

**Time** 6.00 pm **Public Meeting?** YES **Type of meeting** Oversight

**Venue** Committee Room 5 - Civic Centre, St Peter's Square, Wolverhampton WV1 1SH

## Membership

**Chair** Cllr John Reynolds (Lab)

### Labour

Cllr Caroline Siarkiewicz  
Cllr Paul Sweet  
Cllr Martin Waite  
Cllr Paula Brookfield  
Cllr Rashpal Kaur  
Cllr Rita Potter  
Cllr Zee Russell

### Conservative

Cllr Paul Appleby  
Cllr Udey Singh

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# Agenda

## Part 1 – items open to the press and public

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| 1               | <b>Apologies for absence</b>   |
| 2               | <b>Declarations of interests</b>   |
| 3               | <b>Minutes of the meeting held on 26 September 2019</b> (Pages 3 - 8)<br>[To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 26 September 2019 as a correct record.]  |
| 4               | <b>Matters arising</b><br>[To consider any matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 26 September 2019.]   |
| 5               | <b>Schedule of outstanding matters</b> (Pages 9 - 12)<br>[To receive the Schedule of Outstanding Matters]  |
| 6               | <b>The REACH Local Offer for Care Leavers Aged 16-25 Annual Review 2019</b><br>(Pages 13 - 42)<br>[To receive the revised REACH Local Offer for Care Leavers Aged 16 – 25 for approval.]   |
| 7               | <b>Care Leavers' Forum Workshop</b><br>[To participate in interactive group workshops with members of the Care Leaver's Forum.]  |
| 8               | <b>Assurance About the Use of Unregistered Placements in Wolverhampton (To Follow)</b><br>[To receive the Assurance About the Use of Unregistered Placements in Wolverhampton report.]   |
| 9               | <b>Performance Monitoring Information</b> (Pages 43 - 54)<br>[To receive the Performance Monitoring Information report.]   |
| 10              | <b>Exclusion of the Press and Public</b><br>[That in accordance with section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business as they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information falling within paragraph 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972] |

## PART 2 - ITEMS NOT OPEN TO THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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| 11 | <b>Councillor Visits to Establishments - Schedule of Visits</b><br>[To receive verbal feedback on any visits to establishments undertaken by Councillors since the last meeting] |
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## **Attendance**

**Chair** Cllr John Reynolds (Lab)

## **Labour**

Cllr Paul Sweet  
Cllr Martin Waite

Cllr Paula Brookfield  
Cllr Rashpal Kaur

Cllr Rita Potter  
Cllr Zee Russell

## **Conservative**

Cllr Udey Singh

## **Employees**

Emma Bennett  
Fiona Brennan  
Nicola Hale  
Alison Hinds  
Mandy Lee  
Nick Price  
Alice Vickers

Director of Children's Services  
Designated Nurse, Children and Young People in Care  
Principal Independent Reviewing Officer  
Head of Children and Young People in Care  
Safeguarding Manager for Children  
Commissioning Officer  
Corporate Parenting Officer

*Item No.*    *Title*

**1        Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Paul Appleby.

**2        Declarations of interests**

There were no declarations of interest made relative to the items under consideration at the meeting.

**3        Minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2019**

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**4        Matters arising**

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

**5        Schedule of outstanding matters**

Resolved:

That the Schedule of Outstanding Matters be noted.

**6        Wolverhampton Sufficiency Strategy 2017-2020: 2018-2019 Implementation Plan End of Year Report**

Nick Price, Commissioning Officer presented the Wolverhampton Sufficiency Strategy 2017 – 2020: 2018 – 2019 Implementation report and highlighted salient points.

The report provided information on the position at the end of the Sufficiency Strategy Implementation Plan period of 2018 – 2019 and performance in relation to the Sufficiency Strategy Implementation Plan 2018 – 2019 priorities. It included proposals for changing the way that the Sufficiency Challenge element of the work is organised.

The report also provided a summary of the different types of placement and the associated costs and focused on the 'right placement at the right time'.

It was reported that there had been an increase in fostering placements and an overall decrease in the number of children placed with parents. There were fewer internal placements recorded, however work was being carried out to increase this number. Numbers of young people in independent living placements had increased which was thought to be as a result of the increasing age profile.

The report offered an overview of the four challenges faced by the service, what had been working well and the plans that were in place to overcome the challenges. It was reported that there were many notable successes, such as that the Family

Group Conferencing was working well and that there had been a net gain of 24 mainstream internal foster carers. In terms of key performance indicators, the majority of actions had been completed or were on track to be completed.

The work that had been carried out was commended as well as the services available to children and young people in care and care leavers. The Chair recounted a recent visit to Upper Pendeford Farm and reported that the establishment was very impressive.

Resolved:

That the Wolverhampton Sufficiency Strategy 2017 – 2020: 2018 – 2019 report be received.

## **7 Independent Reviewing Officer [IRO] Annual Report 2018-2019**

Mandy Lee, Safeguarding Manager for Children and Nicola Hale, Principal Independent Reviewing Officer presented the Independent Reviewing Officer [IRO] Annual Report 2018 – 2019. The report provided an outline of the activity of the service, the impact for children and the recommendations for service improvement that had been developed to enhance young people's experiences.

It was reported that there was a stable and experienced team of IROs in place and caseloads had decreased in line with the reduction in numbers of children and young people in care, allowing officers to focus on individual children and cases.

It was noted that children had been continuing to be involved in their reviews. There had been a small reduction in the percentage of participants since last year from 95% to 94% however this figure had not reduced by much so there were no serious concerns.

It was noted that in order to encourage participation, more creative alternative methods of conducting reviews were being offered, particularly in cases where service users were choosing not to engage with the Authority. It was reported that new consultation forms have been developed, which are briefer and simpler and a tailored consultation was being developed for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities. It was clarified that a record of observations was to be captured for infants who were too young to participate during review appointments.

Concerns were raised around whether further investigations followed if a child or parent persistently chose not to participate in the reviews. Assurances were given that alternative methods were offered at first and if those were exhausted, an audit was undertaken to establish reasons for the lack of engagement.

It was queried whether children and young people had an electronic method of communicating their thoughts on the review process. It was noted that open conversation was encouraged although it was stated that there had been a digital platform, Mind of My Own (MOMO), which also made this possible if preferred. It was reported that the MOMO scheme was to be replaced in December with a new system which was being developed in consultation with the Children in Care Council. This was to be known as the Consultation Hub and it was planned to launch this with a new website. It was felt by officers that it was important to establish good

relationships with children in care and project the clear message that they could express how they felt at any time.

It was suggested that a possible factor for lack of engagement may be that, particularly in cases where trauma had been experienced prior to entering care, children may not want to revisit unpleasant memories by their repeated retelling.

In respect of a written invitation being issued to children aged seven and over, it was suggested that a less formal method could be used.

Resolved:

That the Independent Reviewing Officer [IRO] Annual Report 2018 – 2019 be endorsed.

## 8 **Care Leaver Offer Review**

Alice Vickers, Corporate Parenting Officer delivered a presentation on the outcomes of the consultation undertaken as part of the Care Leaver Offer Review. It was reported that the Care Leaver Offer had been developed in consultation with the Care Leavers' Forum and was comprised of the services and facilities that the Local Authority and partners had made available to Wolverhampton Care Leavers. It was noted that a printed booklet had also been produced cataloguing these services to enable care leavers to be aware of and easily access everything they were entitled to as part of the offer. The offer had been launched last year and a review was in progress.

It was noted that the Care Leaver Offer Review consultation exercise was designed to obtain young people's opinions and experiences of the services provided as part of the Local Care Offer. The presentation outlined statistics gathered to date on how the Local Care Offer had been received. It was noted that a full report had been scheduled for the next meeting of the Corporate Parenting Board, however some highlights were reported.

It was reported that there had been 609 hits on the Care Leaver Offer website.

A mentoring scheme had been established, supported by the Mayor of the City of Wolverhampton Council and the Mayor of the West Midlands Combined Authority. It was noted that this was a universal provision which care leavers had been made aware of however few had taken the offer up.

Young people had reported that they would like more social events to meet up together. It was also requested that specialist support groups, covering subjects such as domestic violence or parenthood, could be established for them to share their experiences with each other. These suggestions were currently being explored. It was also noted that children and young people wished to be notified as early as possible that these events were taking place.

It was noted that the Access to University and preparation for university life was a good addition, however it was suggested that guidance for life after university be covered as well.

It was reported that there had not been much participation in the mock interviews, however it was thought that this was because young people sometimes did not communicate that they had an interview planned.

In response to a concern on how issues of low confidence and self-esteem could be tackled, it was noted the service had procured a team from the Ascend charity to work with specialist vulnerable groups to address this.

It was suggested that free prescriptions or eye tests for care leavers in work would be beneficial as money could be tight when living independently.

It was noted that Care Leavers' Week was being held in the City from 24 – 31 October 2019 and the Care Leaver Offer would be promoted during this to raise awareness.

It was reported that there were key workers in local Job Centres who had received Total Respect training and were equipped to support young care leavers looking for employment. This provision had been commended as an example of good practice by the Department for Education and Department for Work and Pensions.

It was highlighted that Kirsty Dorward, Care Leaver Lead for the University of Wolverhampton had developed a support package for students which had achieved gold standard as part of the Care Leaver Covenant.

It was reported that the Swift cards had been well received by the young people, although it was noted that some bus services ceased to operate after certain times in the evening, which made transport after this time difficult for young people. It was suggested that a service become available later in the evening to make it possible for young people to visit a wider range of areas throughout the City.

It was queried whether the Authority had any involvement if a care leaver chose to reconnect with their birth parents after reaching adulthood. Concerns were voiced over whether young people may again be vulnerable to behaviours that had resulted in their placement in care initially. It was reported that the Safeguarding service could be involved with young people up until the age of 25, however the Authority could offer its support to young people but not control the level of contact they had with their birth families. It was highlighted that, in many cases, children and young people in care retained regular contact with their birth families and relationships were often rehabilitated when appropriate.

Resolved:

That the presentation on the Care Leaver Offer Review be received.

## 9 **Performance Monitoring Information**

Emma Bennett, Director of Children's Services presented the Performance Monitoring Report and highlighted salient points. The dashboard at Appendix 1 provided data on Children and Young People in Care as at 31 July 2019 and it was noted that the number of children in care had continued to reduce over the years.

It was highlighted that a group of three siblings had been successfully placed with grandparents and the care order discharged; this achievement was commended by Board members.

In respect of numbers, it was anticipated that these would reduce further after the legacy group of 10 – 18-year olds had left the care system. It was agreed that sufficient care leaver resources would need to be in place in preparation for this event.

In response to a query regarding the Regional Adoption Agency and reporting performance, it was clarified that there would be a breakdown of figures for each participating authority so each could identify how it was performing.

Resolved:

That the Performance Monitoring Information Report be received.

**10 Exclusion of the Press and Public**

Resolved:

That in accordance with Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business as it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information contained in paragraph 2 of the Act, namely information that is likely to reveal the identity to an individual.

**11 Councillor Visits to Establishments - Schedule of Visits**

It was requested that any Councillors interested in visiting the residential establishments should contact Alice Vickers, Corporate Parenting Officer. Councillor Paul Sweet, Councillor Rita Potter, Councillor Udey Singh, Councillor Rashpal Kaur, Councillor Paul Appleby and Councillor Zareena Russell expressed an interest in undertaking a future visit to establishments. It was agreed that a visit would be arranged for at least two Councillors and that those who had expressed an interest liaise with Alice Vickers, Corporate Parenting Officer.

Resolved:

That Councillors interested in visiting a residential establishment liaise with Alice Vickers, Corporate Parenting Officer.



<b>CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL</b>	<b>Corporate Parenting Board</b> <b>14 November 2019</b>
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<b>Report title</b>	Schedule of Outstanding Matters	
<b>Cabinet member with lead responsibility</b>	Councillor John Reynolds Children and Young People	
<b>Wards affected</b>	All wards	
<b>Accountable director</b>	Emma Bennett, Director of Children's Services	
<b>Originating service</b>	Governance	
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**Recommendation for action:**

The Corporate Parenting Board is recommended to:

1. Receive and comment on the Schedule of Outstanding Matters.

## 1.0 Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to appraise the Board of the current position with a variety of matters considered at previous meetings of the Corporate Parenting Board.

## 2.0 Background

2.1 At previous meetings of the Board the following matters were considered and details of the current position is set out in the fourth column of the table.

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Lead Member / Officer</b>	<b>Current Position</b>
18 July 2019	To investigate the reduction in recorded dental checks for Children and Young People in Care.	Alison Hinds, Head of Children and Young People in Care	In progress
26 September 2019	For two Councillors to undertake a visit to a residential establishment.	Alice Vickers, Corporate Parenting Officer	In progress

## 3.0 Financial implications

3.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

3.2 The financial implications of each matter will be detailed in the individual report submitted to the Board.

## 4.0 Legal implications

4.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

4.2 The legal implications of each matter will be detailed in the individual report submitted to the Board.

## 5.0 Equalities implications

5.1 There are no direct equalities implications arising from this report.

5.2 The equalities implications of each matter will be detailed in the individual report submitted to the Board.

## **6.0 Climate Change and Environmental implications**

- 6.1 There are no direct environmental implications arising from this report.
- 6.2 The climate change and environmental implications of each matter will be detailed in the individual report submitted to the Board.

## **7.0 Human resources implications**

- 7.1 There are no direct human resources implications arising from this report.
- 7.2 The human resources implications of each matter will be detailed in the individual report submitted to the Board.

## **8.0 Corporate Landlord implications**

- 8.1 There are no direct Corporate Landlord implications arising from this report.
- 8.2 The Corporate Landlord implications of each matter will be detailed in the individual report submitted to the Board.

## **9.0 Health and Wellbeing implications**

- 9.1 There are no direct health and wellbeing implications arising from this report.
- 9.2 The Health and Wellbeing implications of each matter will be detailed in the individual report submitted to the Board.

## **10.0 Schedule of background papers**

- 10.1 Minutes of previous meetings of the Board and associates.

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<b>CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL</b>	<b>Corporate Parenting Board</b> <b>14 November 2019</b>
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<b>Report title</b>	The REACH Local Offer for Care Leavers Aged 16-25 Annual Review 2019	
<b>Cabinet member with lead responsibility</b>	Councillor John Reynolds Children and Young People	
<b>Wards affected</b>	All wards	
<b>Accountable director</b>	Emma Bennett, Director of Children's Services	
<b>Originating service</b>	Children and Young People in Care	
<b>Accountable employee</b>	Alice Vickers Tel Email	Corporate Parenting Officer 01902 553010 <a href="mailto:Alice.Vickers@wolverhampton.gov.uk">Alice.Vickers@wolverhampton.gov.uk</a>
<b>Report has been considered by</b>	Children's Leadership Team	17 October 2019

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**Recommendations for decision:**

The Corporate Parenting Board is recommended to:

1. Agree the developments and additions made to the REACH Local Offer for Care Leavers Aged 16 - 25.
2. Approve the publishing of the revised REACH Local Offer for Care Leavers Aged 16 - 25.

**Recommendations for noting:**

The Corporate Parenting Board is recommended to note:

1. The process of the review.

## **1.0 Purpose**

1.1 As the REACH Local Offer for Care Leavers Aged 16 - 25 has been now live for the last 12 months, a comprehensive review by care leavers, and the steering group set up to support the services published in the offer, has taken place in August and September 2019.

## **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, it 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.

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 and discussions

3.1 A consultation with care leavers took place on 10 August at Aldersley Stadium with 13 young people in attendance. Using Mentimeter to gain care leavers' views, participants were asked about the additional elements of the offer to establish which elements were of benefit and which of the offer needed strengthening. Highlights of this consultation were;

- The majority of the care leavers, 11 out of 13, had heard about the Local Offer and the two young people who hadn't were still in care.
- Young people had used a significant number of services available in the health and well-being section
- In respect of relationships; care leavers would like the opportunity for face to face counselling, domestic violence support and Child Sexual Exploitation awareness.
- In Education, Employment and Training (EET), over half of care leavers had accessed their EET co-ordinator. There was also high uptake on financial assistance for higher education. Use of mock interviews and Impact work coaches were lower. Care leavers advised they would like bus passes, more opportunity for work experience and more apprenticeships in the EET offer.
- Transport offer - further assistance to get to college, employment and training is required. Also, access to bikes would be beneficial.
- Accommodation support showed that the training flat is well utilised.
- All care leavers felt that Young People Advisors (YPA) should be promoting events and opportunities for young people.
- Care leavers would like more of a relationship with YPAs and more general encouragement from them.

3.2 The steering group who represent external organisations and the City of Wolverhampton Council (CWC) met to look at the feedback from the young people and to evaluate their experiences of delivering the services and made the following comments;

- All care leavers should have a health passport, and all are offered one. Only one young person out of the 13 had a health passport. It is not clear why numbers are so low and this will be investigated and addressed by health colleagues.
- The Offer needs to separate out the statutory leaving care summary from the health passport.
- The quarterly sexual health workshops are not occurring and need to be removed from the Offer. Care leavers can still access support from Embrace and Embrace are working closely with staff
- There is a partnership between the Children and Young People in Care service and the Strengthening Families service who are working together to develop support for care leavers focusing on healthy relationships.
- Counselling support is to remain on the Offer as this can be provided. Children and Young People in Care service and the Strengthening Families service to add the pre-birth support pathway to the offer.
- In respect of the WV Active offer, information about career opportunities is to be added.

- Swift card has been linked to the WV Active card, combining free access to the centre and a pay as you go travel card which will initially be loaded with £5.
- The Pot to Plate scheme is to remain in the offer but is being relaunched with new volunteers.
- Education, Employment and Training (EET) - support is needed for after university.
- In respect of accommodation, the House Project is to be added.
- Mind of My Own platform (MOMO) is to be removed and the new process is to be added.
- A section on driving lessons supported by the Rees foundation needs to be added.
- The Grandmentor Project is to be added.
- Alumni for care leavers is to be provided by the Rees Foundation with membership for care leavers for life
- Facility to regain priority banding to apply for Wolverhampton Homes properties when returning to Wolverhampton from University in another part of the country.

3.3 Both consultations highlighted a need for additional support and services that will need to be explored over the next 12 months with other partner organisations and these include;

- Free access to public transport for care leavers across the West Midlands. The regional care leaver group will petition the Combined Authority as a collective in January 2020.
- Smoother transition to support from Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services to adult mental health services, the commissioner for the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to be invited to Local Offer steering group.
- Discounted rent for working care leavers.
- 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.
- Protected savings for care leavers.
- Discounted optical care and prescriptions for working care leavers.
- Access to free beauty treatments for care leavers.

#### **4.0 Financial implications**

4.1 Any costs associated with developments and additions made to the REACH Local Offer for Care Leavers Aged 16 – 25 will be contained within the overall budget for 2019-2020 for the Children and Young People in Care Service of £30.8 million.

4.2 Other Services within City of Wolverhampton Council and external partner organisations are working in partnership with the Children and Young People in Care Service to support the REACH Local Offer for Care Leavers Aged 16 – 25. Any costs incurred by other Services within City of Wolverhampton Council and external partner organisations will be contained within their existing approved budgets for 2019-2020.

[NM/06112019/M]



## **5.0 Legal implications**

5.1 The publishing of a Local Offer for Care Leavers is a legal requirement as set out in the Children and Social Work Act 2017 to improve support for looked after children in England and Wales, especially for those leaving care.

[SB/02112019/Z]

## **6.0 Equalities implications**

6.1 The REACH Local Offer for Care Leavers Aged 16 - 25 is to mitigate against the inequality faced by care leavers in the community.

## **7.0 Climate change and environmental implications**

7.1 There are no climate change or environmental implications as a result of this report.

## **8.0 Human resources implications**

8.1 There are no human resource implications as a result of this report

## **9.0 Corporate Landlord implications**

9.1 There are no Corporate Landlord implications as a result of this report.

## **10.1 Health and Wellbeing implications**

10.2 There are no health and wellbeing implications as a result of this report.

## **11.0 Schedule of background papers**

11.1 The REACH Local Offer for Care Leavers Aged 16 - 25

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CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON  
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# Reach

FOR CARE LEAVERS AGED 16-25



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- Statutory support



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# Welcome

## Welcome to the Local Offer for Care Leavers in Wolverhampton

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.

From the age of 16 you will be appointed a **Young Person Advisor (YPA)** who will be supporting you until you turn 25.

Here we outline what you are entitled to by law and the additional support that we and our partner organisations have been able to make available to you.

### Recent changes in law – Children and Social Work Act 2017

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 **PROMISE** 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 Transitions Team do?

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

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

The amount of support that you receive from your YPA 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 with partners to implement this offer to care leavers.

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. Your YPA will review your pathway plan with you regularly so that it is kept up-to-date.



## Who will support you?

Once you turn 18, in most circumstances your YPA will become your primary worker and main point of contact. Your YPA will continue working with you up until the age of 25 if requested. A YPA will be allocated to you just prior to your 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. Your YPA will provide you with advice, information and guidance to support you to make informed choices for yourself. They are also the first point of contact for accessing any of the services listed here.

**YOU MAY STILL HAVE A  
SOCIAL WORKER  
UP TO 25.**


This could be because you are vulnerable and need additional support or because you have a disability.






# HEALTH & WELLBEING

We want you to have the right support to have a happy and healthy life. Remember your YPA can help you access any of the services here, to help you achieve this:

 You will receive a **Children and Young People in Care Health Passport**


- You will receive a leaving care health summary. Access to information, advice and guidance and support for specific health needs will be done by the Children and Young People in Care's nurse.
- Your YPA can access information and advice from the **Children in Care Health Nurse** around your health needs.
-  You can get support from adult services where this is required


[www.wolverhamptonhealthyminds.nhs.uk](http://www.wolverhamptonhealthyminds.nhs.uk)



-  You can get help to make good and safe sexual health from **Embrace**  
[www.embrace.wolverhampton.nhs.uk](http://www.embrace.wolverhampton.nhs.uk)

which includes free access to the **Contraceptive 'C' Card** scheme and 'home testing' sexual health screening kit. Available at The Way Youth Zone.

-  You can have counselling support.

-  You can receive online counselling from **Kooth** up to the age of 19 at [kooth.com](http://kooth.com)

- You can get support to improve your mental health from **Healthy Minds**.  
[www.wolverhamptonhealthyminds.nhs.uk/](http://www.wolverhamptonhealthyminds.nhs.uk/)

- If you are a **parent** you can access the family sessions at The Way.  
[www.thewayyouthzone.org](http://www.thewayyouthzone.org)
- You can receive support with substance use, you can get this from **Wolverhampton Recovery Near You**.  
[www.recoverynearyou.org.uk/site](http://www.recoverynearyou.org.uk/site)
- 👍 If you live in a **Transition flat**, as part of your pathway plan 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 become a pregnant mum or dad you can receive pre-birth support, by parent champions to help you know what to expect and how to prepare to be a parent.

👍 You can find out about **essential health services** via the Children in Care webpage:  
[wolverhamptonlac.co.uk](http://wolverhamptonlac.co.uk)



## Activities

-  You can have **free membership to all WV Active gyms** within the city of Wolverhampton and you can take a guest with you. You will also be able to get:

  - free one to one swimming lessons
  - free life guard training and career opportunities  
[wvactive.com/](http://wvactive.com/)
-  You can have a **free haircut** on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at Wow Hair Salon, Cannock Road, Wolverhampton - just drop in no appointment necessary.
-  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 apply for a WV Active membership card that also acts as a Swift travel card where you can pay as you go.



-  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 Youth Zone.
-  A **drop in for care leavers** up to age 19 is held at The Way Youth Zone every Friday from 12-4pm offering you opportunities to seek support and advice.
-  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 Monday from 4.30-6.30pm.  
[www.thewayyouthzone.org](http://www.thewayyouthzone.org)

# RELATIONSHIPS

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

- 👍 You can drop in at Priory Green, Whitburn Close, Pendeford, Wolverhampton WV9 5NJ for information, advice and guidance from a **duty worker** between Monday to Friday, 9am - 4.30pm.
- You will receive a **YPA** up until the age of 25.
- ★ You will be able to get help and support in **maintaining or regaining contact with your family**, if safe for you to do so. This would form part of your pathway plan.
- You can receive support from **a mentor at The Way Youth Zone**:  
[thewayyouthzone.org/mentoring](http://thewayyouthzone.org/mentoring)
- You can receive support from a mentor **The Combined Authority Mayor's Mentors**:  
[wmca.org.uk/mayorsmentors](http://wmca.org.uk/mayorsmentors)
- 👍 You can get peer to peer support at the **Indi Group**.
- 👍 You can receive support from a **mentor for children in care 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**:  
[headstartonline.co.uk/ambassadorsapplication](http://headstartonline.co.uk/ambassadorsapplication)
- 👍 You can have support from the **Education, Employment and Training Coordinator**.

Your YPA can help with accessing much of the support above.

# EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING

## Personal Education Plans (Peps)

We want to support you to have high aspirations for yourself and enable you to reach your full potential.

To achieve this:

- You can receive a post 16 Personal Education Plan (PEP) as a care leaver to help support you with your employment, education or training. Just ask your YPA.



## Higher Education

- 👍 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.
- 👍 We will offer you **financial assistance** whilst at university, which includes support with travel and academic books.
- 👍 You can get **support on post-graduation career planning**.
- 👍 You can get support from the EET Coordinator when leaving university.

## Career Advice

- 👍 You can attend a weekly drop-in session at The Way Youth Zone every Friday afternoon and individual appointments are also available for career advice and support.
- 👍 You can get support from the **Education, Employment and Training Coordinator** offering information advice and guidance which includes help with career planning and support with accessing funding.
- 👍 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 between the ages of 16-19 and enrolled at college as a care leaver you are entitled to get support through the bursary fund
- 👍 We can provide you with help and support in **accessing work experience**.
- 👍 If you're not in education, employment 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.
- 👍 As part of Impact you can access specialist support to prepare for the world of work with **Ascend:** [wolvesworkbox.com/learner/16+/local-support/impact](http://wolvesworkbox.com/learner/16+/local-support/impact)
- 👍 The Children and Young People's Service, offer three apprenticeships per year to care leavers.
- 👍 When you are ready for work you can get support from a work coach from **Wolves at Work:** [wolvesworkbox.com/employer/wolvesatwor](http://wolvesworkbox.com/employer/wolvesatwor)
- 👍 You can find out about opportunities on getting into work through the website **WorkBox:** [wolvesworkbox.com](http://wolvesworkbox.com)

## Preparing For Interviews

- 👍 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.
- 👍 You can get support to ensure you have appropriate **clothing for interviews**.
- 👍 You can access free **dry-cleaning services** through Timpsons to prepare for interviews.
- 👍 You can have a **free haircut** on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at Wow Hair Salon, Cannock Road, Wolverhampton just turn up, no appointment necessary.

## Apprenticeships

- **WorkBox** advertises 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 with City of Wolverhampton Council: [wolvesworkbox.com](http://wolvesworkbox.com)
- **Wolverhampton Homes** offer five apprenticeships opportunities per year to care leavers.
  - You will receive a **£1,000 bursary** for care leavers when undertaking an apprenticeship.

## Transport

- 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.
- 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 [networkwestmidlands.com/tickets-and-passes](https://networkwestmidlands.com/tickets-and-passes)
- You can apply for a WV Active membership card that also acts as a Swift travel card where you can pay as you go.

👍 You can get financial support with travel, clothes and equipment when starting work.

- 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 [networkwestmidlands.com/tickets-and-passes](https://networkwestmidlands.com/tickets-and-passes)

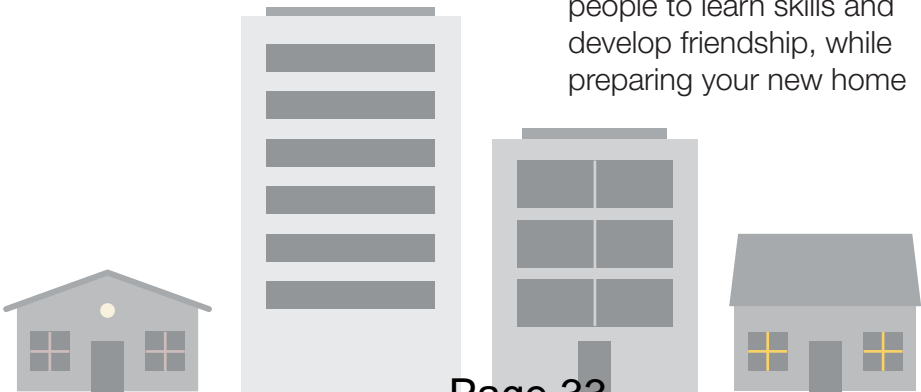




# ACCOMMODATION

We want you to feel safe and secure where you live to help you achieve this the following support is available and can be accessed by speaking to your YPA:

- You will have the opportunity **to stay put in with your foster carer** until you are 21.
- 👉 You can access the **Children in Care Training Flat** to help you trial living independently.
- 👉 You can access a transitions flat when you are 16-18-year old if this is right for you. You will receive between 10-30 hours support per week from a Housing Support Worker.
- You can have access to range of **supported accommodation**: hostels, foyers, supported lodgings and social housing. This support will be part of your pathway plan.
- 👉 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.
- When preparing to leave care you could become part of the House Project, which supports a group of young people to learn skills and develop friendship, while preparing your new home



## Financial Support

- You will receive up to **£2,000 Setting up Home Grant**.
- 👍 If you are a care leaver who lives in Wolverhampton you are **fully exempt from Council Tax** up to the age of 25.

## Wolverhampton Homes

- 👍 We will work in partnership with Wolverhampton Homes to support you in **securing a tenancy when you turn 18**.
  - 👍 You will be offered **priority Band 1** allocations with Wolverhampton Homes.
  - 👍 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**.
  - 👍 You will not be made intentionally homeless when you are living in a Wolverhampton Homes property.
  - 👍 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.
- 👍 You can access the **crash pad** in an absolute emergency.

# PARTICIPATION IN SOCIETY

As part of your membership in the Wolverhampton community, your YPA will be able to advise you about the following opportunities:

## Awards

- 👍 You will have the opportunity to be nominated for an **I Award**, this is an annual award ceremony that celebrates the achievements of children and young people in care 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**.







## Advice & Guidance


- 👍 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** if you are required to apply.

## Additional Support

- Visit the **Swap Shop** for household items through Facebook.
- Come and view **'The Vintage Collection'** of clothing bank at Priory Green, Whitburn Close.


### Have Your Say


-  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. To join email [Corporate.Parenting@Wolverhampton.gov.uk](mailto:Corporate.Parenting@Wolverhampton.gov.uk)
-  You will have the opportunity to sit on the **Corporate Parenting Board** representing care leavers
-  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  
[Corporate.Parenting@Wolverhampton.gov.uk](mailto:Corporate.Parenting@Wolverhampton.gov.uk)


 You will have the opportunity to contribute to the **selection process for internal and external job roles** [Corporate.Parenting@Wolverhampton.gov.uk](mailto:Corporate.Parenting@Wolverhampton.gov.uk)


 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 [Corporate.Parenting@Wolverhampton.gov.uk](mailto:Corporate.Parenting@Wolverhampton.gov.uk)


## Community & Events

 You can access information on opportunities to join groups and clubs at: [wolverhamptonlac.co.uk](http://wolverhamptonlac.co.uk)

 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 children and young people in care and Transition staff, our annual Christmas Party, our annual Summer BBQ and our annual Christmas Meal.

 You will have the opportunity to attend **National Citizenship Service** (at no cost) for care leavers aged 16-17.

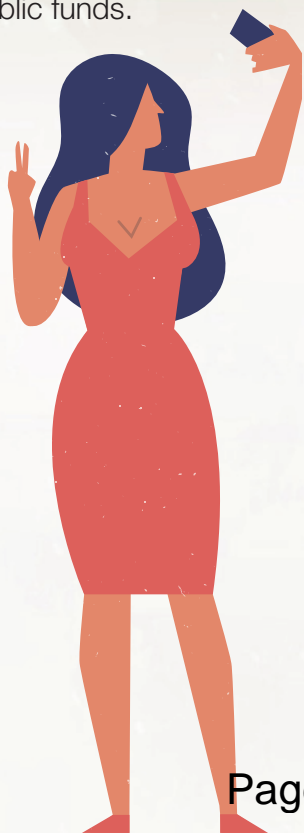
 You will have the opportunity to take part in the **National Take Over Challenge**.

 You will have the opportunity to take part in a full week's activities to celebrate **Care Leavers Week**.

# 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 your YPA will advise you on the following benefits:

- 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 will receive **rent allowance** if you are aged 16-17 for the full cost of your rent or placement costs.
- 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.



## Housing, Travel & Education



- You can get support to access **Universal Credit** including **Housing Benefit**.
- You can get up to £2,000 Setting up Home Grant.
- You will be able to access an **education travel allowance**.
- 👍 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.

## Celebrations

- You will receive a **birthday card** from the Director of Children's Services on your 18th and 21st birthdays.
- You will receive **£25 on your birthdays** between 18 and 21.
- 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.







## Managing your money

- You will be supported to open a **bank account**.
- You will receive support to access important documents before your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday such as your **passport, provisional driving license** and **birth certificate**.
- We will support you to ensure you are receiving your **benefit entitlement** and other support if there is delay in accessing this.
- You will have the opportunity to make a claim to the Department for Work and Pensions prior to your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday to ensure you receive **benefit entitlement** in a timely manner.
- You will be supported to have good **financial management skills** and helped to avoid debt.
- You will be offered opportunities to engage in courses on **budgeting skills** which could lead to an **ASDAN award**.
- You may be able to receive **Emergency Crisis Payments** in certain circumstances.





-  Low rate loans for Care Leavers at Wolverhampton's Credit Union.
-  All new children and young people entering care savings will be held in an individual credit union account.
-  Access to the Rees Foundation from 21 for life where a large contribution towards driving lessons (terms and conditions apply) [www.reesfoundation.org/](http://www.reesfoundation.org/)
-  Special arrangements with the Department of Work and Pensions to ensure care leavers are not unfairly sanctioned.

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION...**

You can keep up to date with events and significant changes in our services by following:

[facebook.com/wolverhamptontoday](https://facebook.com/wolverhamptontoday)

[youtube.com/wolverhamptontoday](https://youtube.com/wolverhamptontoday)

[www.wolverhamptonlac.co.uk](http://www.wolverhamptonlac.co.uk)

<b>CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL</b>	<b>Corporate Parenting Board</b> <b>14 November 2019</b>
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<b>Report title</b>	Performance Monitoring Information	
<b>Cabinet member with lead responsibility</b>	Councillor John Reynolds Children and Young People	
<b>Wards affected</b>	All wards	
<b>Accountable director</b>	Emma Bennett, Director of Children's Services	
<b>Originating service</b>	Insight and Performance Team	
<b>Accountable employee</b>	James Amphlett	Insight and Performance Manager
	Tel	01902 551033
	Email	James.Amphlett2@wolverhampton.gov.uk
<b>Report to be considered by</b>	Corporate Parenting Board	14 November 2019

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**Recommendation for action:**

The Corporate Parenting Board is recommended to:

1. Receive 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 Children and Young People in Care 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 Children and Young People in Care 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 30 September 2019. 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 At the request of the Board data additional data around initial health assessments for children and young people entering care has been included.

## **4.0 Financial implications**

4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

4.2 The 2019-2020 budget for Children and Young People in Care is £30.8 million. Any costs associated with this report will be contained within this allocation.  
[NM/04112019/M]

## **5.0 Legal implications**

5.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.  
[SB/04112019/T]

## **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 Climate Change and Environmental implications**

7.1 There are no direct climate change and 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 Health and Wellbeing implications**

10.1 There are no direct health and wellbeing implications arising from this report.

**11.0 Schedule of background papers**

11.1 There are no background papers related to this report.

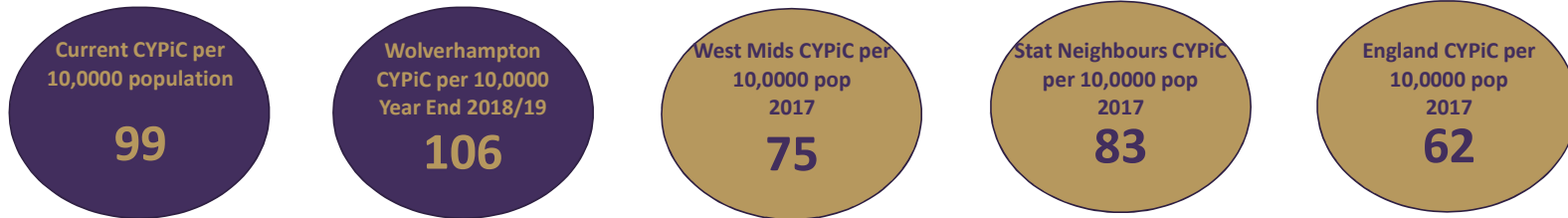
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# **CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD**

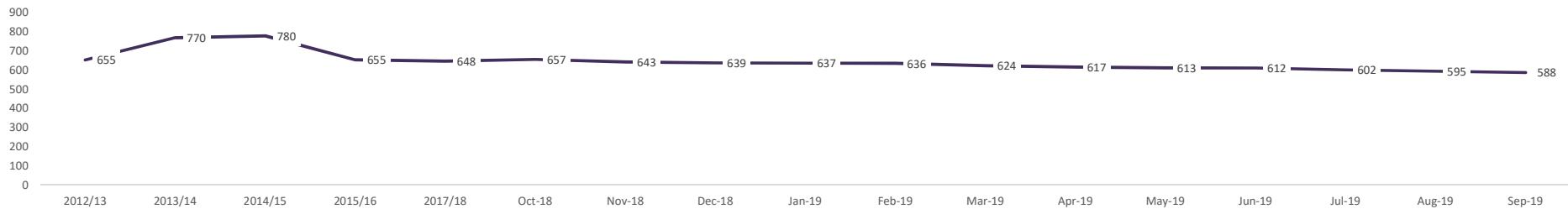
## **PERFORMANCE REPORT**

**NOVEMBER 2019**  
**(DATA AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2019)**

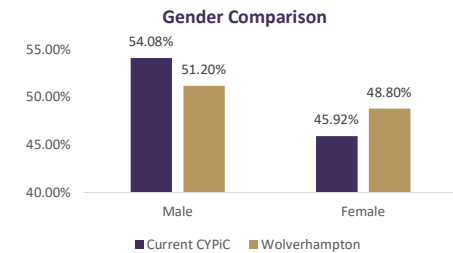
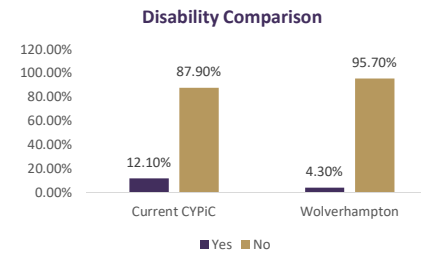
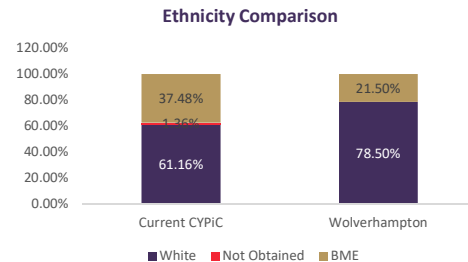
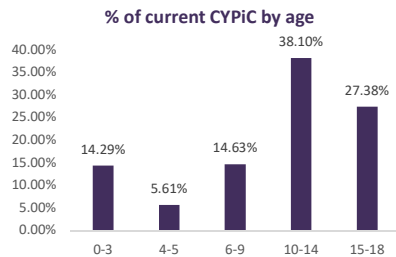
Current CYPiC Profile



Number of Children and Young People in Care in Wolverhampton



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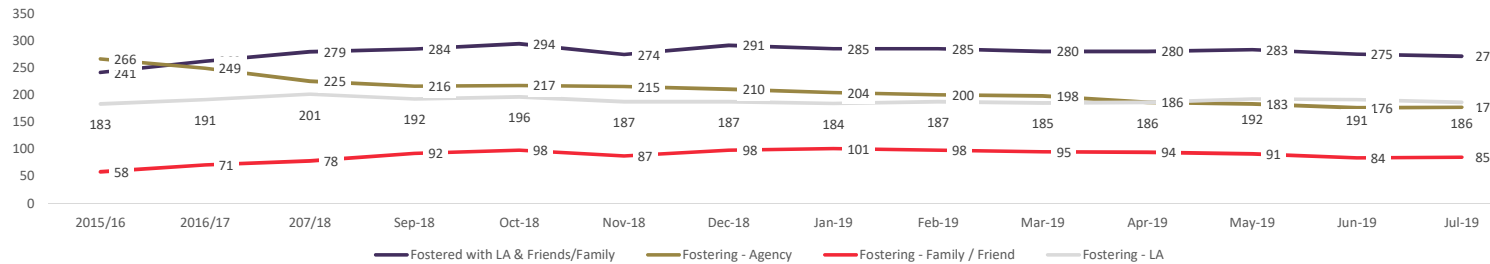


The numbers of children and young people in care have decreased in the year to date from 624 to 588. This is the first time Wolverhampton's Children and Young People in Care population has been below 600. This is due to an increase in the number of children leaving care and the rate of children entering care becoming more stable than it that has been seen over the past 18 months. Over 65% of Wolverhampton's children and young people in care are aged 10 and above with 27% aged 15 or above. There is an over representation on BAME children in the current children and young people in care cohort compared to the overall city population of 0-18 year olds. This trend can also be seen in disabled children and males.



CYPiC Placement Analysis

Breakdown of Foster Placements



There are now more children placed with internal foster carers than agency carers



**% CYPiC placed within 20 mile + from home**

**16%**

2017/18 = 14%  
2016/17 = 14%  
2015/16 = 16%

**% CYPiC with fewer than 3 placements in last 12 months**

**87%**

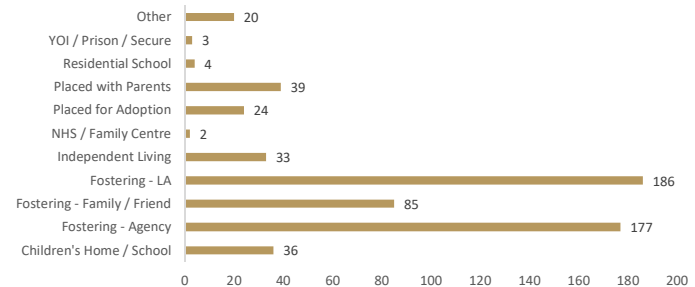
2017/18 Wolverhampton = 84%  
2017/18 West Midlands = 89%  
2017/18 Stat Neighbours = 90%

**% CYPiC in same placement for 2 years or more**

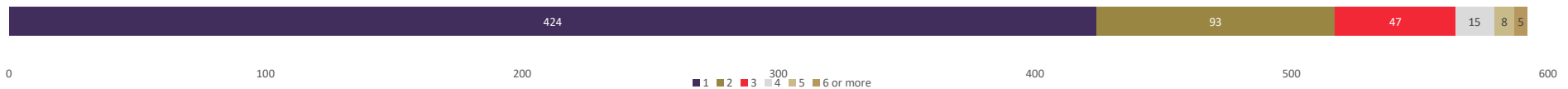
**65%**

2017/18 Wolverhampton = 70%  
2017/18 West Midlands = 68%  
2017/18 Stat Neighbours = 70%

Current CYPiC by Placement Type



Number of placements for current CYPiC in past 12 months



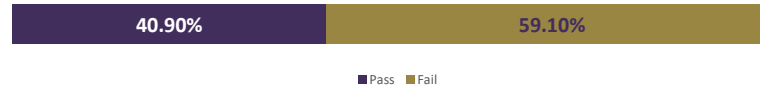
Through the performance of Family Values Project, a clear increase in placements with internal foster carers can be seen. Over the past six months the increase in internal carers has translated into a decrease in agency placements. For the first time Wolverhampton now has more children placed with internal mainstream carers than agency carers. The Family Values project has also saw a net increase of 21 internally approved foster cares in 2018/19/ This is the largest net increase seen in one year, 20 more than in 2017/18. There have been 5 mainstream carers approved so far in 2019/20.

There has been an improvement in the performance of long-term stability from 58% to 65% in the year. Despite . Short term placement stability remains an area on concern for the authority and Wolverhampton are in the bottom quartile of national performance although improvements have been seen in the year. The vast majority of children who were looked after had two or less placements in the last 12 months. The majority of young people who have had multiple placements are 16 and 17 years olds who have moved between independent placements addresses.



**CYPiC with an up to date assessment**

Where a new assessment has been completed within 12 months

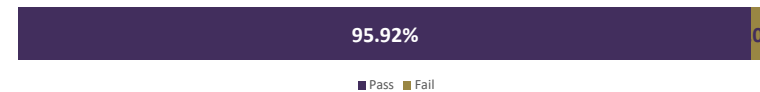


2018/19 Year Out-turn = 41.03%  
2017/18 Year Out-turn = 31.33%



**CYPiC with an up to date review**

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

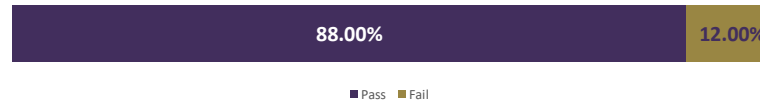


2017/18 Year Out-turn = 92%  
2016/17 Year Out-turn = 82%

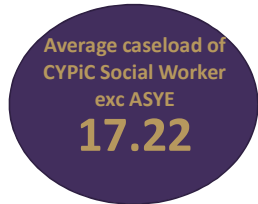


**CYPiC who participated in the review**

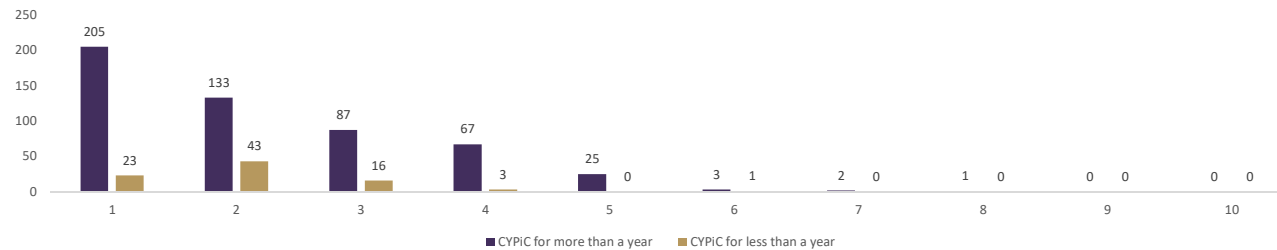
The proportion of CYPiC reviews where the child was present or contributed by other means in their review



2017/18 Year Out-turn = 94%  
2016/17 Year Out-turn = 90%



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

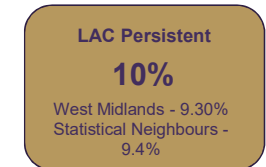
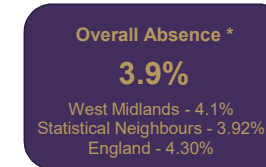
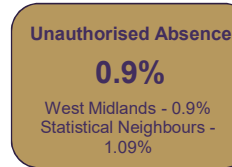


The definition for assessments has changed which has resulted in performance looking a lot lower than previous. The indicator now looks at those who have had a new assessment within the past 12 months (this does not include a Care Plan Review as previous). Performance against this indicator is low however is expected to rise as it is monitored closely by my managers.

Over 95% of Children and Young People in Care have an up to date review with 88% of children participating in their review. Performance on these indicators remain an area of strength.

17% of young people who have been looked after for more than a year and 5% who have been looked after for less than a year have had more than 3 social workers in the past 12 months. This is a decreasing trend.

KS2 Expected Standard	Maths	Reading	Writing	Reading, Writing and Maths
CYPiC Wolverhampton 2018	36%	50%	45%	21%
Wolverhampton 2018	76%	77%	75%	65%
CYPiC West Midlands 2018	46%	50%	47%	33%
CYPiC Stat Neighbours 2018	49%	53%	48%	36%
CYPiC England 2018	47%	51%	49%	35%
KS4	9-4 Pass in English and Maths	Attainment 8	Progress 8	
CYPiC Wolverhampton 2018	12%	17%	-1%	
Wolverhampton 2018	58%	44%	0%	
CYPiC West Midlands 2018	18%	19%	-1%	
CYPiC Stat Neighbours 2018	20%	19%	-1%	
CYPiC England 2018	18%	19%	-1%	

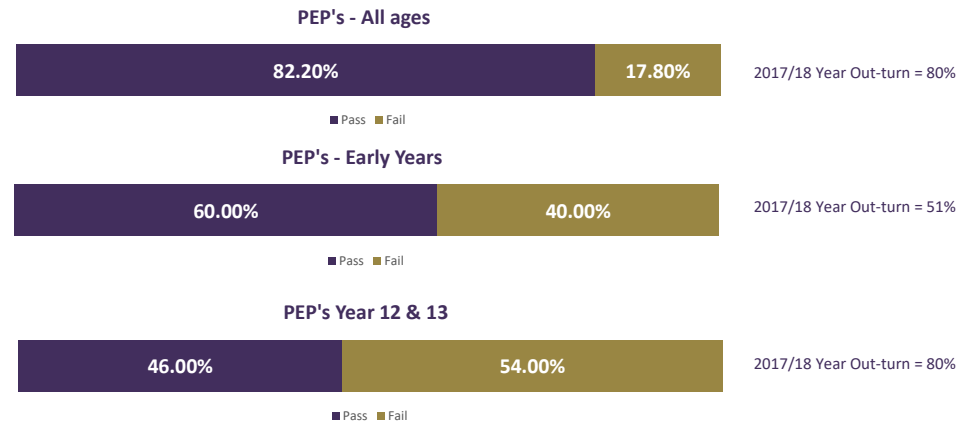


**CYPiC with an up to date PEP**

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

The 2018 KS2 an KS4 results show that Wolverhampton CYPiC has fallen behind comparator performance. There remains a significant gap between the performance of CYPiC and all Wolverhampton children however small numbers in the cohort can make these measurements volatile. Wolverhampton is in the bottom quartile of performance for both CYPiC Expected Standard for Reading Writing and Maths and CYPiC 9-4 Pass in English and Maths. For further information about the education attainment of CYPiC in Wolverhampton please refer to the Virtual School Head teacher annual report.

Attendance data has been updated for 2017 - attendance of Wolverhampton CYPiC at school is better than that of comparators. please note there was an error in previous reports where persistent absence was under-reported.

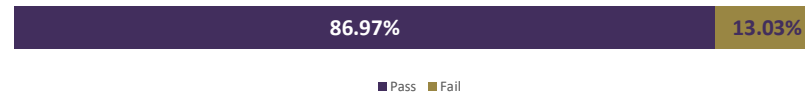


Health and Dental Checks and Care Applications



**CYPiC with an up to date health check**

Where a health check has been completed within 12 months

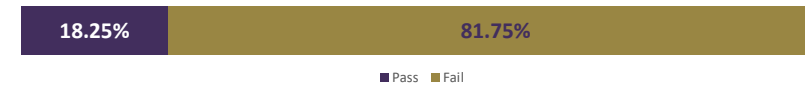


2017/18 Year Out-turn = 84%  
2016/17 Year Out-turn = 84%



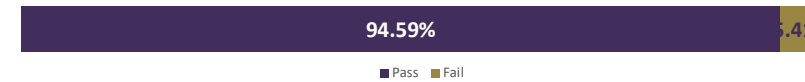
**CYPiC with an initial health check**

Where a dental check has been completed within 20 working days of entering care (rolling 12 months)



**CYPiC with an up to dental check**

Where a dental check has been completed within 12 months

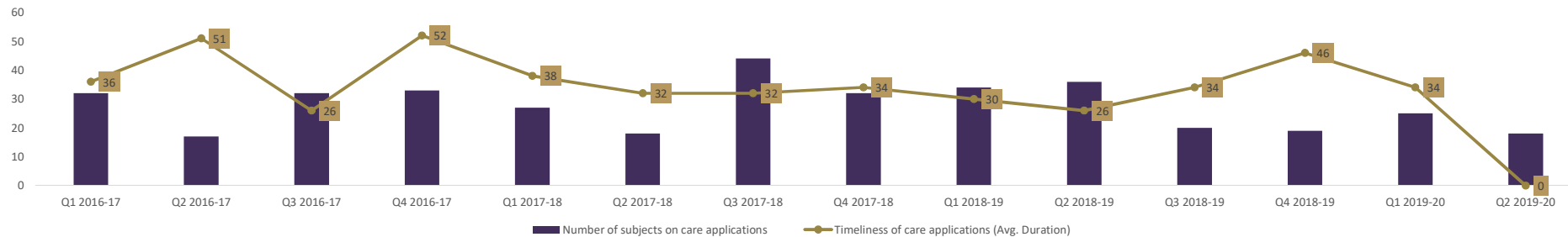


2017/18 Year Out-turn = 91%  
2016/17 Year Out-turn = 89%



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Care Applications



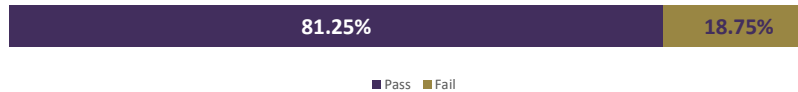
There has been an increase in the percentage of dental checks completed on time after intensive management review and concentrated efforts from business support to ensure records are updated. Medical checks which were previously an area of strength have seen a decline from 96% in January 2019 to 87% in the month. Team Managers are holding discussions with business support to support to ensure data is being inputted correctly. Social workers should also be updating information following statutory visits. Data for initial health checks have now been included in this report and on the internal management dashboards. Performance against this indicator is low and work is needed to highlight to increase performance with data quality lists being provide to the service.

Adoption



**CYPiC adopted within A1 indicator**

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

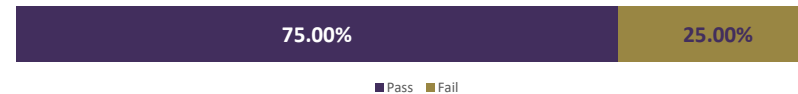


2018/19 Year Out-turn = 55%  
2017/18 Year Out-turn = 60%



**CYPiC adopted within A2 indicator**

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

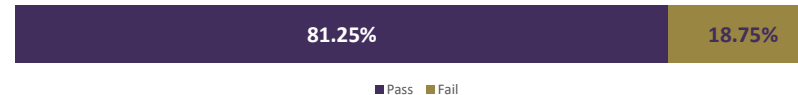


2018/19 Year Out-turn = 68%  
2017/18 Year Out-turn = 55%



**CYPiC adopted within A10 indicator**

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

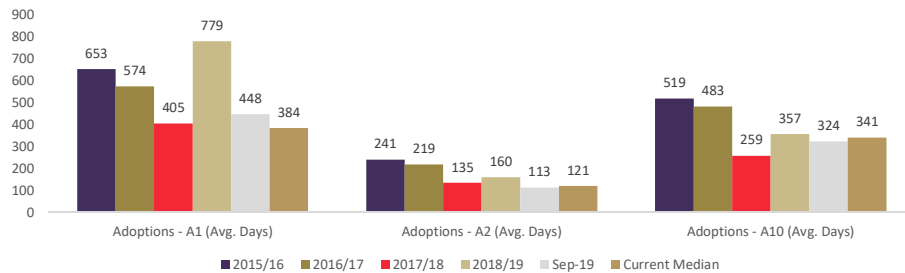


2018/19 Year Out-turn = 73%  
2017/18 Year Out-turn = 63%

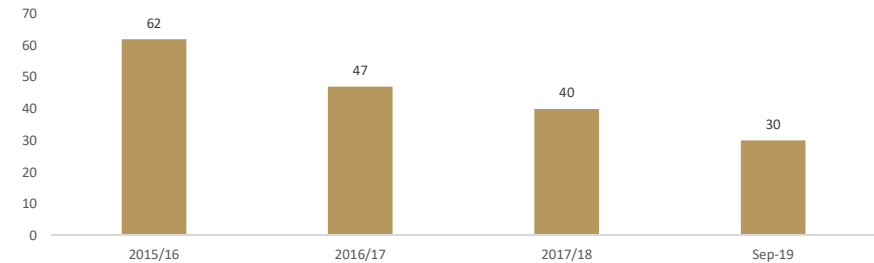


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Average Days against Adoption Indicators



Number of adoptions



Adoption timeliness continues to improve in 2019/20 against all indicators. Wolverhampton's A1 and A10 indicators are currently below national targets and A2 indicator average days is lower than at any previous year. This is promising performance especially when considering that Wolverhampton also compares favourably to comparators against the adoption of hard to place children. There were 30 adoptions in the year to date to September 2019. Overall managers are pleased with performance although there is caution for adoptions that are set to take place later in the year with how changes in process due to the setup and initiation of the Regional Adoption Agency effect timeliness as the service is imbedded

Care Leavers



Care Leavers EET Status

Education, Employment and Training of Care Leavers aged 17-21

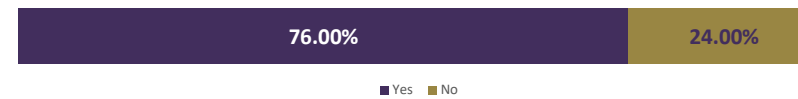


2017/18 Year Out-turn = 60%  
2016/17 West Midlands = 46%  
2016/17 Stat Neighbours = 47%  
2016/17 England = 50%



Care Leavers available to work

Care Leavers aged 17-21 who are available for education, training or employment

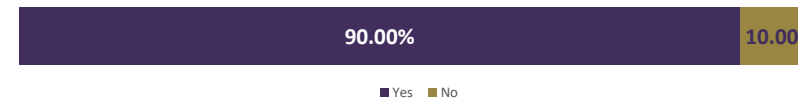


2017/18 Year Out-turn = 84%  
2016/17 Year Out-turn = 82%



Care Leavers in suitable accommodation

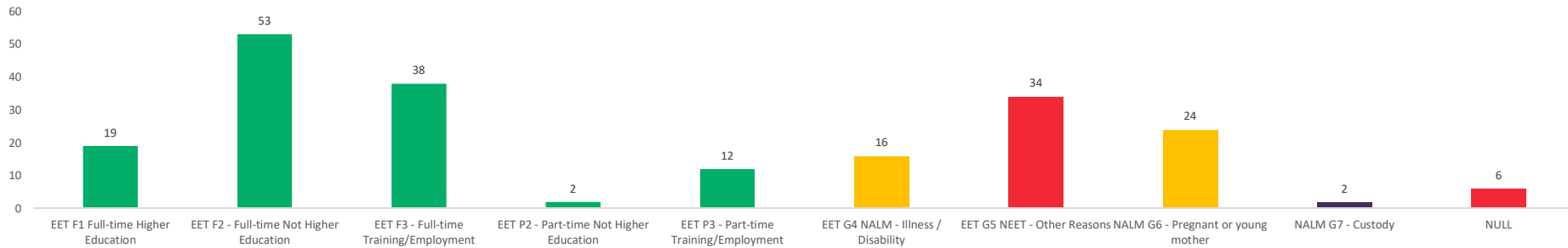
Care Leavers aged 17-21 who live in suitable accommodation



2017/18 Year Out-turn = 88%  
2016/17 West Midlands = 82%  
2016/17 Stat Neighbours = 83%  
2016/17 England = 84%



Current Care Leaver EET Status



Care Leaver data continues to be an area of strength for the authority. At the end of September 2019 67% of 17-21 year olds were in Education, Employment or Training. 76% of care leavers are available for work with 24% (52 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 91% of the cohort are currently in suitable accommodation.