

Time 5.30 pm **Public Meeting?** YES **Type of meeting** Oversight

Venue Committee Room 3 - 3rd Floor - Civic Centre

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Agenda

Part 1 – items open to the press and public

- | <i>Item No.</i> | <i>Title</i> |
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| 1 | Apologies for absence |
| 2 | Declarations of interest |
| 3 | Minutes of the meeting held on 23 March 2023 (Pages 3 - 8)
[To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 23 March 2023 as a correct record.] |
| 4 | Matters arising
[To consider any matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on xxx] |
| 5 | Schedule of outstanding matters (Pages 9 - 12)
[To receive the Schedule of Outstanding Matters.] |
| 6 | Corporate Parenting Board Terms of Reference 2023-2024 (Pages 13 - 18)
[To approve the refreshed Terms of Reference for Corporate Parenting Board.] |
| 7 | Corporate Parenting Board Work Plan 2023-2024 (Pages 19 - 22)
[To approve the Corporate Parenting Work Plan for municipal year 2023 – 2024.] |
| 8 | Foster Carers' Engagement (Pages 23 - 46)
[To receive a presentation of Foster Carer engagement activity over 2022 – 2023.] |
| 9 | 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

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| 10 | Councillor Visits to Establishments - Schedule of Visits
[To receive verbal feedback on any visits to establishments undertaken by Councillors since the last meeting.] |
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Attendance

Vice Chair, in the Chair Cllr Wendy Dalton (Con)

Labour

Cllr Lovinyer Daley

Cllr Jasbinder Dehar

Cllr Barbara McGarrity QN

Conservative

Cllr Mak Singh

Cllr Udey Singh

In Attendance

Hannah Finch
Rebecca Grainger
Samantha Grainger
Shelley Humphries
Andrew Scragg
Jazmine Walker
Helen Woodvine

Corporate Parenting Officer
Designated Nurse for CYPIC, Black Country ICB
Team Manager
Democratic Services Officer
Participation Officer
Head of Service for Children and Young People in Care
EET Co-ordinator

Corporate Parenting Board also welcomed members of Children in Care Council and Care Leavers' Independent Collective as well as one Foster Carer.

Item No. Title

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from members of the Corporate Parenting Board Councillor Beverley Momenabadi, Councillor Rita Potter and Councillor Qaiser Azeem.

Apologies were also received from Emma Bennett and Alison Hinds.

2 Declarations of interest

Councillor Barbara McGarrity QN declared a non-pecuniary interest as she is a Private Counsellor.

3 Minutes of the meeting held on 12 January 2023

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 January 2023 be confirmed as correct record and signed by the Vice Chair in the Chair.

4 Matters arising

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

5 Schedule of outstanding matters

Hannah Finch, Corporate Parenting Officer presented the report on current progress on matters previously considered by the Board.

In addition to the information provided within the report, Rebecca Grainger, Designated Nurse for Children and Young People in Care (CYPiC) provided an update on the free prescriptions for care leavers up to the age of 25 reporting that this scheme had been approved and would go live across the Black Country from 1 April 2023.

Members commended the Total Respect sessions that had taken place and it was reported that further sessions would be available on 19 June 2023. It was confirmed that this would be ongoing and continually refreshed.

Resolved:

That the Schedule of Outstanding Matters be received.

6 Children in Care Council (CiCC) Presentation

Members of the Children in Care Council (CiCC) present delivered the presentation supported by Participation Officers, Anton Wright and Andrew Scragg.

The presentation provided an overview of the survey undertaken to gather feedback from children and young people in care in respect of the services available to them, as well as the priorities identified by the CiCC for the coming year.

It was noted that there had been fewer survey responses than hoped for and therefore not such a wide representation of the views of children and young people in care across the City, which led to discussions around how to ensure better engagement in future surveys.

Assurances were offered that a wide range of methods had been employed to reach children and young people to take part, including using social media platforms, however it was deliberated whether feelings of overwhelm when faced with a series of questions may have discouraged participation.

In response to a suggestion of using the CiCC it was noted that whilst the CiCC provided an additional platform for the voice of children and young people in care, it was made up of a small number of volunteers and was not representative of all children and young people in care across the City.

It was voiced by the young people that they felt more support was needed from teachers therefore it was requested that the survey results be shared with designated teachers with outcomes reported back to Corporate Parenting Board.

In response to suggestions for using school-based focus groups, it was acknowledged that not all children and young people felt comfortable enough to speak candidly in front of groups. It was noted however that recent Independent Reviewing Officer (IRO) participation reports evidenced that 98% of children and young people were fully engaged during their reviews, which had been achieved through improved methodology and allowed them to voice their concerns or wishes in a safe space.

Resolved:

1. That the Children in Care Council (CiCC) Presentation be received.
2. That the survey be shared with designated teachers and outcomes reported back to Corporate Parenting Board.

7 Care Leavers' Independent Collective (CLiC) Presentation

The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Care Leavers' Independent Collective (CLiC) co-presented the presentation which celebrated achievements and successes over the year as well as highlighting key goals and priorities for the coming year.

Key concerns highlighted included challenges accessing affordable transport and internet connectivity which were both crucial, particularly when seeking employment. A plea was extended for Councillors to lobby on behalf of care leavers and exercise influence at a regional level for possible solutions. It was noted that flats occupied by care leavers had been included in the 5G mapping, however rolling out of the new technology was taking time and access was needed in the meantime.

It was noted that care leavers had no designated nurse therefore this was also requested. It was reported that a bid, which included provision of a designated care leavers' nurse within the proposals, had been submitted to the DfE by the Authority under the Staying Close funding model. Jazmine Walker, Head of Service for Children and Young People in Care agreed to liaise with Rebecca Grainger, Designated Nurse for CYPiC to explore another means to fund this role if the bid was unsuccessful.

It was also reported that whilst being a child or young person in care was legally recognised as a protected characteristic, this did not extend to care leavers or care experienced young people and it was expressed that a key ambition was to change this, at least at a local level.

Resolved:

1. That the Care Leavers' Independent Collective (CLiC) Presentation be received.
2. That Councillors lobby on behalf of care leavers wherever possible to support them in achieving the set priorities.
3. That Jazmine Walker, Head of Service for Children and Young People in Care and Rebecca Grainger, Designated Nurse for CYPiC explore another means to fund a designated care leavers' nurse if the Staying Close bid was unsuccessful.

8 **Care Leavers' Survey Outcomes**

Samantha Grainger, Team Manager delivered a presentation which outlined the results from the 2022 – 2023 Care Leavers' Survey and highlighted areas for improvement and action that had been identified as a result.

It was noted that the survey had been completed by young people who access the REACH care leaver service aged 16 – 25 years. It was outlined that the survey is undertaken annually to evaluate the quality and impact of current provision to inform future priorities.

In addition to the outcomes reported in the survey, it was noted that the numbers that had completed the survey had increased since last year despite many reporting survey fatigue. It was noted that the survey took 15 minutes on average to complete however there were plans to condense it further. The survey had been completed both on paper and online, although online was the preferred option.

Resolved:

That the Care Leavers' Survey Outcomes presentation be received.

9 **Education, Employment and Training (EET) Update**

Helen Woodvine, EET Coordinator presented the Education, Employment and Training (EET) Update report and highlighted key points. The report outlined the current performance and key developments to the support on offer to Children and Young People in Care (CYPiC), Care Leavers (CL) and vulnerable young people around Education, Employment and Training (EET) by the City of Wolverhampton Council.

Highlights included increasing apprenticeship opportunities both within the Council and with external partners, increased numbers of young people positively engaged in EET as well as an increase in those continuing into higher education (with the exception of a small dip in intake numbers in 2020 – 2021 during lockdown periods).

In response to a query, it was confirmed that the Ask Jan app was a digital platform managed by the Rees Foundation that provided care leavers at university with round the clock access to wellbeing support and advice.

Board members commended the work undertaken, especially noting the inclusion of support for young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND).

Resolved:

That the Education, Employment and Training (EET) Update report be received.

10 **Performance Monitoring Information**

Jazmine Walker, Head of Service for Children and Young People in Care presented the Performance Monitoring Information report and highlighted salient points. The report provided analytics on service performance in a number of areas relating to children and young people in care.

It was highlighted that the data and narrative for missing incidents for children and young people in care had now been included as requested at the previous meeting. It was noted that numbers for October – November 2022 had been high but had now dropped back to previous levels.

In response to a concern raised by the Chair around the timeliness of initial health assessments, which was now at 13%, it was reported that this had also been flagged internally at the Council and the service was striving to make improvements, although it had proved challenging.

It was deliberated that many factors could impact this, one of which could be timeliness of reporting which in turn could be affected by awaiting quality assurance checks to be completed prior to reporting or longer appointments being offered to unaccompanied asylum-seeking children (UASC) or others with language barriers for example.

It was also suggested that non-attendance was another factor however training offered to social workers now included highlighting the importance of health checks. Assurances were also offered from health partners that solutions were being explored during monthly Health Operational meetings and the issue was being monitored on the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Foundation Trust and Integrated Care Board risk registers.

Resolved:

That the Performance Monitoring Information report be received.

11 **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

Resolved:

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.

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

Hannah Finch, Corporate Parenting Officer provided a verbal update on visits that had taken place with Councillor Lovinyer Daley and Councillor Barbara McGarrity QN. Councillor McGarrity QN reported to have found the accommodation and facilities very good and in a lovely setting.

It was reported that dates for future visiting opportunities would be circulated in the new municipal year.

Resolved:

That the Councillor Visits to Establishments - Schedule of Visits update be noted and that further dates be shared in the new municipal year.

CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL	Corporate Parenting Board 25 May 2023
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Report title	Schedule of Outstanding Matters	
Cabinet member with lead responsibility	Children and Young People	
Wards affected	All wards	
Accountable director	Emma Bennett, Executive Director of Families	
Originating service	Governance	
Accountable employee	Shelley Humphries	Democratic Services Officer
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	Email	shelley.humphries@wolverhampton.gov.uk

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	Current Position
23 March 2023	That the Children in Care annual survey be shared with designated teachers and outcomes reported back to Corporate Parenting Board.	Jazmine Walker, Head of Service for Children and Young People in Care	Survey results have been shared with the Designated Teacher Forum to raise awareness of the importance of encouraging young people to complete the survey. Anton Wright, Participation Officer is also scheduled to go into schools to encourage survey participation and to promote Children in Care Council.
23 March 2023	That Jazmine Walker, Head of Service for Children and Young People in Care and Rebecca Grainger, Designated Nurse for CYPiC explore another means to fund a designated care leavers' nurse if the Staying Close bid was unsuccessful.	Jazmine Walker, Head of Service for Children and Young People in Care and Rebecca Grainger, Black Country ICB	This action is in progress until the outcome of the Staying Close bid is announced.

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.

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CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL	Corporate Parenting Board 25 May 2023
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Report title	Corporate Parenting Board Terms of Reference 2023 - 2024	
Cabinet member with lead responsibility	Children and Young People	
Wards affected	All wards	
Accountable director	Emma Bennett, Executive Director of Families	
Originating service	Children and Young People	
Accountable employee	Hannah Finch	Corporate Parenting Officer
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Report has been considered by	Children in Care Council	10 May 2023
	Children and Young People in Care Managers	10 May 2023
	Children's Social Care Leadership Team	11 May 2023

Recommendation for decision:

The Corporate Parenting Board is recommended to:

1. Approve the updated Terms of Reference for the Corporate Parenting Board.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present an updated Terms of Reference for approval by Corporate Parenting Board.

2.0 Role of the Board

- 2.1 All staff and elected Councillors are responsible for the welfare and protection of the children and young people in their care, this is defined as “corporate parenting”.
- 2.2 The Corporate Parenting Board meets bi-monthly (every other month), to discuss and consider matters that affect children and young people in care. The updated Terms of Reference will ensure that the Corporate Parenting Board continues to be effective.

3.0 Options

Option One – do nothing

- 3.1 Corporate Parenting Board will continue to work with the current Terms of Reference

Option 2 – approve the updated Terms of Reference

- 3.2 Corporate Parenting Board is recommended to approve the updated Terms of Reference, which will continue to ensure the integrity and effectiveness of the Board’s decisions and actions. This is the recommended option.

4.0 Financial implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications for this report.
[JG/26042023/S]

5.0 Legal implications

- 5.1 There are no legal implications for this report.
[SB/24042023/N]

6.0 Equalities implications

- 6.1 There are no equalities implications for this report.

7.0 All other Implications

- 7.1 There are no other wider implications for this report.

8.0 Schedule of background papers

- 8.1 There are no background papers for this report.

9.0 Appendices

- 9.1 Appendix 1: Corporate Parenting Board Terms of Reference 2023 - 2024

Terms of Reference - Corporate Parenting Board

1.0 Role of the Board

- 1.1 Corporate Parenting is the term used to describe our collective responsibility to care for and support our children and young people in care.
- 1.2 All staff and elected Councillors are therefore defined as “corporate parents” and have a duty to be responsible for the welfare and protection of these children and young people.

2.0 The Purpose of the Board

- 2.1 To provide clear political direction in terms of Corporate Parenting.
- 2.2 To ensure all Councillors, City of Wolverhampton Staff and City of Wolverhampton Council Service Groups are aware of and are fulfilling their duties as corporate parents.
- 2.3 To be committed to highlighting and improving the welfare of children and young people in care and their Foster Parents.
- 2.4 To show drive, passion, and determination to improve and promote the aspirations of children and young people in care.
- 2.5 To promote the achievements of children and young people in care and to take part and acknowledge celebration events to highlight these.
- 2.6 To set objectives and to closely monitor and evaluate the work undertaken but the Corporate Parenting Partnership Board.
- 2.7 To receive regular reports from the Children and Young People’s Service Group, other internal Service Groups, and external partners to inform the board of the quality, level, and availability of services for children and young people in care.
- 2.8 To undertake regular Councillor visits to children’s homes within the city.
- 2.9 To highlight and promote the Council-based work placements and apprenticeship programmes for Care Experienced young people.
- 2.10 To ensure that the views, wishes and feelings of children and young people in care are considered in the decision-making process and the delivery, development, and assessment of services.

- 2.11 To invite Children and Young People in Care and Care Leavers to attend meetings of the Corporate Parenting Board on a regular basis as support and best practice advisors.
- 2.12 To invite Foster Parents to attend meetings of the Corporate Parenting Board on a regular basis as support and best practice advisors.
- 2.13 To meet with appropriate government inspectors as required for their input in overall inspections of Childrens Services, for Annual Performance Assessments (APA) and individual inspections of fostering/adoption and children's homes.
- 2.14 To report to Cabinet or other Boards as required through the appropriate channels.

3.0 Membership and Quorum

- 3.1 The Membership of the Board will consist of the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Children and Young People and up to nine Members on political proportionality. Membership and Chair arrangements of Corporate Parenting Board are agreed at each Annual General Meeting of the Council.
- 3.2 The Chair is the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Children and Young People.
- 3.3 The Vice Chair will be appointed from the membership and agreed at the Annual General Meeting of the Council
- 3.4 The quorum for Corporate Parenting Board is three Councillors including either the Chair or Vice Chair.

4.0 Frequency

- 4.1 The Board meets on a bi-monthly (every other month) basis to consider matters which affect children and young people in care.

5.0 Access to information

- 5.1 The Board will be recorded and communicated as follows:
- 5.2 All agendas and supplementary paperwork will be published online in accordance with legislation on the Council's public-facing website by the nominated Democratic Services Officer.
- 5.3 Full meetings of Corporate Parenting Board will be conducted in public unless confidential information is to be disclosed. Reports that are of a confidential nature (i.e., containing exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972) will be restricted from public access and discussed following exclusion of press and public.

- 5.4 The Democratic Services Officer will record the minutes and decisions of the Corporate Parenting Board and publish to the Council's public-facing website.
- 5.5 Exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 will be restricted from public access.
- 5.6 Meetings of Corporate Parenting Board are currently held in person and are accessible to the public, except where there are confidential items as defined in paragraph 5.5 above.

6.0 Review

- 6.1 These Terms of Reference will be reviewed on an annual basis at the beginning of each municipal year. The last review was 07 July 2022.

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Report title	Corporate Parenting Board Work Plan 2023 - 2024	
Cabinet member with lead responsibility	Children and Young People	
Wards affected	All wards	
Accountable director	Emma Bennett, Executive Director of Families	
Originating service	Children and Young People	
Accountable employee	Hannah Finch	Corporate Parenting Officer
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Report has been considered by	Children in Care Council	10 May 2023
	Children and Young People in Care Managers	10 May 2023
	Childrens Social Care Leadership Team	11 May 2023

Recommendation for decision:

The Corporate Parenting Board is recommended to:

1. Approve the Corporate Parenting Board Work Plan 2023-2024.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present for review and approval an outline of the suggested activities for the Corporate Parenting Board for the coming municipal year. The Corporate Parenting Board Work Plan 2023-2024 aims to set a clear direction for the Board to allow it to fulfil its duties in relation to Corporate Parenting.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The board meets on a bi-monthly basis and as such requires a new work plan to be considered for the 2023-2024 municipal year for the Board to continue to be effective.

3.0 Options

Option 1 - Do Nothing

- 3.1 The Board will work without the direction of a work plan for the 2023-2024 municipal year.

Option 2 – Approve the Corporate Parenting Board Work Plan 2023-2024

- 3.2 The Board are recommended to approve Corporate Parenting Board Work Plan 2023-2024, which will continue to ensure the integrity and effectiveness of the Board's decisions and actions while making sure all required reports are scheduled for the forthcoming meetings of this board. This is the recommended option.

4.0 Financial implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications for this report.
[JG/26042023/E]

5.0 Legal implications

- 5.1 There are no legal implications for this report.
[SB/06052023/U]

6.0 Equalities implications

- 6.1 There are no equalities implications for this report.

7.0 All other Implications

- 7.1 There are no other wider implications for this report.

8.0 Schedule of background papers

- 8.1 There are no background papers for this report.

9.0 Appendices

- 9.1 Appendix 1: Corporate Parenting Board Work Plan 2023-2024

Date of Corporate Parenting Board Meeting	Date of Children and Young People in Care Managers' Meeting	Date of Children in Care Council (CiCC) Meeting	Agenda Items	Invitees
25/05/2023	10/05/2023	10/05/2023	Updated Terms of Reference for Corporate Parenting Board Corporate Parenting Board Work Plan 2023 – 2024 Foster Carers' Engagement	Hannah Finch Hannah Finch Cate Robinson
13/07/2023	21/06/2023	21/06/2023	Fostering Annual Report Adoption Annual Report	Cate Robinson Lisa Preston
14/09/2023	30/08/2023	30/08/2023	Independent Reviewing Officer Annual Report Annual Health Report	Sonia Mahay Rebecca Grainger
23/11/2023	08/11/2023	08/11/2023	Sufficiency Strategy Virtual School Annual Report	Adrian Wells Darren Martindale
11/01/2024	20/12/2023	06/12/2023	Care Leavers' Local Offer Review Update Care Leaver Annual Survey Update CiCC (Children in Care Council) Annual Survey update	Laura Wood Laura Wood Laura Wood
21/03/2024	28/02/2024	14/02/2024	CiCC (Children in Care Council) Update CLIC (Care Leavers' Forum) Update Focus Topic – CPB members to choose focus topic at November 2023 / January 2024 meeting.	Anton Wright Andrew Scragg TBA

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Fostering for Wolverhampton

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Foster Parents Engagement 2022-2023

Esther Douglas and Cate Robinson

Ofsted 2022 – rated as Good

- Foster parents feel welcomed and supported
- Foster Parents feel supported from social workers and have a good range of training available to them
- Children benefit from the therapeutic support and training offered to foster Parents
- Children live in homes, with foster parents who know their needs.
- Higher than comparator local authority's for Staying Put.

Training update

From March 2022 – training became hybrid (virtual and face to face)

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Training Calendar 2022-2023 sample

DATE	COURSE TITLE	TIMES	VENUE	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	FACILITATOR
MARCH 2023					
Friday 03-03-2023	PERMANENCE FOR Y/People & Children in Care	10-12	Priory Green	All Cares (inc. SPECIAL GUARDIANSHIP ORDER SGO & Linking and Matching)	Emma Bradbury and Tania Watkins
Tues-Thu 07-09/03/23	SKILLS TO FOSTER MAINSTREAM	10.00-15.30	Priory Green	For Potential Mainstream Carers	Esther Douglas Recruitment and assessment & FC
Thursday 09-03-2023	Life Story and Life Journey Work	09.30-14.30	PRIORY Green Board room	Therapeutic Life Journey Work & Identity	Tanya Watkins and Megan Clarke A-Practitioner
Friday 10-03-2023	Parenting Children with Shame-Based Difficulties Workshop	13.00-14.30	MS TEAMS	All CARER inc SGO Therapeutic Parenting Trauma and Attachment Workshop	Joginder Shoker-Kang & Esther Douglas
Mondays 13-03-2023 – 27-03-2023	TALKING TEENS Nurturing Programme	10.00-13.00	Priory Green	3 weeks From the Nurturing Programme Understanding and Managing behaviours	Esther Douglas and Monica Evans
DEVELOPMENTAL DAY					
Thursday 16-03-2023	Forum	9.30 – 11.30	Priory Green		Sarah Brown & Usha Jassal
Thursday 16-03-2023	ST PATRICKS DAY	12.00-14.30	Priory Green	Celebrating Diversity	Esther Douglas Diversity TEAM
3 rd Friday PCM 17-03-2023	Therapeutic Parenting REFLECTIVE PRACTICE SESSION	13.00-14.30	MS TEAMS All Carers who have completed the CAMHS or Fostering Programme	BY INVITATION 3 rd FRIDAY OF THE MONTH For All who've completed the programme	Joginder Shoker-Kang and Esther Douglas
Wed- Thurs 22,23-03-2023	Pediatric First Aid 2 days	09.30 – 15.30	Priory Green		PD Training Solutions
Wednesday 22-03-2022	Caring For Baby	10-12.30	Priory Green		Nija Neonatal Nurse
Thursday 23-03-2023	Child Development	09.30-13.00	Priory Green	Early Years Team	Faye Boucher & Rachel Cook
Thursday 30-03-2023	Working with Children from a different Ethnicity	09.30 –14.30	Priory Green	Mandatory Hair, Skin & Health Care	Ruth South Esther Douglas
Monday 27-03-2023	Nurturing & TEENS Support Group	12.30-14.00	MS TEAMS	Mandatory	Esther Douglas & FC
Tuesday 28-03-2023	Supporting CAYP in Education SEND	09.30-13.00	Priory Green	In-corporates Anxiety & Exams	Virtual School Team

Additional Training for 2022 – 2023

- Therapeutic Life Journey Work
- Understanding the Court Process
- Children and Young people in Care and their Health

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Equality, Diversity and
Inclusion team

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Safeguarding Training
2022 – 2023

- Sexual Orientation, Sexuality & Gender
- Safeguarding Children Racial Trauma, Equality & Diversity
- Caring for Children from Across Borders

Celebrating Diversity

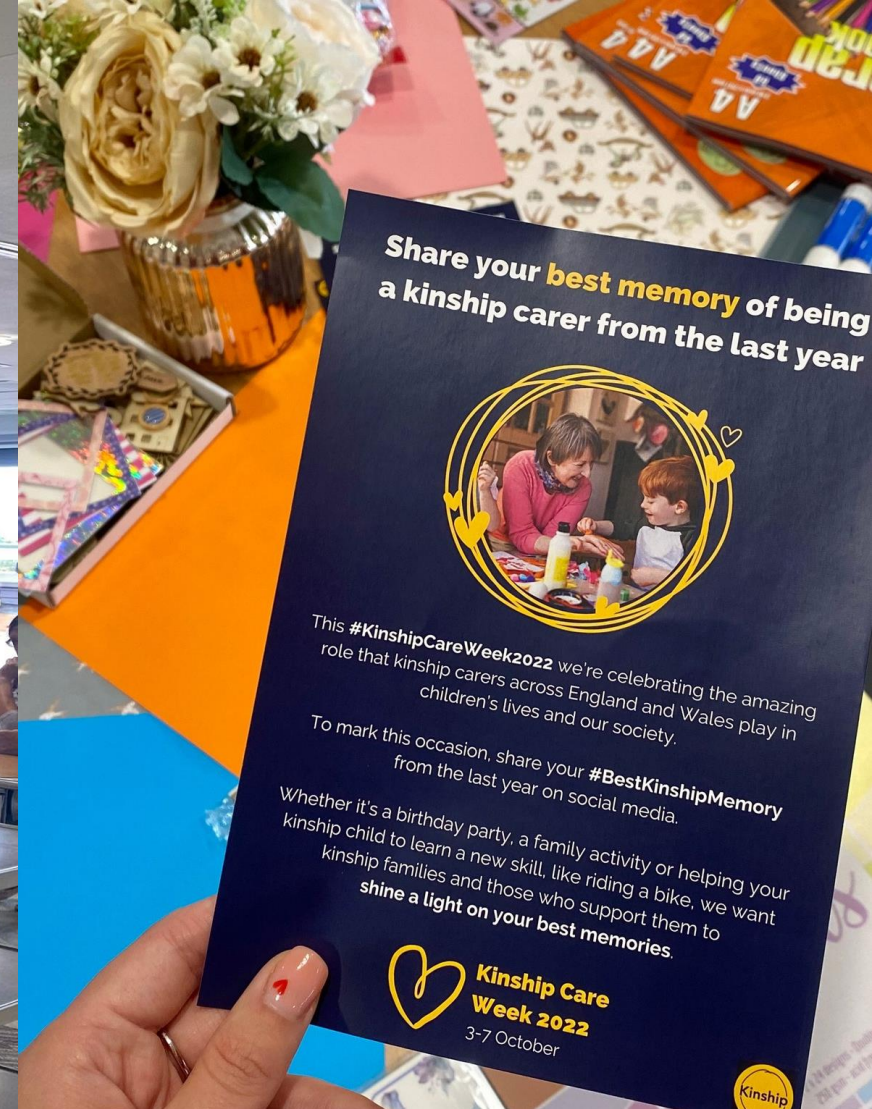


Fostering Recruitment



Annual Foster Parent Conference July 2022





Celebrating Kinship Week

Scrap book event to celebrate our wonderful connected and SGO carers – October 2022

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For the Love of Fostering Awards





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Easter Eggstravaganza Party & Picnic in the Park



Monica and Mark's Journey



Pindi's Journey



Raychel's Journey

Annual Foster Parent Survey

- 99 responses
- 44% engagement rate – an increase on last year
- Qualitative feedback rather than quantitative so really useful themes to support the development of the service
- Results shared at the Forum along with actions to follow
- Included in an e-bulletin “**You said – We Listened**”

Fostering
e-bulletin –
launched
March 2023

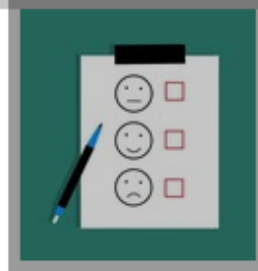
Fostering e-bulletin

April 2023, Issue 2.

Fostering for
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Welcome...



Foster Parent Survey feedback...

Thank you to all who completed the foster parent survey as we want foster parents to shape how we deliver the service.

Things we are doing well:

90% of you are happy with the support from your social worker.

94% feel the support accessed has been positive

90% feel the relationship between your social worker and the child's social worker is an effective team around the child.

Following the survey we have pledged to make the following changes...

You said – 41% have never attended or heard of the foster parents forum.

We Listened – Agenda and minutes will be circulated to all. Forums will be face to face, run by the Support Team social workers Sarah Cornwall and Usha Jassal. Service Manager Cate Robinson will attend all. We will talk about



Foster Parent 'shout- outs'...

Recognition to:

- Debbie & Shaun

- Nathaniel & Winnie

-Pindi & Kuldip

Debbie & Shaun

Deb has been wonderful to work with, the whole process so far has been seamless, and this is largely due to Deb's commitment and support.

Nathaniel & Winnie have been working so hard with the young person

New for 2023-2024

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Events to include all ages – Wolves Play Café and Teens



Representatives on the Parent / Carers Forum as part of #YES



All new training offer



Service Manager to attend all forums



Portal development (inc training portal)



Greater social media presence and interaction

NEW FOR 2023

Therapeutic Parenting

Nurturing Attachment, Parenting Traumatized Children in
Care

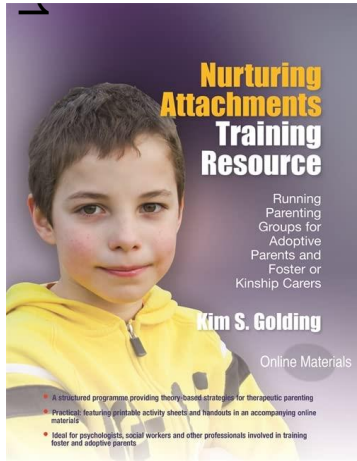
Workshops

and

Nurturing Programme

4-week Talking Teens

- Self-Harm
- Helping Children Who Are Angry
- BLOCKED CARE /TRUST
- Parenting Children with Shame-based Difficulties
- Parenting with PACE – Playful Acceptance Curiosity and Empathy





Foster Parent Annual Conference 2023

“Time after Time”

Foster Parents Business Page

Not just Supporting our
Parents Emotional,
Socially but
Economically

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Foster Carer



Foster Carers Business Page

Do you own a business or provide a service that you would like to promote i.e. Food, Hair, Design, Theatre, ICT, Media production, Holiday home, Gardening, Beauty etc.

We are trying to create a service directory so we can support each other by

Friday 25th June 2021



**Fostering for
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Conclusion

Foster Parent Engagement continues to be key priority as it allows foster parents to feel a part of the Service and is an area we look to improve year on year.



Thank you for listening.
Any Questions?



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