessions will become part of the 'business as usual' process within the CLA service. 2018 dates to be provided for March CPB: South Somerset 31/05/18 Mendip 06/04/18 Sedgemoor - TBC Taunton and West Somerset - TBC Discussions to take place with CLA managers to consider how we can replicate the successful Christmas Party for CLA, which took place in one of the areas last month.	Α

Corporate Parenting Training	Fiona Phur - Business Partnership Manager	September 2018	43 out of 55 (78%) county councillors were trained in Nov 17 Corporate Parenting 'mini' training package to be devised (potentially online via The Learning Centre) for those councillors who did not attend direct training Work to continue with District Councils to achieve a commitment to zero council tax payments for care leavers across all districts	Α
5) Increase the influence of the in ca	re and leaving care councils			
Ensure that the wishes and aspirations of children and young people are understood and implemented by CSC ('you said, we did')	Fiona Phur - Business Partnership Manager Lesley Corrin - Participation Officer, Voice of the Child	March 2018	Review progress on SiCC and SLCC priorities from 2017/18 and agree additional/amended priorities for 2018/19. It is proposed that three priorities be set to be work on at any one time, with realistic deadlines, to be reviewed and monitored via the VOC sub group and the CPB. March 2018 - SiCC and SLCC will be asked to review whether young people believe the chosen priorities from last year have been progressed. Their views will be reported back through the monthly briefing.	Α
Develop the Leaving Care Council (SLCC)	Fiona Phur - Business Partnership Manager Lesley Corrin - Participation Officer, Voice of the Child Paul Shallcross Strategic Manager Quality Assurance, Safeguarding and Care SiCC & SLCC	September 2018	It has been agreed that SLCC group will be part of the co- production of the new Local Offer for care leavers. Mark Rydell will be visiting Somerset in April to meet key stakeholders to support implementation pf the local offer. LC participation worker Lewis Diffy to be invited to support LC with progressing this work. LD to be asked to join the VOC group to provide representation for care leavers	A

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6) Review Living Away from Home Pa	nck		
Review living away from home pack and how it is distributed	Fiona Phur - Business Partnership Manager Lesley Corrin - Participation Officer, Voice of the Child	Pack now available to download from SiCC & SLCC website; has been updated to be electronic, but need to review and create an exemplar pack for reference.	
	Julie Skorupka - Strategic Manager, Children Looked After & Leaving Care Services	Request to be made to CLA service for a full paper living away form home pack to be provided to SiCC and SLCC for review - JS and JP to arrange for a review and to present to	A
	Jason Pincott Operations Manager Children Looked After	SiCC and SLCC.	

Appendix B (iv) Education - Task group work plans

Action	Action Owner	Timescales	Progress update / Plans	RAG
Ensure CLA have the best opportunities to fulfil potential, have high	aspirations, appropriate s	upport		
Identify all CLA within the Virtual School and their current year groups and SEN status. Record all attainment of CLA which can be accessed easily.	Zoe Heywood - Virtual School head, SCC Tony Johnson - Children's Business Information Manager, SCC Alice Rees - Applications Team Leader(core data team)	October 2017	Feb 2018 –Virtual School set up on Capita. Register held in relation to all Child Looked After (CLA) on Virtual School (VS) roll. CLA Year 11 Transition Panel information held on Post 16 Transition VLR and updated after every panel meeting. Register for Yr12/13 CLA also now held by Virtual School. Achieved – will be removed	В
Raise the profile of the Virtual School so that better understanding and communications between schools, CSC and carers is established to ensure joined up approach to CLA and education	Zoe Heywood - Virtual School head, SCC Jo Manning - Children's Service Manager, SCC Jason Pincott - Operations Manager, Children Looked After, SCC Julie Skorupka - Strategic Manager, CSC, SCC	August 2018	Feb 2018 –Designated Teachers Network Meetings have continued to be very well attended. Positive feedback from foster carers and professionals attending training sessions. Virtual school staff now attends Transition Panel meetings to help improve communication links with schools and PRUs. Will be rolled over to next year.	Α
VS involvement in decision making process around placements and school moves (Maintaining stability of home and school placements)	Zoe Heywood - Virtual School head, SCC Jason Pincott - Operations Manager, Children Looked After, SCC Julie Skorupka - Strategic Manager, CSC, SCC Becky Hopkins - Strategic manager, Fostering and Adoption, SCC	August 2018	Feb 2018 – Virtual School Head attending weekly placements team meetings with Deputy Director to ensure joined up approach and education implications are considered. Will be rolled over to next year	A

Action	Action Owner	Timescales	Progress update / Plans	RAG
Good quality PEPs ensuring that progress is specifically measured and that appropriate SMART targets are set for all CLA to enable them to achieve their full potential.	Zoe Heywood - Virtual School head, SCC	Termly until end of the year	Feb 2018 – most recent QA undertaken identified 52% of QA'd PEPs were good/outstanding. Ongoing work with schools to improve quality. Will be rolled over	А
Management oversight and monitoring of those CLA on reduced timetables, those excluded from school, those with poor attendance and those placed in schools not good/outstanding	Zoe Heywood - Virtual School head, SCC Jane Seaman - Service Manager - Admissions, SCC Jason Pincott - Operations Manager, Children Looked After, SCC Julie Skorupka - Strategic Manager, CSC, SCC	Monthly throughout academic year	Feb 2018 – robust process in place for monitoring part time provision and RI/I schools as commented by Ofsted Attendance continues to be of concern. To be rolled over to next year.	G
Raise aspirations of CLA and ensure appropriate choices are made Post 16	Zoe Heywood - Virtual School head, SCC Julie Young — Education Outcomes, Children's Commissioning, SCC	July 2018	Feb 2018 – Transition panels allow VS staff to make contact with support agencies including #Focus Five and National Citizen Service – who can provide free additional bespoke support. Feb 2018 – Current Yr9 CLA targeted for Talent Academy programmes across Somerset and school 14-16 vocational programmes from September 2018. Looking at member of VS staff to undertake careers qualification. VS representation at County IAG Advisors meetings – in order to get the latest CEIAG updates and news of opportunities. To be rolled over	G
Completion of PEPs to a high standard and on time. 100% of CLA to have a current PEP.	Zoe Heywood - Virtual School head, SCC	Throughout academic	Feb 2018- 98% of CLA had PEP in Autumn term.	А

Action	Action Owner	Timescales	Progress update / Plans	RAG
	Jason Pincott - Operations Manager, Children Looked After, SCC	year – August 2018	VS working with CLA managers to ensure joint responsibility are being taken for completion of PEPs.	А
	Zoe Heywood - Virtual School head, SCC			
	Jo Manning - Children's Service Manager, SCC			
Develop a better understanding of educational issues affecting CLA with S/W, schools, governors and Foster Carers	Dee Henderson - Specialist senior educational psychologist for CLA, Support Services for Education. Ann Adams - Governor support services manager, Support Services for Education.	June 2018	Feb 2018 - Good responses from foster carers and schools in relation to training events. Still work to be done with CSC staff. To be rolled over	Α
	Jason Pincott - Operations Manager, Children Looked After, SCC			
Pupil Premium to be used effectively to ensure better educational outcomes for CLA	Zoe Heywood - Virtual School head, SCC	Throughout academic year – August 2018	Feb 2018 – monitoring of PP spend through PEPs. Majority of professionals now aware of new PP process and allocation. Continues to be on a needs led basis. To be rolled over to next year	А
Working with Schools and Governing Bodies in Somerset to recognise Corporate responsibilities and are ambitious for our CLA	Ann Adams - Governor support services manager, Education. Neal Chislett - Strategic	Throughout year – August 2018	Feb2018 – regular information in governors' newsletter. Attendance from Governors at VS events/training. Good relationships with	G
	manager, Educational Effectiveness, SCC	_	governance manager	
	Zoe Heywood - Virtual School head, SCC	August 2018		А

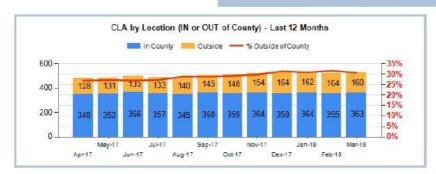
Action	Action Owner	Timescales	Progress update / Plans	RAG
Monitor and celebrate educational attainment and vocational training	Lesley Corrin - Participation Officer - Voice of the Child, SCC Julie Skorupka - Strategic Manager, CSC, SCC Tony Johnson - Children's Business Information Manager, SCC		Feb 2018 Virtual School praise cards being sent. End of year achievement celebration being organised for July. End of year report template being developed. To be rolled over.	
Address issues around transition and preparation for employment, ensuring appropriate choices at post 16	Julie Young — Education Outcomes, Children's Commissioning, SCC Trish Lyons - Operations Manager Leaving Care Zoe Heywood - Virtual School head, SCC	February 2018	Feb 2018 – a range of Supported Traineeship and Internship programmes under development to provide a wider range of post 16 options for young people. Employers including EDF, Butlin's and Willmott Dixon committed to developing programmes. First delivery from April 2018. Transition panels now established and embedded. Post 16 PEP developed. To be rolled over	В
Ensure good communication links are in place between services including CLA, SEND, EPS, Fostering, Early years, Post 16 and health	Julia Ridge - Strategic Manager - Early Years & Schools Commissioning Jason Pincott - Operations Manager, Children Looked After, SCC Jo Manning - Children's Service Manager, SCC Julie Young — Education Outcomes, Children's Commissioning, SCC Zoe Heywood - Virtual School head, SCC	March 2017	Feb 2018 – Website updated with information and guidance documents. SEN regular meetings now in place with VSH and EP. Meetings with Early Years SENCOs now taking place. Area Prospectus and Employability & Skills guide on VS website and hard copies available for young people	G

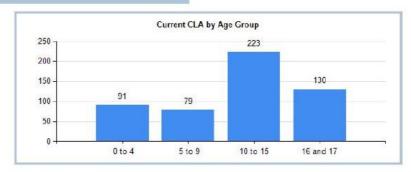
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	Angela Reece — CLA Nurse, Somerset Partnership.			
Expand the Virtual School service to ensure those post 16, those who have been adopted from care, are on SGOs or CAO's are also fully supported in education to achieve their full potential.	Zoe Heywood - Virtual School head, SCC Julie Young — Education Outcomes, Children's Commissioning, SCC Suzanne Lyus - Operations Manager, CSC, SCC	February 2018	Feb 2018 options paper submitted re additional staff September 2017. Advice/guidance on website in relation to support available. VS Head sits on the College Principals meeting group. CLA / VS as standing agenda item. Not achieved -	A
Ensure that UASC students' needs are being met and the right educational opportunities are available.	Zoe Heywood - Virtual School head, SCC Rachel Austin - Team Manager, CSC,SCC	February 2018	Feb 2018 - Somerset skills and learning are helping to create a bespoke Supported Traineeship programme. UASC team manager has met with local college lead. To be rolled over to embed and ensure all options are explored.	G

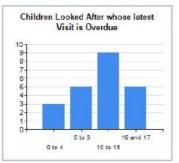
Appendix C – Corporate Parenting Data Dashboards

Corporate Parenting - March 2018

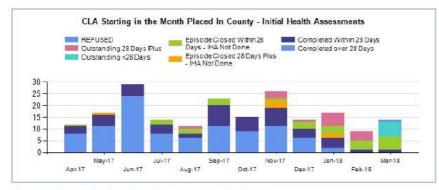


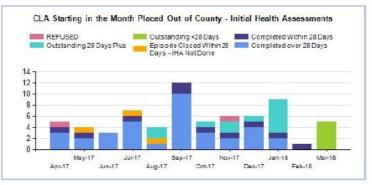


Age Group	CLA Visits Undertaken	CLA Visits Undertaken	% of Visits
	in the past month where	in the past month where	Undertaken or
	Child was Seen	Child was Seen Alone	Time
0 to 4	100.0%	43.6%	89.4%
	(94/94)	(41/94)	(84/94)
5 to 9	100.0%	76.9%	92.3%
	(65/65)	(50/65)	(60/65)
10 to 15	98.9%	82.5%	92.3%
	(181/183)	(151/183)	(169/183)
16 and 17	98.3%	83.5%	88.7%
	(113/115)	(96/115)	(102/115)

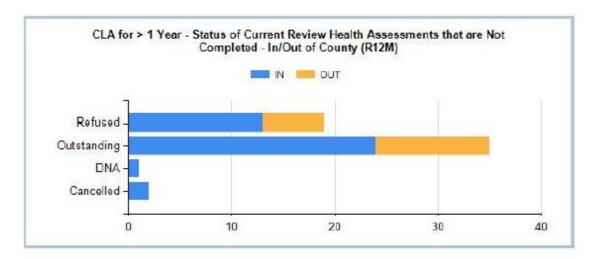


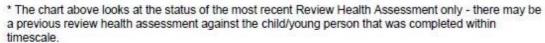


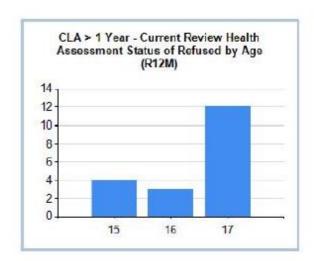




^{*} The threshold of 28 days is relative to the period of care start date







CLA Dashboard - March 2018





Somerset CLA Rate per Rate per 10 10 000 47.7

SN CLA England CLA Rate per 10 000 000 54.5 61.7

South East LA's Rated 'Good' Rate/10 000 Q1 CLA Rate/10 000 2016/17 Average 51.9 55.1

Care Proceedings Open for < 26 Weeks 67.0% (71/106)

% of Children placed for Adoption within 12 months of decision 70.0% (21/30)National Ave 2015: 71%

YTD: 13,4%

— % CLA for 2nd/Subsequent Time

Children becoming Looked After for a 2nd/Subsequent Time

Mey-17 Jul-17 Sep-17 Nov-17 Jan-18 Mer-18 Apr-17 Jun-17 Aug-17 Oct-17 Dec-17 Feb-18

The percentage of children becoming CLA for a second/subsequent time in

CLA for 2nd/Subsequent Time

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2nd/SubsequentTimeCLA

the last 12 months is 13.4% (38/289)

CLA who are UASC 2.3% (12/523)







The % of children living in the same placement for at least 2 years during the last 12 months is 60.7%, (88/163) 2016/16 Target: 70% 8E Benchmarking Q1 2018/17: 61%

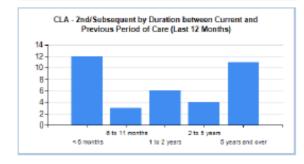
93 children placed for 2 years or more are with Foster Carers

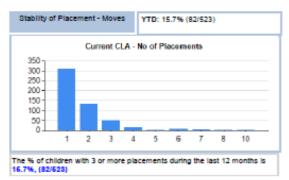


The percentage of CLA Stat Visits completed on time during the last 12 months Is 93.7% (8014/8417)

% Of CLA Seen during the Last 28 72.1% (377/523)

% Of CLA Seen Alone during the Last 28 Days 57.4% (300/523)

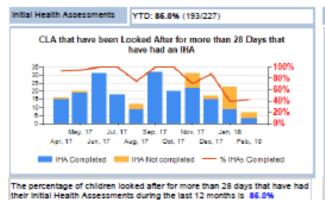




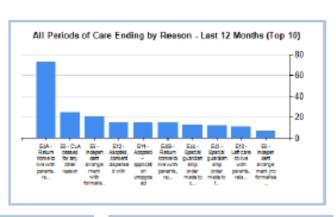




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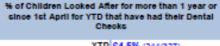






% of Children Looked After for More than 1 year or since 1st April for YTD that have had their Review Health Assessments

YTD 84.1% (275/327)
Last 12 months 84.1% (275/327)



SE Benchmarking Q1 2018/17: 13%

YTD 64.5% (211/327)

Last 12 months 64.5% (211/327)

% of Children Aged 4 plus that have been Looked After for more than 1 year or since 1st April for YTD that have had a 8DQ recorded

YTD	82.6% (256/310)
Last 12 months	82.6% (256/310)

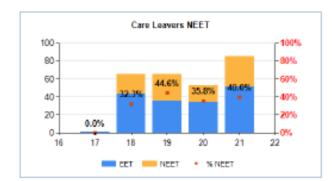
% of Children Aged 4 plus that have been Looked After for more than 1 year or since 1st April for YTD that have had a SDQ recorded with concern >=17

YTD	45.7% (117/256)
Last 12 months	45.7% (117/256)

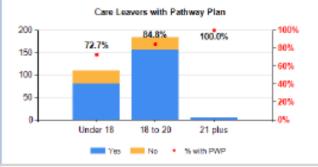
Care Leavers

Care Leavers In touch (Al Ages) Care Leavers NEET (All Ages) Care Leavers Suitable Accommodated (All Ages) Current: 98.5% 38.3% 93.7% (265/269) (103/288) (262/288)	









The overall % of Care Leavers with current Pathway Plans currently stands at 80.6% (240/298)

Glossary of Terms

JIOSSALY OI	i ei iiis
вво	Building Better Opportunities
CAMHS	Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services
CCG	Clinical Commissioning Group
CIN	Children in Need
CL	Care leavers
CLA	Children Looked After
csc	Children's Social Care
CV	Curriculum Vitae
CYPP	Children and Young People's Plan
DCS	Director of Children Services
DfE	Department for Education
DT	Designated Teachers
IRO	Independent Reporting officer
МоМо	Mind of My Own
NEET	Not in Education, Employment or Training
NHS	National Health Service
P2i	Pathway to Independence
PEP	Personal Education Plan
RAG rated	Red, Amber, Green, Blue (Business As Usual - BAU) rated
SCC	Somerset County Council
SCPB / CPB	Somerset Corporate Parenting Board
SCT	Somerset Children's Trust
SDQs	Strength and Difficulties Questionnaire
SEND	Special Educational Needs /Disability
SiCC	Somerset in Care Council
SLCC	Somerset Leaving Care Council
Sompar	Somerset Partnership
SW	Social Worker
TOR	Terms of Reference
UASC	Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children
vs	Virtual School
VSH	Virtual School Head

