

Corporate Parenting Board Meeting

Thursday, 19 July 2018

Dear Councillor

CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD - THURSDAY, 19TH JULY, 2018

I am now able to enclose, for consideration at next Thursday, 19th July, 2018 meeting of the Corporate Parenting Board, the following reports that were unavailable when the agenda was printed.

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[Alison Hinds, Head of Looked after Children to present report] [to follow]

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[Emma Bennett, Director for Children's Services to present report] [to follow]

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Report title	Local Offer for Care Leavers	
Cabinet member with lead responsibility	Councillor Paul Sweet Children and Young People	
Wards affected	All wards	
Accountable director	Emma Bennett, Children and Young People	
Originating service	Looked After Children	
Accountable employee(s)	Alison Hinds Tel Email	Head of Looked after Children 01902 553035 Alison.hinds@wolverhampton.gov.uk
Report to be/has been considered by		

Recommendations for noting:

The Corporate Parenting Board is asked to note the contents of the Local Offer for Care Leavers

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide detail of the City of Wolverhampton's Local Offer for Care Leavers to Corporate Parenting Board.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 Following the 'Children's Social Care Reform – A Vision for Change' document published in January 2016, the government produced the Children and Social Work Bill which subsequently received Royal Assent on 27 April 2017. Implicit in the Children and Social Work Act 2017 is the requirement to improve support for looked after children in England and Wales especially for those leaving care.
- 2.2 The Act introduces seven corporate parenting principles to which local authorities must have regard. These are:

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

- 2.3 By September 2018, local authorities in England are required to publish a Local Offer for care leavers, providing information about services which the local authority offers that may assist care leavers in, or in preparing for, adulthood and independent living. This includes services relating to health and well-being, relationships, education and training, employment, accommodation and participation in society.

3.0 Progress, options, discussion, etc.

- 3.1 The City of Wolverhampton Children and Young People's Service has worked closely with internal and external partners, and with care leavers to co-produce the Local Offer for Care Leavers. The Local Offer not only details the statutory requirements of support to care leavers, but also includes details of additional support and services that are available within the City of Wolverhampton for care leavers who have been previously looked after by the City of Wolverhampton.

- 3.2 The Local Offer will be published in September 2018 and the content made available in different forms.
- 3.3 It will be communicated to care leavers, and professionals working with care leavers, across the City. The Local Offer will be officially launched in national Care Leavers' Week in October 2018.
- 3.4 The City of Wolverhampton is continuing to work with partner organisations on enhancements to the Local Offer. It is anticipated that additional offers are likely to include:
- Free access to public transport to care leavers across the West Midlands
 - Smoother transition support from Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services to adult mental health services
 - Discounted rent for working Care Leavers
 - 6 months' rent on account for care leavers in Wolverhampton Homes properties
 - Facility to regain priority banding to apply for Wolverhampton Homes properties when returning to Wolverhampton from University in another part of the country.
 - No sanctions for care leavers claiming benefits by the Department of Work and Pensions
 - Access to City of Wolverhampton graduate programme for care leavers leaving university
 - Senior Officer Mentoring Scheme in the City of Wolverhampton
 - Grandmentor Project
 - Protected Savings for care leavers
 - Alumni for Care Leavers
 - Discounted optical care for working care leavers
 - Access to free beauty treatments for care leavers
- 3.5 The Local Offer will be reviewed on an annual basis. Any additional confirmed service or support available will be added to the Local Offer.

4.0 Financial implications

- 4.1 The statutory elements of the Local Offer for Care Leavers are contained within existing budgets in the Transitions Team under the Looked after Children's Service.
- 4.2 The other discretionary elements of the Local Offer for Care Leavers have been negotiated with other partners as in-kind contributions to the offer.
- 4.3 There are no other direct costs associated with the Local Offer for Care Leavers.
- [NM/10072018/U]

5.0 Legal implications

- 5.1 Section 2 of the Children and Social Work Act 2017 requires each local authority to consult on and publish a local offer for its care leavers.

It must also publish information on any other services the local authority offers that may assist care leavers in preparing for adulthood and independent living. This includes services relating to health and well-being, relationships, education and training, employment, accommodation and participation in society.

[TC/11072018/B]

6.0 Equalities implications

- 6.1 An equalities analysis has been completed. This has raised no concerns relating to equalities. The Local Offer supports the ambition to improve opportunities and reduce disadvantage that care leavers face within society.

7.0 Environmental implications

- 7.1 There are no environmental implications.

8.0 Human resources implications

- 8.1 There are no human resources implications.

9.0 Corporate Landlord implications

- 9.1 There are no Corporate Landlord implications.

10.0 Schedule of background papers

- 10.1 There are no background papers.

11.0 Appendices

- 11.1 Appendix 1: The City of Wolverhampton Local Offer for Care Leavers

City of Wolverhampton

Local Offer to Care


Leavers up to 25

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What is the Local Offer to Care Leavers?

The City of Wolverhampton Council

Welcome to the Local Offer for Care Leavers. Here you will find information about the support that is available to young people who have been in the care of the City and are now aged 16-25. We have outlined what you are entitled to by law and additional support we have been able to secure as discretionary with the help of partner organisations this is labelled with . In April 2017 the Children and Social Work Act became law and the provision for care leavers has been extended to include young people aged 22-25 who are not in education. If you are a care leaver you can use this document to find out what support, you are able to access. This Local Offer has been created with input from care leavers and a variety of professionals who support care leavers in Wolverhampton.

What you can expect from your Corporate Parents?

Being a corporate parent means the council and its partners, do everything it can for the children and young people in or leaving the council's care to give them all the opportunities that other children and young people get. We are ambitious for the children in our care and care leavers, we want to encourage you to dream big.

The City of Wolverhampton's Pledge to care leavers is

- *To respect and honour your identity*
- *To listen to you*
- *To always believe in you*
- *To keep you informed*
- *To support and guide you*
- *To find you a safe home*
- *To be your champion*
- *To be realistic and honest*

What does the Wolverhampton Leaving Care Team do?

Following changes introduced through the Children & Social Work Act 2017, you will be able to ask for support from your Young Person Adviser up to the age of 25, whether you are in education or training or not.

Your Young Person Adviser is there to help you to prepare to live independently and to offer advice and support after you leave care. Your Young Person Adviser should talk to you about what support you need and record this information in your pathway plan.

Your pathway plan is written with you, and the important people in your life. It sets out your needs, views and future goals, and identifies exactly what support you will receive. We will review your pathway plan with you regularly so that it is kept up-to-date.

We will try to enable you to keep the same Young Person Adviser, though this will not always be possible. The amount of support that you receive from your Young Person Adviser will depend on what you want and your circumstances.

Your leaving care team will consider with you what extra support you may need.

The City of Wolverhampton Council alone cannot meet the needs of care leavers and has worked effectively with partners to implement this offer to care leavers

What is the role of a Young Person Adviser?








Once you turn 18, in most circumstances your Young Person Advisor (YPA) will become your primary worker and continue working with you up until the age of 25 if requested. A Young Person Advisor (YPA) will be allocated to you just prior to your 16th birthday. Your Young Person Advisor (YPA) will provide you with advice, information and guidance to support you to make informed choices for yourself.






What is the role of a social worker?

You may still have a social worker up to 25. This could be because you are vulnerable and need additional support in keeping you safe, you could have a disability, or you could have an illness which means you need this extra help.

Health & Wellbeing






We want you to have the right support to have a happy and healthy life to help you achieve this:

- You will receive a Looked after Children's Health Passport and a leaving care health summary. Access to information, advice and guidance and support for specific health needs will be done by the Looked After Children's nurse.
-  You can receive free membership to The Way Youth Zone, if you are 19 or under. This will enable you to have access to all services offered at The Way. A drop in for care leavers up to age 19 is held every Friday from 12-4pm offering you opportunities to seek support and advice.
- Your YPA can access information and advice from the LAC Health Nurse around your health needs.
-  You can find out about essential health services via the LAC webpage www.wolverhamptonlac.co.uk
- You can get support from adult services where this is required.
-  You can attend a quarterly sexual health workshop.
- You can get help to make good and safe sexual health from Embrace which includes free access to the Contraceptive 'C' Card scheme and 'home testing' sexual health screening kit.
-  You can attend the care leavers' allotment, Plot to Plate scheme which encourages you to have a healthy diet and lifestyle and gives you chance to grow and cook your own produce.
-  You can attend the Indi group, an independence programme where you can meet other care leavers and staff. This is held at The Way Youth Zone every Friday from 4.30- 7.30 pm.
-  If you live in a Looked After Children's Transition flat you will be offered the opportunity to achieve an Asdan accreditation in Living Independently to help you develop your skills as you move into adulthood.
-  If you are a young parent, you can attend a group that runs at The Way Youth Zone, which will support, guide and encourage you to learn good parenting skills.

-  You can have free membership to all WV Active gyms within Wolverhampton and you can take a guest with you. Here you will also be able to get free one to one swimming lessons, and free life guard training is also available.
-  You can have a free haircut on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at WoW hair salon Cannock road Salon Wolverhampton
-  You can have counselling support through support from the Children's Society and Barnardos.
-  You can receive online counselling from Kooth up to the age of 19.
-  You can get support to improve your mental health from Healthy Minds.
- You can receive support with substance misuse, you can get this from Wolverhampton Recover Near You.

RELATIONSHIPS






We want you to have good, positive and secure relationships, to help you with this:









-  You can drop in at the Beldray building for information, advice and guidance from a duty worker Monday to Friday 9am 4.30pm.
- You will be able to get help and support in maintaining, or regaining, contact with your family if safe for you to do so.
- You will receive a young person's advisor (YPA) up until the age of 25.
-  You can have support from the education employment and training coordinator.
-  You will receive a birthday card from the Director of Children's Services on your 18 and 21 birthdays. You will receive £25 on your birthdays between 18 and 21.
-  You can receive support from a mentor for looked after children and care leavers.
-  *You will have access to the Grandmentors Scheme supported by Volunteering Matters


-  You can receive support from a mentor at Head Start.
<http://www.headstartonline.co.uk/ambassadorsapplication/>
-  You can receive support from a mentor at The Way Youth Zone.
<https://www.thewayyouthzone.org/mentoring>
-  You can receive support from a mentor The Combined Authority Mayor's Mentors. <http://www.wmca.org.uk/mayorsmentors>
-  You can get peer to peer support at the Indi Group.

EDUCATION, TRAINING & EMPLOYMENT

We want to support you to have high aspirations for yourself and enable you to reach your full potential, to achieve this:









- You can get information, support and guidance in applying for a place in Higher Education, you can receive support when you are there, and advice when you are ready to leave.
- If you attend university, you will be entitled to a bursary to support you financially.
-  You can get support on post-graduation career planning.
-  We will offer you financial assistance whilst at university, which includes support with travel and academic books.
-  You can get support from The Education Employment and Training Coordinator offering information advice and guidance on accessing education training and employment which includes help with career planning and support with accessing funding.
-  You can attend a weekly drop in session the Youth Zone every Friday afternoon and individual appointments are also available for career advice and support.
-  You can get support to ensure you have appropriate clothing for interviews.
- You will have a post 16 Personal Education Plans (PEP) when you are still looked after and in education, employment and training.




-  You can receive a post 16 PEP as a care leaver to help support you with your employment, education or training just ask your YPA.
-  We can provide you with help and support in accessing work experience.
- You can get support from Connexions, who provide careers advice and support to young people aged 13-19, and up to age 25 if you have an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP).
- If you're not in Education Employed or in Training you can get additional support to help you. This can include support from Impact, who will help you to access support to get into education, training and employment.
-  When ready for work you can get support from a work coach from Wolves@Work.
-  You can find out about opportunities on getting into work through the website WorkBox <http://www.wolvesworkbox.com/> here you will find The City of Wolverhampton Council multiple apprenticeship opportunities available to you up to the age of 20. As a care leaver you will be guaranteed an interview for any apprenticeship you apply for.
-  You can access support with interview techniques through the EET coordinator and you can participate in a mock interview that will be bespoke to the position you are applying for.
-  Wolverhampton Homes offer 5 apprenticeships opportunities per year to care leavers.
-  The Children and Young People's Service, offer 3 work opportunities per year to care leavers.
- You will receive a £1000 bursary when undertaking an apprenticeship.
- You can get financial support with travel, clothes and equipment when starting work.
-  You can access free dry-cleaning services through Timpson's to prepare for interviews

-  You can access a 50% discount on transport off most Network West Midlands travel passes and National Express Passes for up to three months when you start a new job.
- You can access a 16-18 photocard which entitles all 16-18-year olds to buy child rate tickets for travel on the bus, train and tram. The 16-18 photocard is available full-time education, apprentices, trainees and those in employment.

ACCOMMODATION

We want you to feel safe and secure where you live to help you achieve this:












- You can have access to range of supported accommodation: hostels, foyers, supported lodgings and social housing.
-  You can get support from your local community safety team at the neighbourhood police who can give you information on support available in your local area.
-  You can access the Looked After Children (LAC) Training flat to help you trial living independently.
-  You can access a LAC Transitions flat when you are 16-18-year old if this is right for you. You will receive support from a housing support worker to support you between 10 – 30 hours per week.
-  You can access the crash pad in an absolute emergency.
-  We will work with Wolverhampton Homes to ensure that you will not be made intentionally homeless when you are living in a Wolverhampton Homes property.
-  We will work in partnership with Wolverhampton Homes to support you in securing a tenancy when you turn 18.
-  If you are a Wolverhampton Homes care leaver tenant, you will receive rent subsidy on account, to help protect your rent payments.
-  If you are a Wolverhampton Homes care leaver tenant, you can get support in receiving essential setting up home items.






-  If you are a care leaver who lives in Wolverhampton you are fully exempt from Council Tax up to the age of 25.
- You will receive up to £2000 Setting up Home Grant.
-  You will be offered priority Band 1 allocations with Wolverhampton Homes.
- You will have the opportunity to stay put in with your foster carer until you are 21.
-  If you are leaving custody you will have a visit from the Senior Housing Support Worker to ensure you have a suitable accommodation on release.

PARTICIPATION IN SOCIETY

We want you to feel part of your community and to help you with this:


-  You will have the opportunity to be nominated for an I Award, this is an annual award ceremony that celebrates the achievements of looked after children and care leavers.
-  You will have the opportunity to be nominated for local and national awards
-  You will have the opportunity to be nominated for Care Leaver of the month
-  You can have access to a webpage information on opportunities to join groups and clubs. www.wolverhamptonlac.co.uk.
- You will have the opportunity to access advice and guidance on challenging any discrimination you may face as a care leaver.
- You will have access to advice and guidance to secure British Citizenship before the age of 18 if you are required to apply.
-  You will have the opportunity to come together with other young people and staff to build relationships, for example at our annual Easter half away day with looked after children and Transition staff, our annual Christmas Party, our annual Summer BBQ and our annual Christmas Meal.



-  You will have the opportunity to take part in the National Take Over Challenge.
-  You will have the opportunity to take part in a full week's activities to celebrate Care Leavers Week.
-  You can access to face book webpage / Twitter link / Instagram link / LAC website to ensure awareness of events and significant changes in service delivery.
-  You can access the Swap shop for household items through Facebook
-  You can access clothing through the clothing bank at Beldray
-  You can access MOMO app that helps young people say what they want, when they want.
-  You will be asked to take part in or annual care leaver survey to ensure you can feedback your thoughts on the services provided to you.
- You will be asked to take part in an exit interviews will be offered when you no longer require the services of the Transitions Team.
-  You can get support to help you to enrol on the electoral register to enable you to vote.
-  You will have the opportunity to participate in supporting the Election processes provided by the council.
-  You will have the opportunity to join a monthly Care Leavers Forum, 'Care Leavers Independent Collective' supporting young people to have their say about the services they receive or require
-  You will have the opportunity to sit on the Corporate Parenting Board representing care leavers.

-  You will have the opportunity to attend the National Care Leaver Bench marking forum events.
-  You will have the opportunity to be trained in Total Respect (training for professionals by care experienced young people) and facilitate this training for professionals.
-  You will have the opportunity to contribute to the selection process for internal and external job roles.
-  You will have the opportunity to develop the National Covenant for Care Leavers as part of the Wolverhampton's role as a pilot local authority.
-  You will have the opportunity to attend National citizenship service at no cost for care leavers 16-17.
- You could be entitled to an English National Concessionary Pass which gives you those who are registered disabled, free travel by bus anywhere in England during 'off-peak' from Monday to Friday.

FINANCE

We want to support you in making sound financial decisions that are right for you now and for the future, to help you with this:

- You will have access to a Personal Allowance when you are aged 16-17, not living in foster or residential care and are unable to access public funds This will continue when you are 18 if you have no recourse to public funds.
- You are entitled to £10 per week pocket money if you are in custody or hospital establishment aged 16-17.
- You may be able to receive Emergency Crisis Payments.
- You will receive rent allowance if you are aged 16-17 for the full cost of your rent or placement costs.
- You will receive Religious Festival Allowance when you are under the age of 18 if you are not living in foster or residential care – this is up to £50 per year. This payment is to be given during the festival period chosen by you such as Ramadan, Hanukkah or Christmas.
-  You will be supported to have good financial management skills and helped to avoid debt.

- When you are 18 you can get support and information on how to access your Children's Trust Fund, your Junior ISA and any savings you may have.
-  You will be offered opportunities to engage in courses on budgeting skills which could lead to an ASDAN award.
- We will support you to ensure you are receiving your benefit entitlement and offer support if there is delay in accessing this.
- You will be able to access an education travel allowance.
- You can get support to access Universal Credit including Housing Benefit.
- You can get up to £2000 Setting up Home Grant.
- You will be able to receive support for education items when required if you are in Further or Higher Education. This can be up to £120 per year for books, materials, equipment.
- You will receive support to access important documents before your 18th Birthday such as your passport, provisional driving license and birth certificate.
-  You will have the opportunity to make a claim to the Department for Work and Pensions prior to your 18th birthday to ensure you receive benefit entitlement in a timely manner.
- You will be supported to open a bank account.

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Report title	Performance Monitoring Information	
Cabinet member with lead responsibility	Councillor Paul Sweet Children and Young People	
Wards affected	All wards	
Accountable director	Emma Bennett, Children and Young People	
Originating service	Communications, Insight and Performance Team	
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Report to be/has been considered by	Corporate Parenting Board 19 July 2017	

Recommendation for action or decision:

The Corporate Parenting Board is recommended to:

1. Confirm receipt of the report and request any additional indicators or data items that they would like to see reported in future performance updates.

Recommendations for noting:

The Corporate Parenting Board is asked to note:

1. The most recent performance relating to Looked After Children and Care Leavers.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Corporate Parenting Board on the latest performance relating to Looked After Children and Care Leavers.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The Corporate Parenting Board has regularly received a performance report. The report in its current format has been presented to the Board since January 2015, with some additions and enhancements made to the report over time at the request of the Board.

3.0 Update

- 3.1 All current indicators in the report have been updated with data as at 31 May 2018. Please note that this data is provisional and may not directly reflect the end of year out-turn which will not be confirmed until statutory returns are submitted at the end of July.
- 3.2 A new indicator showing a timeliness of care applications with comparisons to national averages has been added to the report as requested by the board.

4.0 Financial implications

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.
[NM/11072018/K]

5.0 Legal implications

- 5.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.
[TC/11072018/M]

6.0 Equalities implications

- 6.1 The report contains some demographic data, however, there are no direct equalities implications arising from this report.

7.0 Environmental implications

- 7.1 There are no direct environmental implications arising from this report.

8.0 Human resources implications

- 8.1 There are no direct human resources implications arising from this report.

9.0 Corporate Landlord implications

- 9.1 There are no direct Corporate Landlord implications arising from this report.

10.0 Schedule of background papers

10.1 There are no background papers related to this report.

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Key Points to Note

Demographics

Demographic data has been updated with the 2016 mid-year population estimates. A considerably lower proportion of LAC are from BME backgrounds compared to the Wolverhampton CYP population. 2017 comparator data has been updated for the number of Looked After Children (LAC). The number of LAC has increased over the past 6 months and now is higher than at any point in the previous year and a half. The rate of LAC starts is not increasing however the rate of LAC ends has slowed down. A reduction is required to bring Wolverhampton in line with comparators.

Placements

Trends for 'In-house' Foster Carers shows that the percentage of children placed with in-house foster carers has increased although progressed has slowed over the past two months with an increase in agency placements. To help create additional places the recruitment team have seen their target for number of days to approve new foster carers cut to 6 months.

The proportion of LAC placed more than 20 miles from home has increased slightly to 16%. The indicators that look at placement stability have remained strong in the month against a backdrop of static LAC numbers and increased adoptions. Stability generally continues to show positive results and demonstrates that Looked After Children in Wolverhampton benefit from stable placements.

Assessments and Reviews

Performance in timeliness of assessments of Looked After Children in Wolverhampton has increased to 81% however this is considerably lower than performance in 2016-17. Reviews completed on time in the year remain high at 92% compared to 82% in 2016-17 year out turn. The percentage of children that participated in their reviews has increased after lower rates of performance in early 2017/18. Performance so far in 2018/19 is very strong with a 99% pass rate.

Education

The 2016 KS2 and KS4 results show that Wolverhampton LAC performed better than LAC nationally, regionally and within statistical neighbours, however, there remains a significant gap between the performance of LAC and all Wolverhampton children.

Small numbers can make these measurements volatile. For further information about the education attainment of LAC in Wolverhampton please refer to the Virtual School Head teacher annual report. Attendance data has been updated for 2016 - attendance of Wolverhampton LAC at school is better than that of comparators. please note there was an error in previous reports where persistent absence was under-reported

Health

The percentage of children with up to date dental checks increased in the month to 83% but is still considerably lower than year out-turn 2016/17. Despite this decrease, the result however remains significantly higher than the 60% of children in the general Wolverhampton population that have seen a dentist in the past 2 years which is falling.

The percentage of health checks that are up to date has increased to 92% and is still favourable against year out-turn 2016/17. Performance in initial checks is lower than those being reviewed however the appointment of a new LAC nurse is expected to help ensure initial checks increase.

PEPs

Performance for PEPs continues to increase after changes in electronic systems caused a reduction in performance earlier in the year. Work continues to identify those children in nursery provision for Early Years PEPs.

Leaving Care**Adoption**

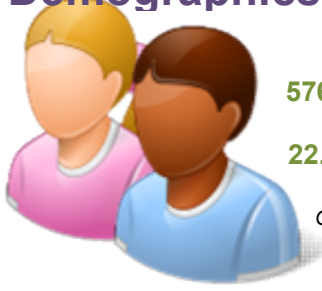
Adoption timeliness improved in the 2017/18 against all three major adoptions indicators. Despite this improvement the average time taken to match and place children for adoption in Wolverhampton is still higher than national targets. In 2018/19 75% of adoptions have been within timescales with low averages for A2 and A10 indicators recorded. This is promising performance especially when considering that Wolverhampton also compares favourably to comparators in regard to the adoption of hard to place children.

Care Leavers

The percentage of Care Leavers in Employment Education and Training cohort has changed to include all children and young adults who turn 17 to 21 in the year. At the end of May 2018 60% of 17-21-year olds were in Education, Employment or Training. NALM (not available for the labour market). 85% of care leavers are available for work with 15% (33 young people) not available due to pregnancy or young motherhood, illness or disability or because they are in custody.

The proportion of care leavers currently deemed to be in suitable accommodation is also included and shows that 88% of the cohort are currently in suitable accommodation.

Demographics



57658 children aged 0-17 live in Wolverhampton
22.8% of the total population

ONS 2014 mid-year estimate

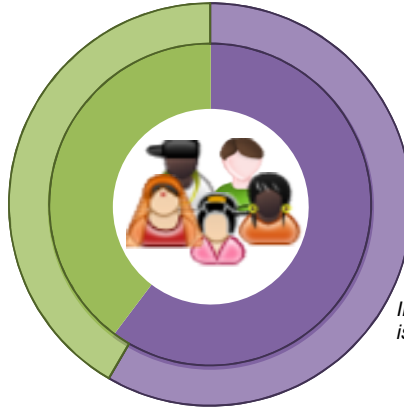
48.8% of the CYP population and 44.4% of LAC are female



51.2% of the CYP population and 55.6% of LAC are male



41.6% of the CYP population and 38.9% of LAC are BME

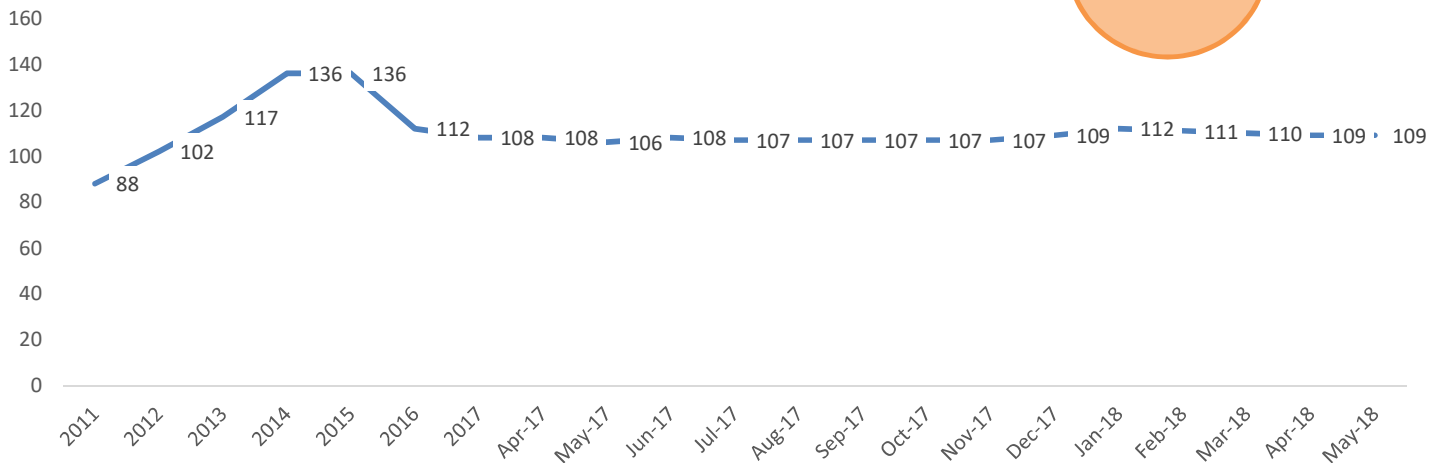
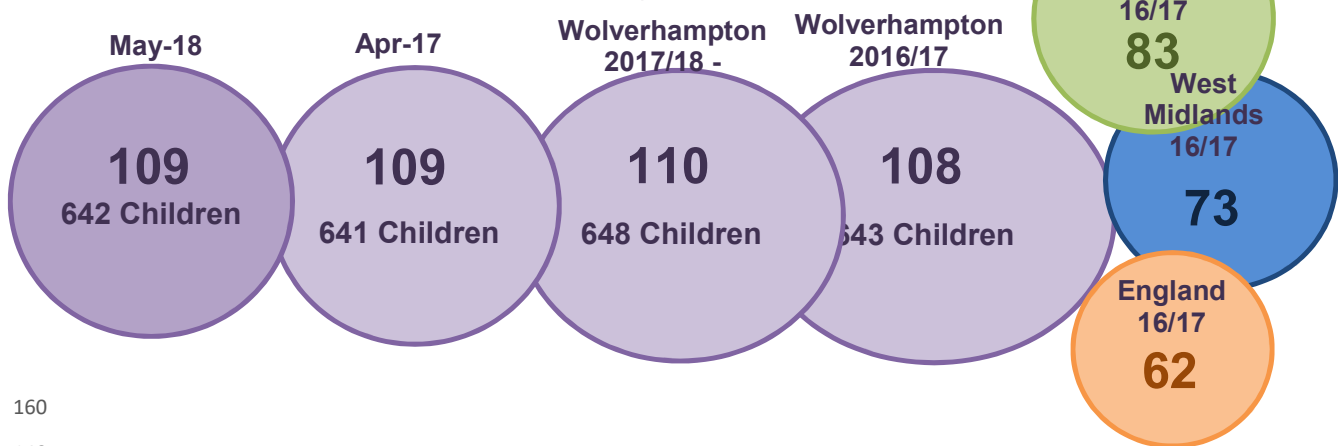


58.4% of the CYP population and 59.2% of LAC are white

Inner circle represents the LAC population, the outer circle is the CYP population

Looked After Children Population

Rate of LAC per 10,000 population aged 0-17



Placements

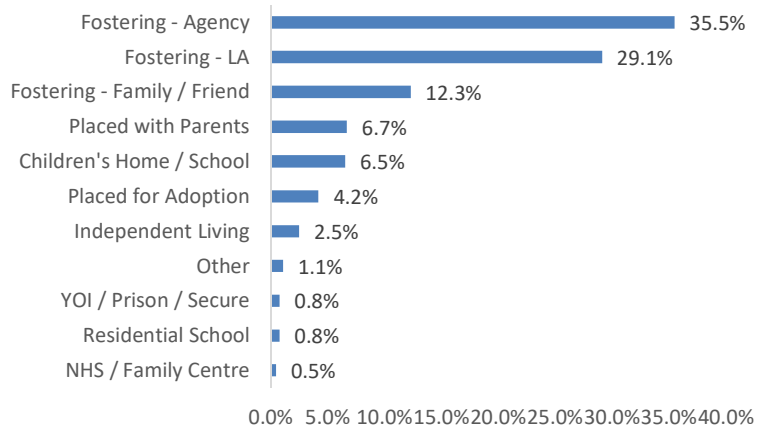


% LAC Placed 20 miles + from home

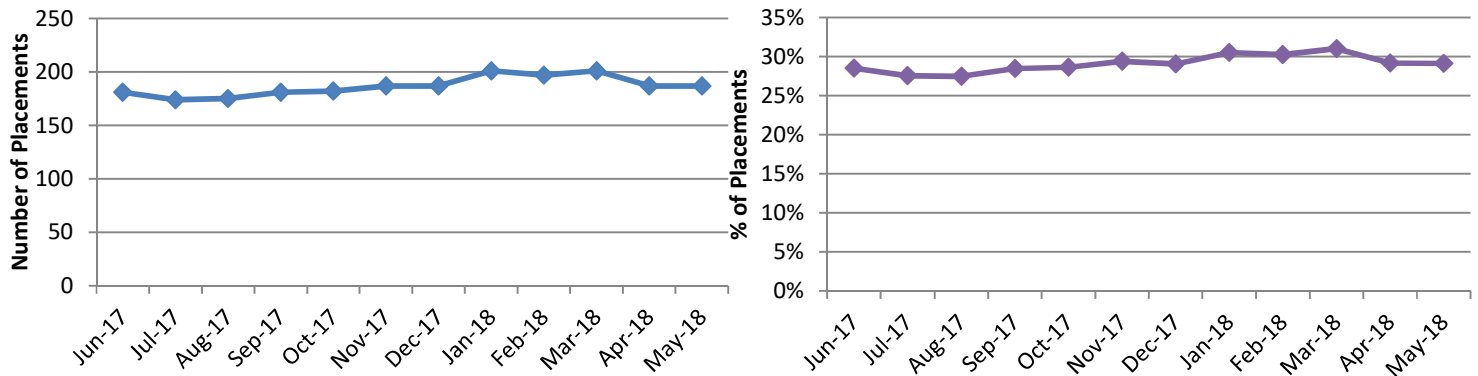
May-18
16%

2016/17 Out-turn = 14% 2015/16
Out-turn = 16% 2014/15 Out-turn
= 16% 2013/14 Out-turn = 13%

LAC by Placement Type



In - House Foster Placements



The proportion of LAC Placed with in-house foster carers is increasing due to decreases in other placements. The number of in-house foster care placements has decreased slightly to 183 in the month.

Placement Stability



LAC with fewer than 3 placements in the last 12 months

May-18
87%

2016/17 Wolverhampton = 87%
2016/17 West Midlands = 89%
2016/17 Stat Neighbours = 90%
2016/17 England = 90%

% of children in same placement for 2 years or more or placed for adoption (when looked after for more than 2.5 years)

May-18
69%

2016/17 Wolverhampton = 71%
2016/17 West Midlands = 71%
2016/17 Stat Neighbours = 71%
2016/17 England = 70%

Performance shows that Looked After Children in Wolverhampton benefit from largely stable packages and that performance in this area continues to improve.

Assessments & Reviews



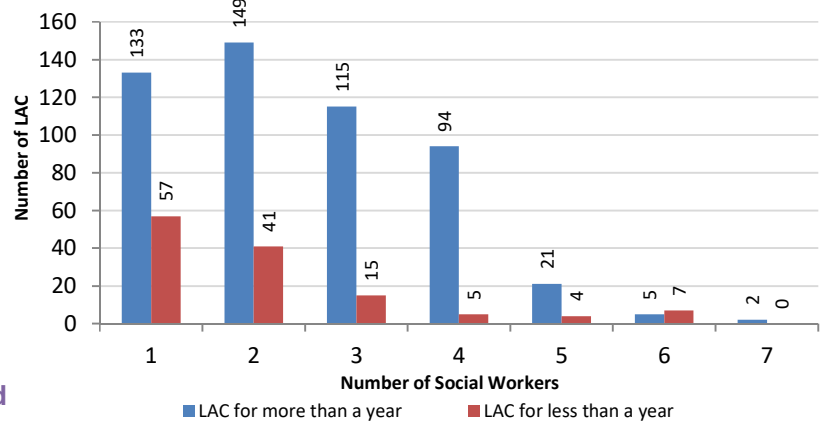
Average caseload of
LAC children for LAC
social workers

20

46% of young people who have been looked after for more than a year and 24% who have been looked after for less than a year have had 3 or more social workers in the past 12 months

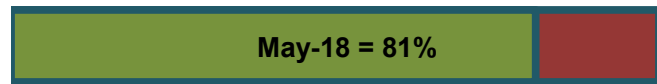
This is an improving picture

Number of Social Workers LAC have had in the past 12 months



Looked After Children with up to date assessments

An up to date assessments is one that has been authorised within the last 6 months.

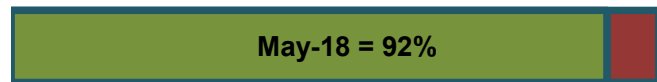


2017/18 Out-turn = 80%

2016/17 Out-turn = 98%

Looked After Children whose reviews have been completed on time

First Review is within 20 working days. Second review within 3 months. Third and subsequent reviews every 6 months



2017/18 Out-turn = 92%

2016/17 Out-turn = 82%

97% of LAC had assessments completed on time between 1st April 2015 - 31st March 2016.

Since 1st April 2015, 1501 reviews were completed in the year with only 69 not completed within timescales.

The proportion of LAC reviews where the child was present or contributed by other means since 1st April 2015

99%

May-18

There has been a decline in LAC participation in reviews since year out turn 14/15. This is being looked into in order to understand the reason for the drop in performance

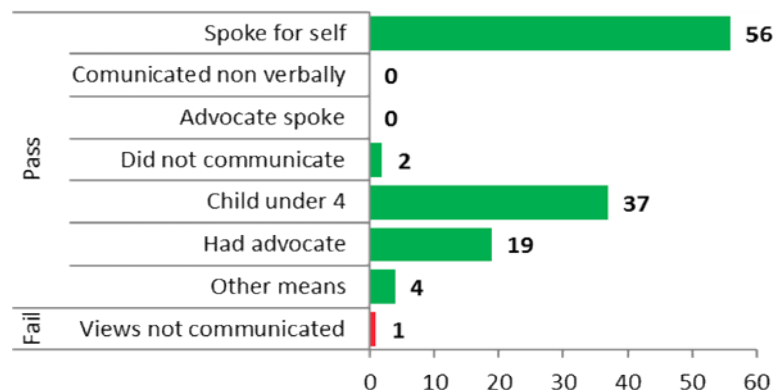
95%

2017/18 Out-turn

90%

2016/17 Out-turn

Answers for Participation



Education



KS2 Expected Standard	Maths	Reading	Writing	Reading, Writing and Maths
Wolverhampton LAC 2016	51%	60%	58%	37%
Wolverhampton 2016	70%	65%	75%	53%
West Midlands 2016	41%	38%	43%	23%
Stat Neighbours 2016	40%	35%	43%	25%
England 2016	41%	41%	46%	25%
KS4	GCSE A* - C in Eng & Maths	Attainment 8	Progress 8	
Wolverhampton LAC 2016	20%	24%	-1%	
Wolverhampton 2016	59%	48%	0%	
West Midlands 2016	17%	23%	1%	
Stat Neighbours 2016	18%	22%	1%	
England 2016	18%	23%	1%	

PLEASE NOTE: Small numbers in the cohort reaching each key stage can cause results to be volatile making comparison difficult.

National results show that looked after children reaching KS2 level 4 in Maths, Reading and Writing in 2016 performed better than regional, statistical neighbour and national results. Performance in GCSEs is also better. However, there remains a significant gap between the performance of all children and LAC.

Detailed analysis of LAC educational performance was presented to the Panel via the Virtual School Head teacher report. Please note that there is some discrepancies when nationally published data is compared with

The proportion eligible LAC with an up to date Personal Education Plan (PEP)



95%
2016/17 Out-turn

80%
2017/18 Out-turn

83%
PEPS (Years 1 -11) -
May-18

* Children looked after for 12 months or more

LAC Absence from School - 2016
(taken from nationally published data)

78%
PEPS (Years 12 and 13)
- May-18

Unauthorised Absence *

0.6%

West Midlands - 0.8%
Statistical Neighbours - 1.1%
England - 1.00%

Overall Absence *

3.3%

West Midlands - 3.80%
Statistical Neighbours - 3.9%
England - 3.90%

LAC Persistent Absence

6.7%

West Midlands - 8.20%
Statistical Neighbours - 9.4%
England - 9.1%

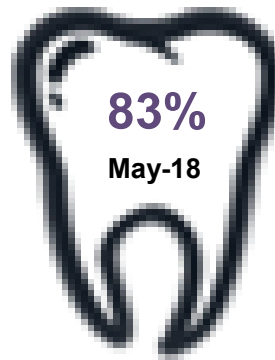
There has been an increase in the number of PEP's in the month and both indicators show a strong result. This is the highest performance since the new E-PEP system went live at the start of November

LAC Health



60% of children in the
Wolverhampton Local Authority
Area have seen a dentist in the last
two years

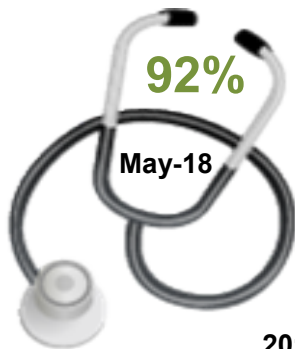
Dental Checks



2017/18 Out-turn = 84%

2016/17 Out-turn = 82%

Health Checks



2017/18 Out-turn = 84%

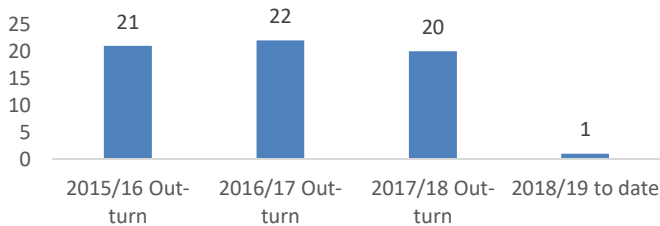
2016/17 Out-turn = 84%

There been a slight decrease in
performance over the year in dental
checks and results in this area remain
strong as a result of improved working
with the CCG and RWT.

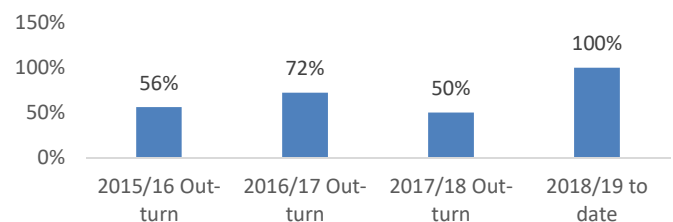
Performance of Health Checks has
increased with initial checks particularly
low in the year

Foster Recruitment

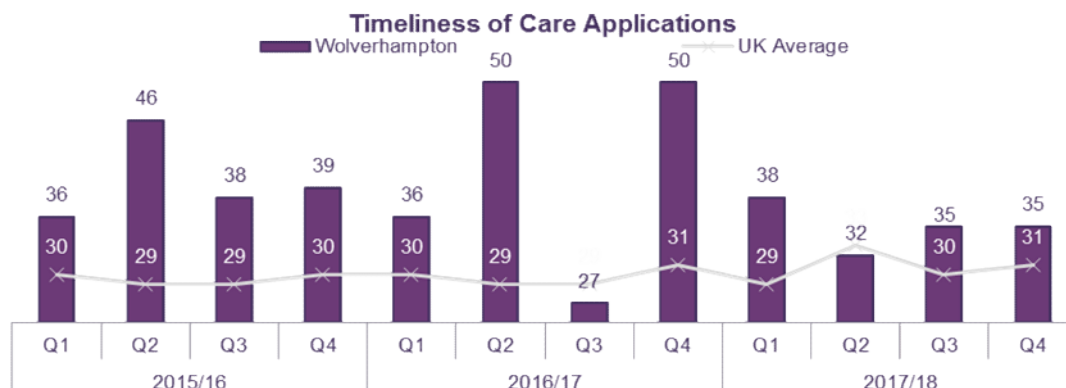
Number of Foster Carers Approved in the Year



Percentage of Foster Carers Approved in timescale



The number of new foster carers approved in 2017/18 decreased slightly as did the percentage approved within time scale. The target time to approve foster carers decreased in April 2018 to 6 months.



Leaving Care



Children Adopted

2015/16

61

2016/17

47

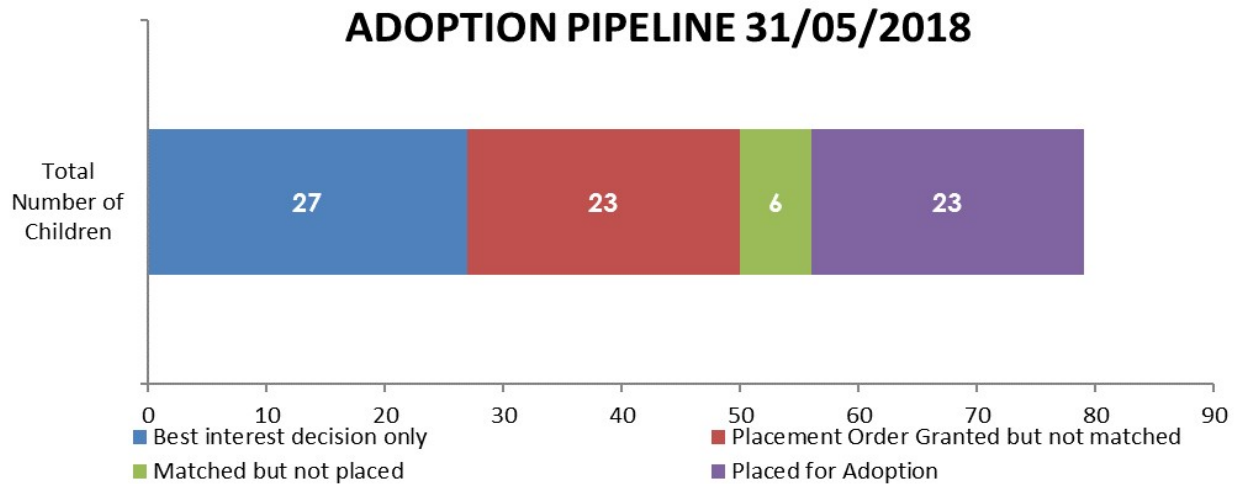
2017/18

40

2018/19

4

Adoptions



Current Adoption Scorecard (2016 - 2019)

The adoption scorecard is calculated using results and performance over a three year period

A1 - Average time between a child entering care and moving in with their adoptive family

566 Days

3 Year avg 2016-2019

Target - 428 days

A2 - Average time between receiving court authority to place and finding a match

221 Days

3 year avg 2016-2019

Target - 121 days

A10 - Average time between a child entering care and moving in with their adoptive family (stopped at point of fostering for foster carers adoptions)

473 Days

3 year avg 2016-2019

Target - 428 days

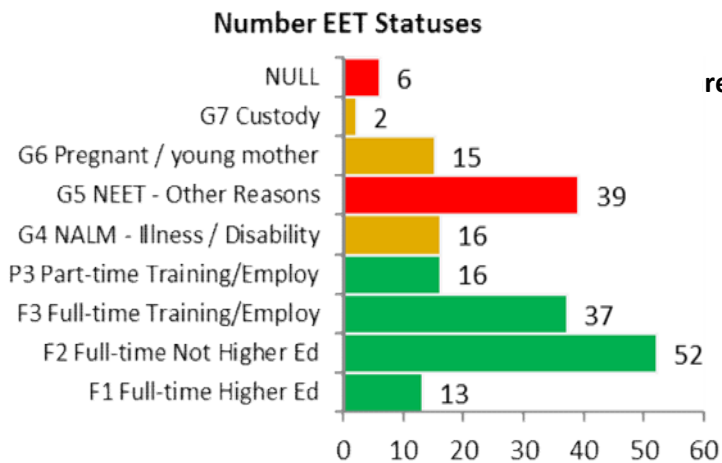
Single year performance (2018/19 to date)

A1 - 508 days with 75% of children adopted within timescales

A2 - 90 days

A10 - 292 days

The adoption scorecards for 2016/17 were published just before Christmas 2017. Wolverhampton were once again rated 'double red' in the two key indicators, however, performance around adopting hard to place children including those over the age of 5 and from BME backgrounds continues to be better than performance nationally. Detailed analysis of the results has been undertaken and is available. Initial indicators for 2017/18 show a similar pattern to 2016/17 however an encouraging start has been made in 2018/19 with 75% of adoptions within timescale.

Care Leavers**re Leavers in Education, Employment and Training**

Wolverhampton 16/17 - 56%
West Mids 16/17 - 46%
Statistical Neighbours 16/17 - 47%
England 16/17- 50%

May 2018:
60%

**% Care Leavers in Suitable
Accommodation**

85%

**% Care Leavers in Available
to work**

85%