CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON C O U N C I L

# **Corporate Parenting Board** 10 June 2021

Time 5.30 pm Public Meeting? YES Type of meeting Oversight

Venue MS Teams

### Membership

Chair Cllr Beverley Momenabadi (Lab)

Labour Conservative

Cllr Mary Bateman
Cllr Udey Singh
Cllr Paula Brookfield
Cllr Wendy Dalton
Cllr Jasbinder Dehar
Cllr Stephanie Haynes
Cllr Asha Mattu

Cllr Rita Potter Cllr Mak Singh

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### **Agenda**

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

Item	No	Title

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Declarations of interests
- 3 Minutes of the meeting held on 25 March 2021 (Pages 5 12)

[To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 25 March 2021 as a correct record.]

4 Matters arising

[To consider any matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 25 March 2021.]

5 **Schedule of outstanding matters** (Pages 13 - 16)

[To receive the Schedule of Outstanding Matters.]

6 National Independent Review of Children's Social Care (To Follow)

[To receive the report providing background to the National Independent Review of Children's Social Care.]

7 Corporate Parenting Board Work Plan 2021 - 2022 (Pages 17 - 20)

[To approve the Corporate Parenting Board Work Plan for municipal year 2020 - 2021.]

8 Foster Carer Engagement

[To receive a presentation outlining work on Foster Carer engagement.]

9 **Performance Monitoring Information** (Pages 21 - 28)

[To receive the Performance Monitoring Information Report.]

10 Exclusion of the Press and Public

[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

- 11 Experience of an Apprenticeship
  - [To receive a presentation of a first-hand account from an apprentice working within the Council.]
- 12 Councillor Visits to Establishments Schedule of Visits

### [NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]

[To receive verbal feedback on any visits to establishments undertaken by Councillors since the last meeting.]



Agenda Item No: 3

CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON C O U N C I L

### **Corporate Parenting Board**

Minutes - 25 March 2021

### **Attendance**

Chair Cllr John Reynolds (Lab)

### Labour

Cllr Paul Sweet Cllr Rashpal Kaur Cllr Paula Brookfield Cllr Rita Potter

#### Conservative

Cllr Udey Singh

#### In Attendance

Fiona Brennan Designated Nurse, Children and Young People in Care

Michelle Cummings Corporate Parenting Officer

Alison Hinds Deputy Director of Children's Social Care

Shelley Humphries Democratic Services Officer

Steven Larking Lead Commissioner for Children's Services
Darren Martindale Service Manager – Vulnerable Learners

Shaquille Spence Participation Officer

Alice Vickers Co-production and Youth Engagement Manager
Jazmine Walker Head of Service, Children and Young People in Care

Members of the Children in Care Council

Item No. Title

### 1 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from the following members of the Corporate Parenting Board Councillor Martin Waite, Councillor Paul Appleby and Councillor Rupinderjit Kaur. Apologies were also received from Emma Bennett.

#### 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 21 January 2021

#### Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2021 be confirmed as 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

It was noted that the only item on the Schedule of Outstanding Matters had been resolved.

#### Resolved:

That the Schedule of Outstanding Matters be received.

### 6 Children in Care Council (CiCC) Annual Report 2019 - 2020

The Vice-Chair of the Children in Care Council (CiCC) presented the CiCC Annual Report 2019 – 2020 with an accompanying slideshow presentation. The report provided a summary of the outcomes of the Children in Care Survey and focused on the achievements of the CiCC and their continued commitment to improving Children's Services.

It was reported that attendance for the CiCC Annual Conference had been lower than expected and steps had been taken to explore why this had occurred. It was noted that Children and Young People in Care Team Managers and members of the Fostering Team had taken the feedback on board and agreed to use more avenues, such as the fostering portal online, to further promote all events of interest to children and young people in care.

The presentation also included news and the achievements of the Children in Care Council over the past year.

The work undertaken by the young people and their commitment to improving services was commended. It was noted that the Authority would continue to engage

with young people and the CiCC. It was requested that CiCC meetings dates be provided so Councillors were aware and could attend or contribute if needed.

#### Resolved:

- That the Children in Care Council (CiCC) Annual Report 2019 2020 be received.
- 2. That CiCC meeting dates be provided to Councillors.

### 7 Children's Services Sufficiency and Commissioning Strategy 2021-2024

Stephen Larking, Lead Commissioner for Children's Services presented the Children's Services Sufficiency and Commissioning Strategy 2021-2024 and highlighted salient points.

It was acknowledged that the submission of a Sufficiency Strategy was a statutory requirement as set out in Section 22G of the Children's Act 1989 which requires local authorities to take strategic action in respect of those children they look after and for whom it would be consistent with their welfare for them to be provided with accommodation within their local authority area.

It was noted that this Children and Young People's Sufficiency and Commissioning Strategy 2021-2025 was the first strategy that also set out how the Authority commissioned services.

This Strategy served as a single plan covering requirements for the Children in Care Sufficiency Duty and the Children in Care Strategy and outlined the seven themes: Collaborative Leadership; Strong and Effective Participation and Co-production; Creating a Vision for Local Service Provision; Implementing Robust Joint Commissioning Systems and Processes, Delivering Improved Value and Outcomes; Engaging the Market and Securing the Best Delivery Method, Understanding Performances of all services (internal and contracted).

It was reported that a strategic commissioning offer was being introduced with a service review approach. Reviews would focus on how all Council services worked together and not just one contract in isolation. Our first review is of supported accommodation, including input and feedback from young people, budgets and funding. Internal services as well as external services will be examined to determine what processes and resources the Authority already has before seeking what needs to be commissioned from elsewhere. Sufficiency Strategy Workshops had been held to gain insight from young people as well as including them in tender and contract evaluation processes. Co-production with young people was also embedded heavily throughout other areas of the Strategy.

It was noted that it was a requirement children and young people in care should be attending schools rated good or outstanding by OFSTED, but it was queried why 84% currently attended schools rated as such and not 100%. It was stated that there could be several factors, such as the school rating changing since the children placed there began attending; if the children were settled and happy at the school, it was preferable not to move them. Some children may be placed out of City which may affect the schools they could attend.

In response to a query around what was next for the Strategy, it was noted that a consultation would take place each year in September to ensure the Commissioning

Plan element was kept current and relevant. The first plan was due September 2021 and it was agreed that this plan, along with an update on how co-production had added value to the Strategy would be provided around this time.

#### Resolved:

- 1. That the publication of the refreshed Children and Young People's Sufficiency and Commissioning Strategy 2021-2024 be approved.
- 2. That Corporate Parenting Board note the refreshed approach to Commissioning, with a more strategic offer across the directorate.
- 3. That Corporate Parenting Board receive the first Commissioning Plan update around September 2021 to include an update on how co-production had added value to the Strategy.

### 8 Virtual School Head Report 2020

Darren Martindale, Service Manager – Vulnerable Learners, presented the Virtual School Head Annual Report 2020 and highlighted salient points. The report sought to update and inform Corporate Parenting Board of the educational progress and achievements of Wolverhampton's children and young people in care and care leavers and the steps that the Authority had taken to support those achievements.

Following on from the point raised in the last item regarding children in care attending good or outstanding schools, it was added that some schools had been selected with a more concentrated focus on how inclusive they were.

Throughout the lockdown periods, a close eye was being kept on children both attending school and involved in home schooling to ensure their wellbeing and encourage engagement.

Unlike many other authorities, Pupil Premium Funding was still being paid to schools during summer term 2020 as it was felt that this support was necessary now more than ever.

Virtual meetings were taking place to support keeping Personal Education Plans (PEPs) up to date and young people's participation in these meetings had reportedly improved since the move to virtual platforms. School-aged PEP are fully electronic and electronic versions of the early years/16+ version PEPs will be launched very soon.

The Aspire2Uni programme had yielded some pleasing results with around 30 of Wolverhampton's young people signed up to the scheme. 75% had achieved the expected standard of their age for English and 72% had achieved this in maths.

It was highlighted that GSCE results had shown a notably higher attainment level than in previous years. As a result of the pandemic, grades had been based on teacher assessment of work rather than examination results. A theory had been expressed that children and young people in care fared less well in a formal examination system therefore this outcome was worth exploring.

The Chair commended the work done and expressed thanks to all who had contributed to achieving these positive outcomes. The points raised regarding the examination results were also echoed. It was noted that it was interesting how well-

received virtual meetings had been and that it was worth building on that success to encourage improved participation.

#### Resolved:

That the Virtual School Head Annual Report 2020 be received

### 9 Experience of an Apprenticeship

#### Resolved:

That Item 9 be deferred to the next appropriate meeting.

### 10 Increasing Not Engaged in Education Employment and Training (NEET) Care Leavers in the 19 - 21-year-old Cohort

Jazmine Walker, Head of Children and Young People in Care, presented the Increasing Support to Not Engaged in Education Employment and Training (NEET) Care Leavers in the 19 – 21-year-old Cohort report and highlighted salient points. The report provided an update on current performance, the impact of Covid-19, and the Authority's approach to increasing engagement and support to care leavers who were currently not in education, employment and training (NEET) in order to improve their employability and life chances.

The report outlined the numbers of EET, NEET and NALM (not available for the labour market) and the reduction already seen in NEET from 2018 – 2019 to 2019 - 2020.

It was noted that COVID-19 had impacted heavily on employment in general with a large fall in employment for young people aged between 16 – 24, which had resulted in an increase of NEET. Despite the limitations posed by the national lockdown restrictions however, the EET Coordinator has worked closely with Children and Young People in Care Service, colleagues across the Council and partner agencies to identify several ways to monitor and support care leavers and promote EET opportunities.

An outline of the work undertaken and its alignment with the City-wide Relighting Our City Strategy was noted.

Within section 3.0 of the report, members of Corporate Parenting Board were invited to support the following proposals to further enhance the EET opportunities available to care leavers:

- Local businesses in Wolverhampton to engage in further work or work experience placements for care leavers with on the job training (to make up for lack of formal qualifications). Corporate Parenting Partnership Board members will be requested to see if they can offer further additional traineeship placement experiences on 31 March 2021.
- Closer work with the Care Leaver's Covenant for increased tailored opportunities to meet our young people's need which will be explored and progressed through the Corporate Parenting Partnership Board on 31 March 2021.

#### Resolved:

That Corporate Parenting Board approve the support offered to those young people who have left care and are not engaged in education employment or training as proposed in section 3.0 of the report.

#### 11 Health Assessments

Jazmine Walker, Head of Children and Young People in Care presented the Health Assessments Report and highlighted salient points. The report provided the Corporate Parenting Board with an update on the challenges and actions identified to improve the completion and timeliness of initial and review health assessment for all children and young people in care.

It was reported that the performance data for initial and review health assessments, which were previously an area of strength, had shown a continued month on month reduction since July 2020. The response to this decline consisted of a manual trawl and data quality activity undertaken with health and Local Authority colleagues in order to understand the reasons for this level of performance. The data quality activity provided assurance about the number of children with an in-date review health assessment as well as assurance about how the Local Authority will further monitor and improve performance in this area.

It was stated that this work would continue and a full update on outcomes would be provided to Corporate Parenting Board in six months' time. This would include how changes made had impacted the performance data.

A concern was raised in respect of the accuracy of the system and the manual data trawl and if this may be creating duplicate work. Assurances were offered that changes had already been made to the way data was recorded to enable it to be separated and analysed efficiently and accurately. It was noted that the effects of the changes would take time to filter through and take effect. It was also agreed that an update should only be provided in six months' time if there were significant changes to report.

Assurances were offered from the Wolverhampton CCG that the majority of children will have had their initial review, it just might mean that some will have had it outside of the 30-day time period. The very small percentage that had not had their review were those who had actively chosen to opt out.

#### Resolved:

- That a further update on health assessment performance is presented to Corporate Parenting Board in six months' time for review if there were sufficient changes to report.
- 2. That Corporate Parenting Board note the challenges and actions identified to improve the completion and timeliness of initial and review health assessment for all children and young people in care.

### 12 **Performance Monitoring Information**

Alison Hinds, Deputy Director of Social Care presented the Performance Monitoring Report and highlighted salient points. It was noted that the Education, NEET and Health Review areas had already been covered in earlier agenda items.

It was highlighted that numbers of children in care were on a downward trajectory whilst ensuring the right children remained in care if appropriate.

It was thought that the work undertaken on the Family Values project had contributed towards stability in placements and 'family and friends' placements had been the most common.

There had been a small number of adoptions; partly because of restrictions and concerns around COVID and partly because court closures during lockdown had delayed decisions being made on care orders. This backlog had begun to clear so more orders were being granted.

#### Resolved:

That the Performance Monitoring Information report be received.

#### 13 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.

### 14 Councillor Visits to Establishments - Schedule of Visits

Alice Vickers, Co-production and Youth Engagement Manager reported that visits had been paused due to COVID; virtual visits had been suggested however the establishments within the area had taken on new residents and it was not considered an appropriate time whilst they settled in.

Michelle Cummings, the newly appointed Corporate Parenting Officer, was introduced and welcomed. It was noted that she would be picking up the arrangement of the visits as soon as they could safely resume face to face and reporting back to the Board.

### Resolved:

That face to face establishment visits would resume when safe and appropriate to do so.



Agenda Item No: 5

CITY OF	<b>Corporate Parenting Board</b>
WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL	10 June 2021

Report title Schedule of Outstanding Matters

Cabinet member with lead Cour

responsibility

Councillor Beverley Momenabadi

Children and Young People

Wards affected All wards

**Accountable director** Emma Bennett, Director of Children's and Adult Services

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**Democratic Services Officer** 

### **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.

Date of Meeting	Subject	Lead Member / Officer	<b>Current Position</b>
25 March 2021	That Children in Care Council meeting dates be provided to Councillors should they wish to contribute.	Michelle Cummings, Corporate Parenting Officer	Meeting dates and attendance details have been circulated to members of Corporate Parenting Board.
25 March 2021	That Item 9 - Experience of an Apprenticeship - be deferred to the next appropriate meeting.		The item has been re-scheduled for this meeting to take place after press and public have been excluded.

### 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 Any other implications
- 6.1 There are no other implications arising from this report.
- 7.0 Schedule of background papers
- 7.1 Minutes of previous meetings of the Corporate Parenting Board and associates.



Agenda Item No: 7

**CITY** OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL

### **Corporate Parenting Board**

10 June 2021

Report title Corporate Parenting Board Work Plan 2021 -

2022

Cabinet member with lead

responsibility

Councillor Beverley Momenabadi

Children and Young People

Wards affected All wards

**Accountable director** Emma Bennett, Director of Children's and Adult Services

Children and Young People in Care **Originating service** 

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Report to be/has been

considered by

Children's Social Care Leadership

20 May 2021

### Recommendation for decision:

The Corporate Parenting Board is recommended to:

1. Approve the attached proposed Corporate Parenting Board Work Plan 2021 – 2022 outlining the Corporate Parenting Board's activities for the next 12 months.

### 1.0 Purpose

1.1 Members of the Corporate Parenting Board are invited to review, comment and provide feedback on the Corporate Parenting Board work plan. The Corporate Parenting Board Work Plan 2021 – 2022 is to set clear strategy and political direction in meeting the Council's Corporate Parenting responsibilities.

### 2.0 Background

2.1 The Corporate Parenting Board meets regularly and requires a new Work Plan to be considered for municipal year 2021 – 2022 outlining the work.

### 3.0 Options

3.1 The proposed decision is that the Corporate Parenting Board approve to the Corporate Parenting Board Work Plan 2021 – 2022 which will ensure all reports are scheduled onto forth coming agendas for this Board.

### 4.0 Financial implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.
- 4.2 Any costs associated with the Corporate Parenting Board Work Plan 2021-2022 will be contained within existing budgets within Children's Services.

### [JG/14052021/U]

### 5.0 Legal implications

- 5.1 There are no legal implications as a result of this report.
- 5.2 [SB/15052021/E]

### 6.0 Equalities implications

6.1 Children and young people are treated equally, whereby the board supports the richness of the diversity that exists in society.

### 7.0 All other Implications

7.1 There are no other implications as a result of this report.

### 8.0 Appendices

8.1 Appendix 1 - Corporate Parenting Board Work Plan 2021-2022.

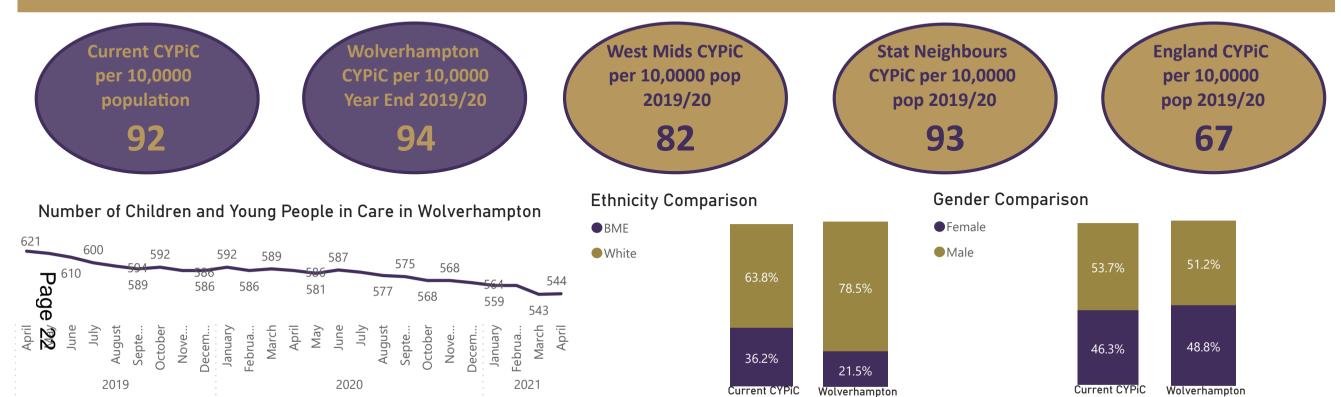
### Corporate Parenting Board Work Plan 2021 - 2022

Date of Corporate Parenting Board Meeting	Date of Children and Young People in Care Managers' Meeting	Date of Children in Care Council (CiCC)	Agenda Items	Invitees
10/06/2021	26/05/2021	05/05/2021	Corporate Parenting Board Work Plan 2021 - 2022 Children and Young People Improving Council Services Foster Carers Engagement	Michelle Cummings CYPIC Esther Douglas
08/07/2021	09/06/2021	02/06/2021	Fostering Annual Report	Lisa Whelan
			Foster Carers' Forum	Esther Douglas
23/09/2021	04/08/2021	04/08/2021	Sufficiency Strategy	Steven Larkin
			Annual Health Report Health Report Adoption Annual report	Fiona Brenan Jazmine Walker Mark Tobin
25/11/2021	13/10/2021	13/10/2021	Carers Leavers' Local Offer	Jazmine Walker
			CLIC (Care Leavers Forum) Independent Reviewing Officer Corporate Parenting Strategy Report	Shaquille Spence Sonia Mahay Michelle Cummings
27/01/2022	10/11/2021	03/11/2021	Children in Care Council (CiCC)	Shaquille Spence
			Virtual School Report	Darren Martindale
			Adoption Interim Report	Mark Tobin
31/03/2022	10/11/2021	03/11/2021	The House Project	Lisa Whelan



# **CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW** 2 Data as at: 30 April 2021 Agenda Item

### **Current CYPiC Profile**



### Age Breakdown

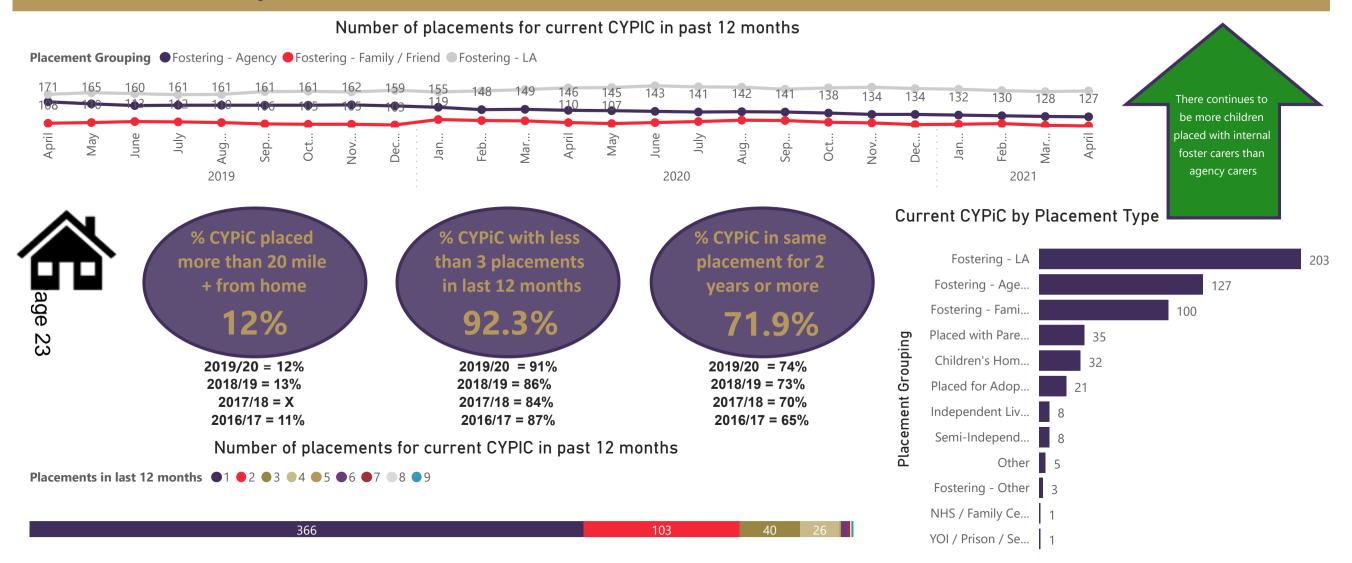


The numbers of children and young people in care have decreased further in the year to date from 589 in March to 544. There continues to be an increase in the number of children leaving care and the rate of children entering care has decreased. Over 60% of Wolverhampton's children and young people in care are aged 10 and above with 30% aged 15 or above. There is an over representation of BAME children in the current children and young people in care cohort compared to the overall city population of 0-18 year olds. Over representation is also apparent with males when compared to the overall Wolverhampton population of 0-18 year olds.



Month

### **CYPiC Placement Analysis**



Through the performance of the Family Values Project, the number of mainstream placements continue to stay higher than those with agency foster carers.

Both the long and short term placement stability continue to stay strong at 92% for the percentage of CYPIC with fewer than 3 placements during the last 12 months from 86% during 2018/19.



### **Assessments, Reviews, Visits**



### **CYPiC** with an up to date assessment

Where a new assessment has been completed within 12 months

20.04%

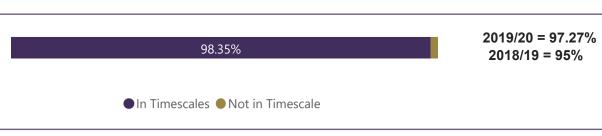
79.96%

2019/20 = 78.36%
2018/19 = 41.03%



### 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



95.1%



### **CYPiC** who participated in the review

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

2019/20 = 89% 2018/19 = 89%

Assessments are 79.96% which is a slight improvement from 78.36% in the previous year, while reviews continue to improve throughout the year with 98% of children recorded as having an up to date review.

CYPiC Review Participation conitnues to stay strong at 95% in the month



### **Education**

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KS2 Expected Standard	Maths	Reading	Writing	Reading, Writing and Maths
CYPiC Wolverhampton 2019	47%	50%	58%	42%
Wolverhampton 2019	74%	70%	77%	64%
CYPiC West Midlands 2019	50%	51%	52%	38%
CYPiC Stat Neighbours 2019	54%	49%	52%	38%
CYPiC England 2019	51%	49%	50%	37%
KS4	9-4 Pass in English and Maths	Attainment 8	Progres s 8	
CYPiC Wolverhampton 2019	15%	20%	-1%	
Wolverhampton 2019	58%	45%	0%	
CYPiC West Midlands 2019	18%	20%	-1%	
CYPiC Stat Neighbours 2019	18%	20%	-1%	
CYPiC England 2019	18%	19%	-1%	

PEP's - All Ages

The 2019 KS2 and KS4 results show that Wolverhampton CYPiC has improved in line with 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. 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 2019. This is taken from published data that was released in April 2020, and shows that performance is in line with or better than comparator groups. Wolverhampton are in the upper quartile nationally (best performance) for children and young people in care overall absence.

CYPIC with an up to date PEP performance has improved in April. Forms continue to be developed by the Social Care Service team to enable all of the information to be reportable from the system.

CYPiC Unauthorised (2019) Absence \*

1.1% West Midlands - 1.1% Stat Neighbours - 1.3% England - 1.4% CYPiC Overall Absence (2019)
3.9%

West Midlands - 4.2% Stat Neighbours - 4.3% England - 4.7% CYPiC Persistent Absence (2019)

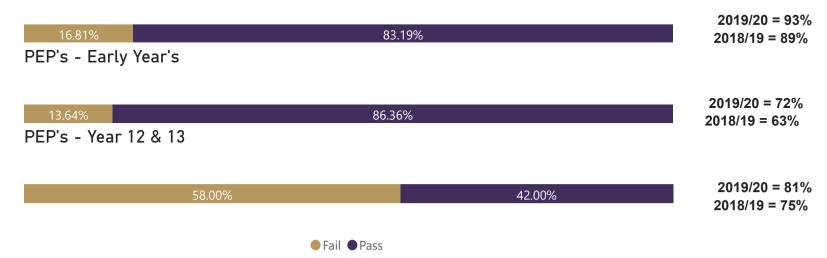
9.2%

West Midlands - 9% Stat Neighbours - 10% England - 11%



### **CYPiC** with an up to date PEP

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





Health & Dental - This data is internal CWC data and reflects different timescales to the data provided by health



### CYPiC with an up to date review health check

Where a review health check has been completed within 12 months





### CYPiC with an initial health check

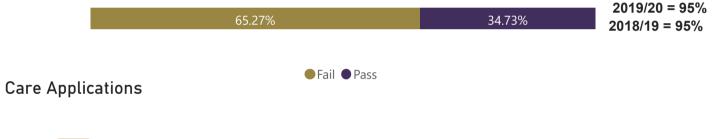
Where a health check has been completed within 20 working days of entering care (rolling 12 months)



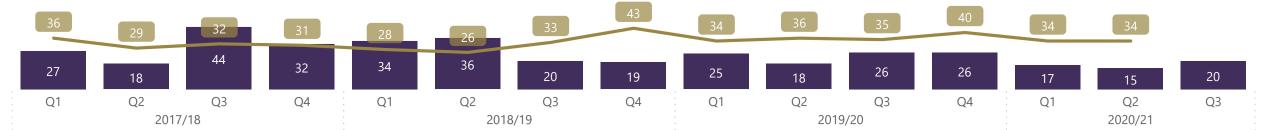


### CYPiC with an up to date dental check

Where a dental check has been completed within 12 months



Number of children subject of Care applications
 Timeliness of care applications (Avg. Duration)



The percentage of dental checks completed has been consistently declining as a result of the current situation regarding Covid-19 as dentists have been closed. Medical checks which were previously an area of strength have started to see improvements in the month, increasing to 75% in the month. Of the new CYPiC in the past 12 months 35% had a health assessment within the first 20 working days, although this would not affect the other health percentages, however this remains an area of concern and continues to be flagged as an area of concern in internal performance management meetings. We will be expecting to see an increase in the length of care proceedings due to the impact of Covid-19. There has also been a delay in timeliness due to the court initially not being able to manage proceedings virtually.



### **Adoption**



### **CYPiC adopted within A1 indicator (428 days)**

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



### **CYPiC adopted within A2 indicator (122 Days)**

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



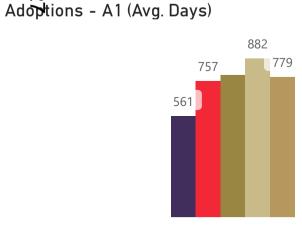
### **CYPiC adopted within A10 indicator (428 Days)**

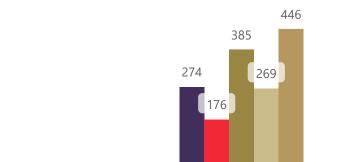
Average time between a child entering care and moving in with their adoptive family (stopped at point of fostering for foster carers adoptions)

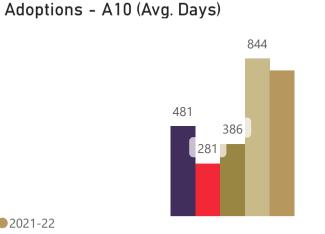
Adoptions - A2 (Avg. Days)



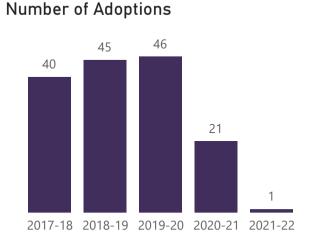
28.57%







71.43%



2019/20 = 74%

There were 21 adoptions in 2020/21, a decrease on the previous year, this has been heavily impacted by Covid-19. Positively, the number of children placed with their adoptive families currenlty is 34

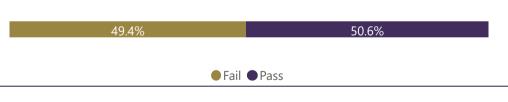
**●**2017-18 **●**2018-19 **●**2019-20 **●**2020-21 **●**2021-22

### **Care Leavers**



### **Care Leavers EET Status**

Education, Employment and Training of Care Leavers aged 19-21

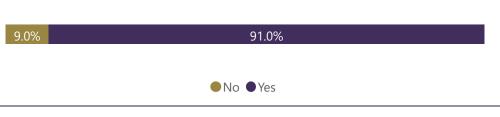


2019/20 Year Out-turn = 57% 2018/19 Year Out-turn = 61% 2019/20 West Midlands = 50% 2019/20 Stat Neighbours = 48% 2019/20 England = 53%



### Care Leavers available to work

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



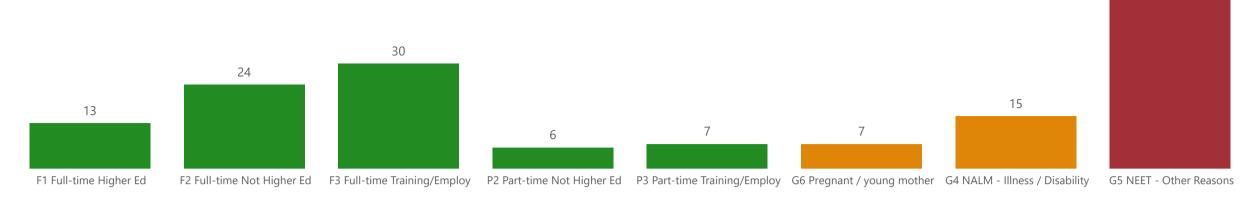
## **Care Leavers in suitable accommodation**

Care Leavers aged 19-21 who live in suitable accommodation



2019/20 Year Out-turn = 91% 2018/19 Year Out-turn = 88% 2019/20 West Midlands = 85% 2019/20 Stat Neighbours = 86% 2019/20 England = 85%

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Care Leaver outcomes continues to be an area of strength for the authority. At the end of April 2021 51% of 19-21 year olds were in Education, Employment or Training. This is a downturn when compared to the previous year's out turn and a paper was presented to the board on 25th March 2021 outlining the current activity to support our Care Leavers and improve performance in this area over the coming months 91% of care leavers aged 17-21 are available for work. Of the 19-21 cohort 14% (22 young people) were 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.