

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

**Venue** Committee Room 3 - 3rd Floor - Civic Centre

## Membership

**Chair** Cllr Chris Burden (Lab)  
**Vice Chair** Cllr Barbara McGarrity QN (Lab)

### Labour

Cllr Ciaran Brackenridge  
Cllr Jenny Cockayne  
Cllr Lovinyer Daley  
Cllr Sally Green  
Cllr Jeszemma Howl  
Cllr Iqra Tahir

### Conservative

Cllr Paul Appleby

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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 interest</b>   |
| 3               | <b>Minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2024</b> (Pages 3 - 6)<br>[To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2024 as a correct record.]   |
| 4               | <b>Matters arising</b><br>[To consider any matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2024.]  |
| 5               | <b>Schedule of outstanding matters</b> (Pages 7 - 10)<br>[To receive the Schedule of Outstanding Matters.]  |
| 6               | <b>Children in Care Council Update</b> (Pages 11 - 28)<br>[To receive the Children in Care (CiCC) Update Report.]   |
| 7               | <b>Care Leavers' Independent Collective Update</b> (Pages 29 - 32)<br>[To receive the Care Leavers' Independent Collective (CLiC) Update report.]   |
| 8               | <b>Performance Monitoring Information</b> (Pages 33 - 38)<br>[To receive the Performance Monitoring Information Report.]  |
| 9               | <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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| 10 | <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 Chris Burden (Lab)  
**Vice Chair** Cllr Barbara McGarrity QN

## Labour

Cllr Ciaran Brackenridge                      Cllr Jeszemma Howl                      Cllr Iqra Tahir

## Employees

Hannah Bradley	Corporate Parenting Officer
Becky Grainger	Designated Nurse for CYPIC, Black Country ICB
Alison Hinds	Director of Children's Services
Shelley Humphries	Democratic Services Officer
Mohammed Irfaan	Participation Officer
Andrew Scragg	Participation Officer
Jazmine Walker	Head of Service Children and Young People in Care
Laura Wood	Service Manager

Corporate Parenting Board also welcomed representatives of Children in Care Council and one Foster Carer.

*Item No.*    *Title*

**1        Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from the following members of the Corporate Parenting Board: Councillor Paul Appleby, Councillor Lovinyer Daley and Councillor Jenny Cockayne.

**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 23 November 2023**

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 23 November 2023 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        Care Leaver Survey Review 2023**

Laura Wood, Service Manager for Children and Young People in Care presented the report providing an update to Corporate Parenting Board on the Care Leavers Survey 2023 results and findings. The report provided detail on the questions asked, breakdown of respondents and how the responses would inform the work of the service going forward.

In response to a query on why some young people were unaware of the Hub, it was noted that it was still fairly new and the services were trying to advertise on social media, it was just a case of finding the best platform to use. It was also noted that young people placed out of City would not be able to access the Hub so alternative ways of reaching them would be necessary.

Resolved:

1. That the Care Leaver Survey Review 2023 be received.
2. That Corporate Parenting Board note the review process undertaken of the Care Leaver Annual Survey results for 2023 and the highlighted areas for development.

**6        The Reach Leaving Care Local Offer Review 2023**

Laura Wood, Service Manager for Children and Young People in Care presented the report providing an update on the annual review of services and support available to care experienced young people and young people leaving care. The report highlighted additions made to the REACH Local Offer since the 2022 review and outcomes from engagement with young people on what they thought of offer or would like to see included.

The Councillors commended the Local Offer and how well young people were able to access this within Wolverhampton. They were pleased that Wolverhampton were providing support to those outside of Wolverhampton in respect to council tax exemption. City of Wolverhampton Council advocates for reciprocal arrangements outside of the local authority where possible.

In terms of young people having to repeat their story to various health professionals each time they moved area, it was noted that there were still some challenges around data sharing systems however health partners agreed to feed this back to colleagues. It was suggested to allow relevant organisations to share Care Leaver Summaries (with the consent of the young person) in order to make processes smoother. It was agreed to take this suggestion to children and young people in care forums to gain their views on this.

Resolved:

1. That the Reach Leaving Care Local Offer Review 2023 be received.
2. That the review process undertaken of the Care Leaver Local Offer be noted.
3. That the suggestion to share Care Leaver Summaries with health partners (subject to consent) be submitted to Care Leavers' Forum for consideration.

## **7 Children in Care Survey 2023**

The Children in Care Survey 2023 report was co-presented by Jazmine Walker, Head of Service for Children and Young People in Care, and the young people present as representatives of Children in Care Council. The report provided a summary of the 2023 results and findings from the Children in Care Annual Survey and how the outcomes would inform the work of the service.

In terms of how data was presented, it was suggested to break down the age ranges even further to help inform planning age-appropriate activities for younger children, older children or mixed ages.

It was added that it may be helpful to include activities and events with a mix of care experienced and non-care experienced children. It was thought this may reduce feelings of being singled out in a children in care only event or to allow the option to bring a friend along for children who may feel shy attending alone. It was again agreed to add this suggestion for discussion at care forums.

Resolved:

1. That the Children in Care Survey 2023 report be received.
2. That Corporate Parenting Board note the findings of the Children in Care Annual Survey for 2023 and the highlighted areas for development.
3. That suggestions made by Corporate Parenting Board be presented to Children in Care Council to gain young people's views.

## **8 Performance Monitoring Information**

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

It was noted that figures were showing the highest numbers of children in care seen since 2021, however this was starting to reduce.

Resolved:

That the Performance Monitoring Information report be received.

9 **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.

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

Hannah Bradley, Corporate Parenting Officer reported that all Councillors who had been on visits had given positive feedback. Councillor Barbara McGarrity QN had reported visiting the Adoption@Heart service and had been impressed.

It was reported that two further children's homes were due to be rolled out and visits to these would be set up prior to opening. A refresh of dates to visit Upper Pendeford Farm would be sent out soon.

Resolved:

That the Councillor Visits to Establishments - Schedule of Visits item be noted.

<b>CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL</b>	<b>Corporate Parenting Board</b> <b>21 March 2024</b>
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<b>Report title</b>	Schedule of Outstanding Matters	
<b>Cabinet member with lead responsibility</b>	Councillor Chris Burden Children and Young People	
<b>Wards affected</b>	All wards	
<b>Accountable director</b>	Alison Hinds, 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>
11 January 2024	That the suggestion to share Care Leaver Summaries with health partners (subject to consent) be submitted to Care Leavers' Forum for consideration.	Hannah Bradley, Corporate Parenting Officer	This has been raised and noted at Care Leavers' Forum.
11 January 2024	That suggestions made by Corporate Parenting Board be presented to Children in Care Council to gain young people's views.	Hannah Bradley, Corporate Parenting Officer	This has been raised and noted at Children in Care Council.

## 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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# **Children in Care Council**

Annual Report 2023

Agenda Item No: 6



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# Introduction

This year's annual Children in Care Council (CiCC) report focuses on the highlights and achievements of the CiCC and their continued commitment to improving children and family services.

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The CiCC is the forum where children and young people in the care of Wolverhampton can have the opportunity to share their voice and experiences to co-design, co-produce and influence service delivery.

This year a new cohort of passionate young people have joined the CiCC creating greater stability and consistency for the group.

This report will highlight the work and achievements of the forum over the last 12 months in 2023.



## Background

**The CiCC consist of children and young people in the care of Wolverhampton aged between 11 – 17 who want to make a positive difference.**

Over the course of 12 months the CiCC have met 24 times.

Each meeting lasts no longer than 2 hours. CiCC meetings are held at The Oasis Co-Production Hub. To ensure meetings meet the needs of young people these meetings can be held virtually and a hybrid model to allow those who are placed out of the city to participate regardless of how far they may be.

The group meets twice a month minimum with a focus on an agenda-based meeting where professionals are invited to speak with group members and a workshop meeting where the group focus on project work and prepare for guest speakers.

The group usually consists of a chair and vice chair who both lead on agenda items in meetings to ensure all members have the opportunity to have their voice heard. With the new cohort of young people being established throughout the year we are now in the plans of instituting a new chair and vice-chair for the group in 2024.

# Group Demographics

During the last 12 months a total of 12 Children in Care have engaged in the forum.

On average in 2023, 5 or more Care-experienced young people consistently attend a CiCC meeting.

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## Gender of Group



● Male - 4    ● Female - 8

## Ethnicity of Group



- White British - 4
- Asian Indian - 1
- Black British/Caribbean - 3
- African - 1
- Mixed White/Black Caribbean - 2
- Other European/Albanian - 1

# Annual Survey 2023

Children and young people in care ages 5 to 16 years were asked to complete the annual Children in Care survey between 22nd August 2023 to 29th October 2023. The survey is produced with the Children in Care Council. The data was collated using a Microsoft Forms questionnaire. The information will continue to inform the priorities of the service and any areas for improvement.

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Each year the CiCC co-produce with CAYPiC service the annual Children in Care Survey. 76 young people completed the survey and provided feedback of their experience on the support they receive to help provide insights for professionals but also to help shape the priorities for the CiCC.

The key purpose of the Children in Care Survey is to improve the life chances and achieve the best possible outcomes for children whom the City of Wolverhampton Council is their Corporate Parent.



# Corporate Parenting Board

At the start of the year members of CiCC have had the opportunity to present the Children In Care Survey results from 2022 and 2023 at the Corporate Parenting Board to help share the thoughts, feelings and experiences of children and young people in the care of Wolverhampton.

## From that meeting the Children and Young People in Care team commitment:

- Do more to promote the advocacy service
- All CaYPiC workers to promote the Wolves Children In Care website
- All CaYPiC workers to promote CiCC and the Quarterly CaYPiC Newsletter

From the voices of young people across the city CiCC the following priorities were set out for 2023:

- To use these results to reflect and help shape the priorities for the CiCC moving forward into 2023. **(Achieved)**
- Reflect on the annual survey to see what can be done differently to increase responses for the next annual survey including having an age cap of 17 years. **(Achieved)**
- Improve the Wolves Children In Care website and to try get more traffic to the website from YP and Professionals. **(Ongoing)**
- More promotion of the advocacy service for Children in Care. **(Ongoing)**
- Continue to strengthen relationships between young people and professionals. **(Ongoing)**
- To increase CiCC scope to reach more young people who didn't get the opportunity to express their voice on their experiences and concerns via Designated Teachers internal CWC teams. **(Ongoing)**
- Increase visibility of CiCC both internally and externally via Designated Teachers using marketing resources and comms. **(Achieved & Ongoing)**

After the CiCC presented the results of the 2023 CIC Survey to the Corporate parenting board who suggested the following moving forward:

- To do a survey focusing on children and young people in the care of Wolverhampton to help gather the thoughts and experiences of those aged from 5 – 10 years old
- Look into the feelings of possible discrimination that a cohort of young people feel from being in care

The feedback from the survey will form part of the Corporate Parenting Board Workplan. The CiCC will be updated on the work plan at Corporate Parenting Board meetings and by guest speakers at their CiCC meetings.



# 2023 Achievements

## Reviewing Annual Reports

Page 20 Before annual reports are shared with the Corporate Parenting Board they are brought to the CiCC. This ensures that the group has the opportunity to endorse, challenge and share their opinions on reports.

The following reports were shared with the forum:

- Fostering Annual Report
- Adoption Annual Report
- Annual Health Report
- Virtual School Annual Report
- Independent Reviewing Officer Annual Report

## Total Respect Training

The group continues to deliver Total Respect to Councillors, professionals and Foster parents which focuses on delivering engaging exercises to help share a snippet of their experience going through the care system. Total Respect training addresses some of the issues which can affect a young person, issues which can affect placement stability and follows their journey into independence. Members of CiCC and CLIC also both help to co-produce activities to add to the training to ensure that their own emotive experiences are shared.



## Recruitment

The CiCC have had a massive impact in supporting the recruitment of staff for children's and family services for the Local Authority. CiCC members interview candidates who want to work with our most vulnerable young people and families in the City. Candidates have to come to a Children and Young People Panel where the young people have a say on who has the skills and qualities needed. CiCC members in 2023 have supported with the recruitment of over 100 staff who now work for the local authority!

### Some of the roles include the following:

- Deputy Director of Social Care
- Social workers (DCYP, NQSW, Fostering etc)
- YPA
- Service Managers
- Participation Officer
- Corporate Parenting Officer
- Staying Close Coordinator
- Plus many more!

## Sufficiency Strategy 2023

With the sufficiency strategy tender being up for renewal CiCC had the opportunity to approach this piece of work again and work alongside our Care Leavers Forum and Head of Children's Commissioning to help co-design the sufficiency strategy to provide the best assets, provision and outcomes for Children and Young People in Care and Care Leavers that the LA have a responsibility for.

## Fostering Engagement

**CiCC have worked closely with CWC Fostering Team where they have supported with the following:**

- Assisted in the co-design of fostering resources to support with relationship building and engagement with children & young people
- Helped shape the method and process of recording Life Journey work with young people
- CiCC members spoke at the annual fostering conference as a Fostering Champion to share the importance of fostering teenagers who need good foster parents and the positive impact it can have on them.
- Been informed on the status of recruitment regarding foster parents.

## Child In Care of the Month (CICOTM)

Each month children and young people are nominated by foster parents and professionals for the achievements they accomplished that month. Once all the nominees are collated, the CiCC have the honourable opportunity to discuss and vote on who wins each month. CiCC are now co-designing certificates with our design team for the CICOTM nominees as well as the winners to further acknowledge the achievements of all those amazing children and young people put forward.

## Child Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) Commissioning

CiCC met with Head of Commissioning for CAHMS to discuss the CAMHS service and their experience of it. With the service being commissioned it was important to ensure that the service is useful and effective. CiCC contributed by sharing how the CAMHS service could support them better regarding their mental health. This was very productive and this has influenced engagement and feedback from all other CiCC across the Black Country.



## Emotional Wellbeing Assessment Workshop

CiCC were contacted by CORC (Child Outcomes Research Consortium) to take part in a workshop to get the thoughts and feelings regarding the emotional wellbeing of care-experienced young people to add to the commissioned emotional wellbeing assessment done by Anna Freud.

## Children in Care Week 2023

CiCC helped to shape the initial offer for a new initiative called Children In Care week which mirrors our established week for our Care Leavers. This is a week where the LA provides funded opportunities for care-experienced children and young people and families to come together to enjoy activities which would benefit their wellbeing and inform them on what the LA can offer to support them.

## Families First for Children Pathfinder

CiCC members had the opportunity to share their thoughts and opinions regarding the three pillars that Wolverhampton as a Local Authority are focusing on for the Pathfinder initiative which was Family Help, Child Protection and Family Networks. Please visit our website for regular updates and important information:

[www.wolveschildrenincare.com](http://www.wolveschildrenincare.com)

## Sidewinder and Leaflet Co-Designed for CiCC

CiCC wanted to create a sidewinder and leaflet design to aid with recruitment to the forum and the visibility for CiCC and the Wolves Children In Care website.



## CiCC Newsletter

Sharing information about services children and young people in the care and Care Leavers from the city is a priority for CiCC. This has led to a co-produced Yo! Voice Newsletter. This newsletter goes out quarterly to young people, parents and professionals to inform them on opportunities and the achievements of our youth voice forums and includes our CiCC!

To check out the Yo! Voice Newsletter please visit: [www.yowolves.co.uk](http://www.yowolves.co.uk)

# CiCC Priorities for 2024

Following all of the information and reports presented to the CiCC in 2023, the CiCC have chosen to focus on the following priorities for 2024:

- Consistent mental health support for children and young people in care
- More help with support links as children and young people in care grow e.g. Family Friends, Previous Foster Families, Old School Friends etc.
- Support the promotion of 1-2-1 tuition support outside of school to support with learning to children and young people in care
- Focus on the importance of implementing positive language used towards children and young people in care by Foster Parents, Professionals, Peers etc. to reduce any forms or feelings of discrimination

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# Care Leavers Independent Collective Annual Report 2023



## About CLIC

Care Leavers Independent Collective (CLIC) is a forum where Care Experienced Young People can have the opportunity to influence service delivery for the care leaving population of Wolverhampton.

This year has been a monumental year for the forum which saw the Motion to include Care Experience as a Protected Characteristic within City of Wolverhampton Council passed at

Full Council. This motion was presented by the Chair and Vice Chair of CLIC during the full council meeting. This report will highlight the work and achievements of the Forum over the last 12 months.

## Background

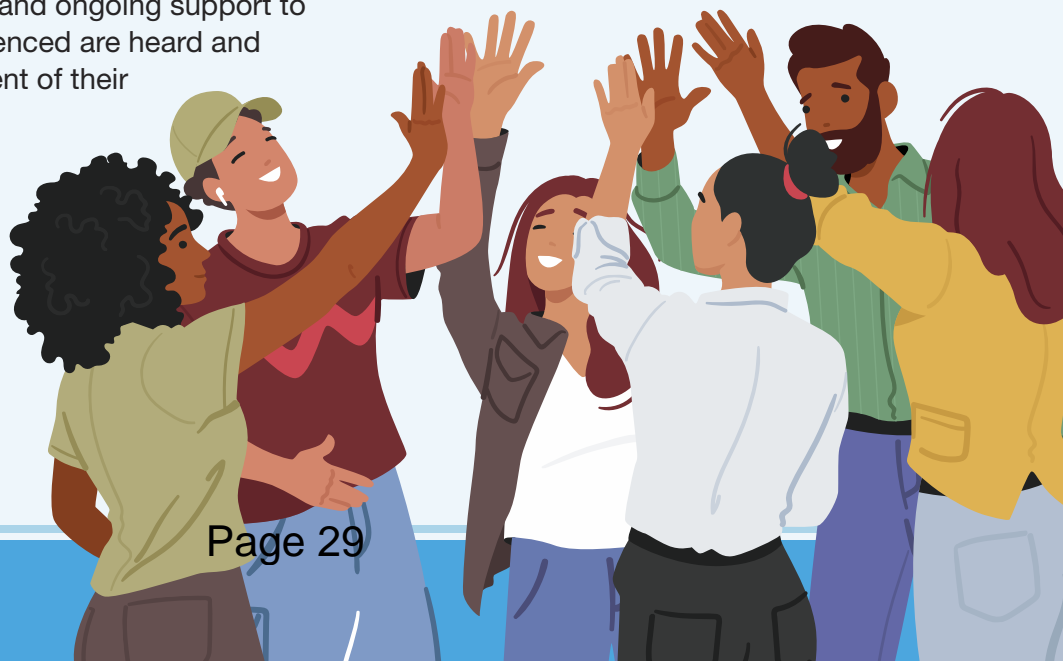
Over the course of the last 12 Months CLIC have met twenty-one times. Each meeting lasts no longer than 2 hours. Care Leaver Meetings are held face to face, virtually whilst also offering a Hybrid model to support the involvement of out of city care experienced young people.

During the 12 months a total of 12 Care Experienced Young People have engaged in the forum. On average 4 Care Leavers attend every forum meeting. The Forum meets at the Oasis Coproduction Hub twice per month.

## Celebrating care experienced young people success.

Care experienced young people hosted the I-Awards at the Start of 2023. Shawna Gibbs a member of the forum received the Inspirational Care Leaver of the Year Award for her work with the Forum and support to Cadets, The National House Project and other national movements that support care experienced young people. Kye Barton, Chair of the forum, was the Young Citizen of the Year due to his own personal development and ongoing support to ensure the voice of care experienced are heard and actions to support the betterment of their lives are implemented.

Each month forum as the opportunity to recognise the positive contributions the care experienced population of Wolverhampton make by judging the Care Leaver of the month award. On average 5 Care Leavers achievements are recognised each month.



## What has happened at CLIC Meetings?

During the forums meetings members have met the following staff and engaged in the following pieces of work:

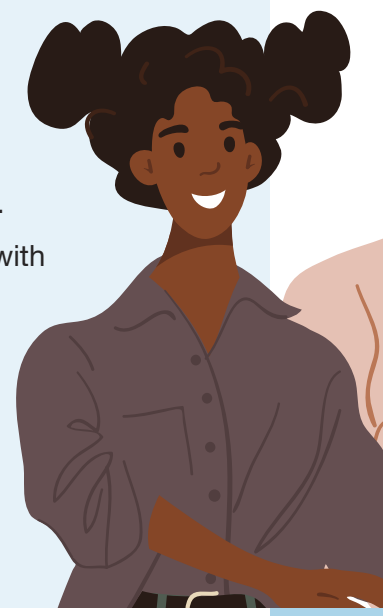
- Worked with Jazmine Walker, Head of Children and Young People in Care to collaborate with her in submitting the Staying Close funding application. On being successful with this application regular updates have been shared at forum meetings with opportunities for the forum to shape the work. Julia Thompson, Supported Accommodation Team Manager, continues to inform the forum of the progress of project as well as staff team that support the project.
- Review of materials produced by the Families Working Together Team
- Input into the Fostering Service development and how care experienced young people's experiences can help shape the work of the Fostering team this focused on the role that Care Leavers can have in sharing their experiences of fostering with the service on from Regional Bench marketing project the forum feedback that the region will considering how to support Post 25 care Leavers. This led to the Development of Post 25 Offer alongside the Reach Team
- Met with Commissioning team to shape the Supported Accommodation Tendering Process
- Met with Cabinet Member of Children, Young People and Families Councillor Burden and Alison Hinds (Director of Childrens Services) to update progress of the Forum.
- Involved in the development of the local offer for Care Leavers in Custody Offer
- Involved in the plans for Care Leavers Week with members attending various Care Leavers Week events.
- Received an update on the Care Leavers Survey and have shaped questions to be asked.
- Received an update on the EET Action Plan

- Receive updates from the NHS regarding there offer for Care Leavers and ongoing developments.
- Meetings to discuss the Digital offer for Care Leavers and how this offer can be increased further to Care Leavers who live in city.
- Regular meetings with staff from the Reach Leaving Care Team
- The forum works alongside the Hannah Bradely (Corporate Parenting Officer) to deliver positive outcomes for Care Leavers in the city. Hannah attends meetings on a frequent basis and as developed a positive rapport with members of the group.

## Working with Elected Decision Makers of the city

*The forum regularly meets with key decision makers within the City of Wolverhampton Council, they have so far:*

- Meet with the Cabinet Members of Children and Young People
- Attended Corporate Parenting Boards to present progress of CLIC. The Forum also reviews any key reports linked to Care Leavers before they go to the Board.
- Presented the Equalities Motion at Full Council
- Attended the Children and Families board together meeting to raise issues of Oral Health for Care Leavers.
- Opportunity to engage with Senior Staff from Childrens Services during Care Leavers Week.



## Regional Work

*The forum have regularly engaged with other forums, bodies and decision makes across the Black Country region including:*

- Attending the Regional Care leavers forum.
- Attending the Regional Care Leavers Local Offer Blueprint event.
- Attending Transport Regional Youth Forum Meeting in the attempt to raise the concerns of Care Leavers and the cost of transport.

Members of Forum have also Delivered Total Respect training to staff in Childrens Service this training gives professionals a real understanding of the day-to-day experiences of Children in Care and Care Leavers

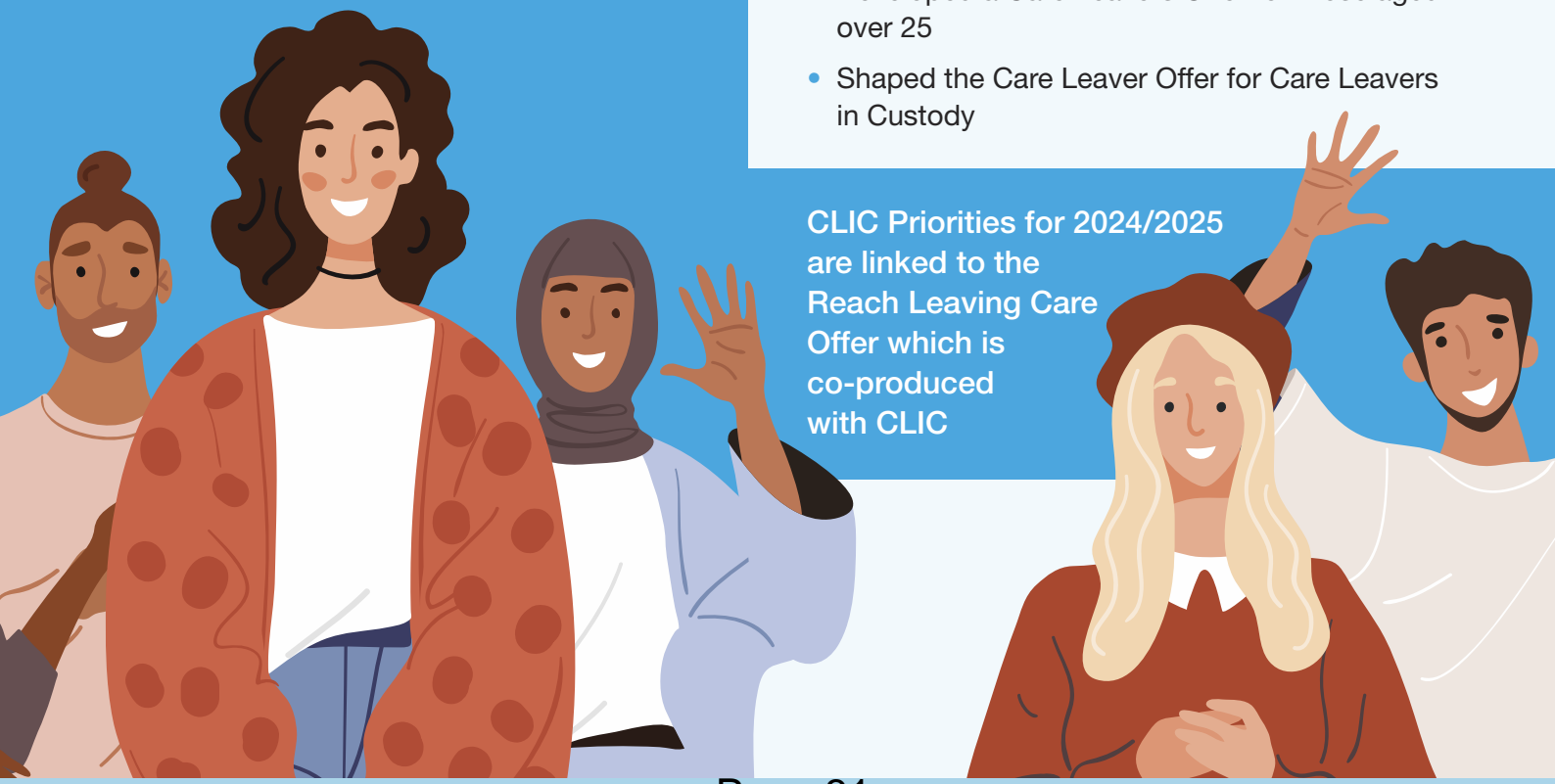
Members of the forum have been involved in interviews with a range of staff in Children Services, including the Deputy Director of Social Care to Social Workers and Young Persons Advisors who work with young people on a day-to-day basis.

## Achievements

*To date the Care Leavers Independnet Collective Forum are proud to have supported the achievement of:*

- A dedicated leaving Care nurse for young people aged 18-25
- Free prescriptions for Care Leavers
- An Equalities Motion for Care Leavers developed by directly by the forum. The motion, presented by forum members and moved at Full Council, proposed including 'care experienced' as a protected characteristic in all Equality Impact Assessments carried out by the council – giving children in care and care leaves formal recognition and making sure that all decisions and policies consider their specific needs.
- Access to a supported rent subsidy for Working Care Leavers
- A strong apprenticeship and EET Offer within City of Wolverhampton Council.
- Care Leavers have the opportunity to access City of Wolverhampton Council apprenticeships at 2-week internal application stage
- Increased Wi-Fi access for Care Leavers
- Developed a Care Leavers Offer for those aged over 25
- Shaped the Care Leaver Offer for Care Leavers in Custody

CLIC Priorities for 2024/2025 are linked to the Reach Leaving Care Offer which is co-produced with CLIC





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# Corporate Parenting Board

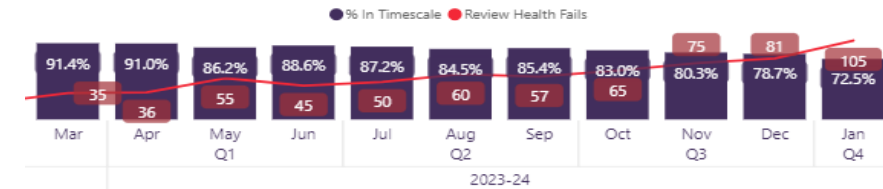
## Areas of Focus

21/03/2024

Reporting Period: 01/01/2024 – 31/01/2024

# % CaYPIC with a Review Health Assessment in Timescale

% of CaYPIC with a review health assessment in timescale (Month End Snapshots)



Percent of children looked after having health checks

Local Authority, Region and England	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Change from previous year
336 Wolverhampton	88.00	93.00	96.00	86.00	90.00	90.00	0.00
984 West Midlands	86.00	88.00	87.00	89.00	86.00	83.00	-3.00
Statistical Neighbours	89.00	90.60	89.30	89.30	90.20	87.80	-2.40
970 England	88.00	90.00	90.00	91.00	89.00	89.00	0.00

The overall percentage of CaYPIC with a review health assessment in timescale has decreased to 72.5% with 105 fails, from 78.7% with 81 fails for December.

The current Wolverhampton percentage (72.5%) is lower than the published figure of 90% in March 2023 and is now below West Midlands, statistical neighbours and England.

The average number of days with a Health Assessment overdue is 88 days which has decreased from the average number of days for December (99). The longest review health assessment out of timescale dates back to November 2022.

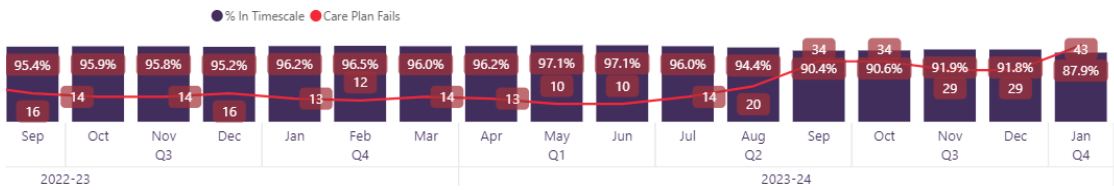
**Service Comments:** In January 2024 we reported there was an oversight with Business Support updates in November, creating a backlog of information to be uploaded to Eclipse; this increased performance from 69.8% to 80.3% with retrospective performance for that month.

A full review of outstanding Assessments has been conducted to fully understand the position. This found a significant backlog of 40 assessment received from health colleagues; these have now been uploaded improving performance.

As a proactive step, Business Support have been asked to produce Health Assessments forms for SW's to complete ready for Health Assessments due in April.

# CaYPIC Who Had a Care Plan Within The Last 6 Months

% of CaYPIC with a care plan in timescale (Month End Snapshots)

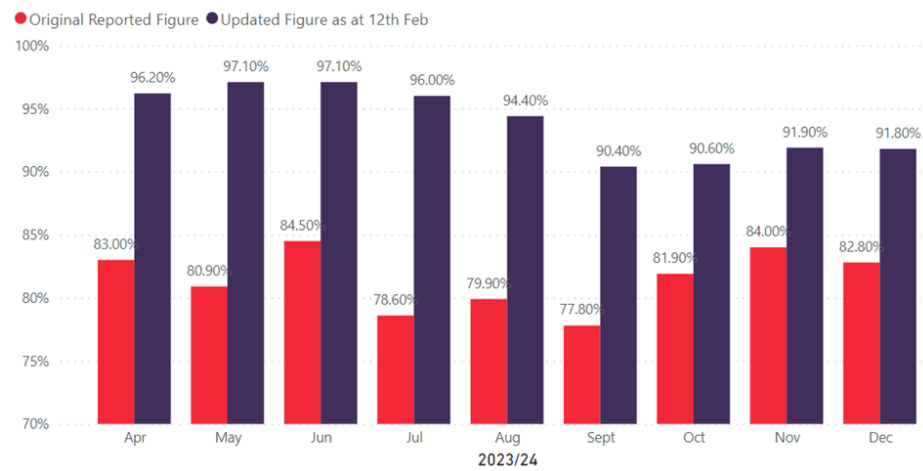


The percentage of CaYPIC with a care plan in the last six months has increased to 87.9% (43 fails) in January from 82.8% and 60 fails in December. December's reported figure of 82.8% has now increased to 91.8% and 29 fails with retrospective recording.

The adjacent chart shows the differences in % of care plans in timescale in the original month of reporting (for each month) and the current picture at the 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024:

- The percentage of care plans in timescale has increased on average by 12.46% each month with retrospective recording, with the average number of fails reducing by 47 each month reducing.
- July – September saw the lowest percentages recorded initially and have since all retrospectively increased to above 90%.
- 87.9% recorded in January is the highest percentage recorded at a performance meeting over the past year, which will increase further with retrospective recording.

Care Plans in Timescale - Original reported % at end of each month and retrospectively updated % at 12.02.24



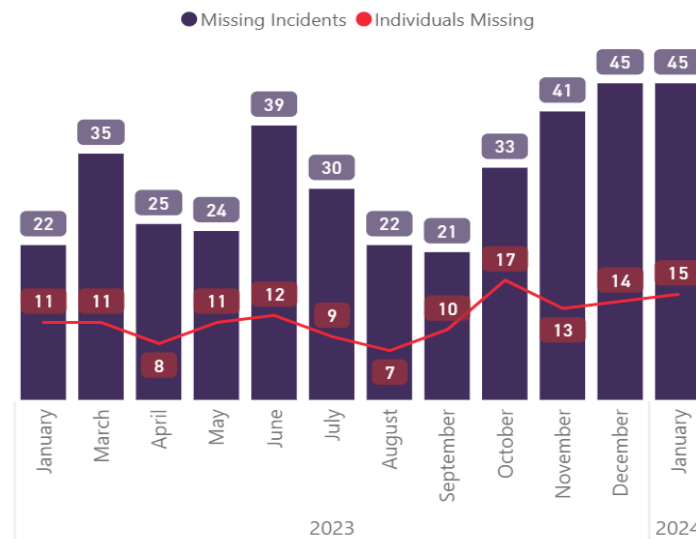
**Service Comments:** There has been an improvement in the amount of care plans completed. Managers will continue to focus on further improving performance within their teams. The dashboard has also been updated to ensure social work performance is captured from 10 days after the IRO has completed the decisions his should also support improved performance

# Number of CaYPIC missing incidents by month

The number of missing incidents in January is in line with December's figure at 45:

- 36 incidents have involved a C/YP going missing from a fostering household accounting for 80% of incidents, compared to 42% in December.
- 10 of the 15 YP with missing incidents this month also went missing in December.
- One young person had 12 missing episodes in January. The young person has a total of 32 missing incidents reported between November 2023 and January 2024.
- 8 of the 15 CYP (53%) who had missing episodes in January were missing from households out of borough.
- In 2022 and 23 we saw the number of missing incidents decrease in the new year, after a peak in November or December, but we have not seen this pattern repeat in 2024.

Number of CaYPIC Missing Incidents by Month



Year	2024
Missing From	January
Foster care	36
Other	4
Parental/family home	1
Residential Home	1
School	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>45</b>

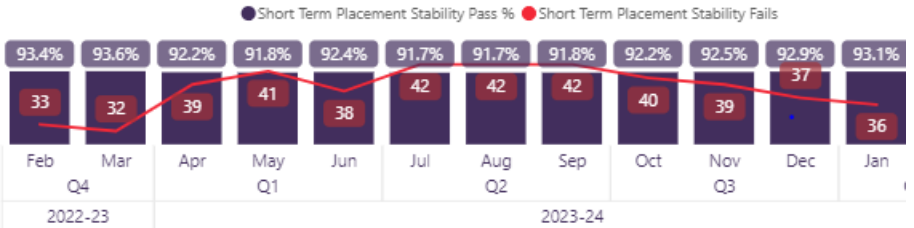
Year	2024
Time Missing	January
<24 Hours	13
1 Day	22
2-6 Days	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>45</b>

**Service Comments:** The team(s) are aware of who the children are and there are actions recorded within the children's care plans to prevent future missing episodes. 8 of the 15 CYP (53%) are from our most complex cohort of CYPIC who require a children's home level of care out of city. The young person with the most missing episode has not been missing since 22/2/24 and there has been head of service oversight in their care planning. Some young people are leaving their home and visiting other address/people where we know where they are but they are still reported as missing from the home due to procedure. One young person has a compulsion to travel on trains.

All young people are offered return home interviews, all young people missing for 3 days or for 3 separate missing episodes have a strategy discussion, are receiving specific intervention to reduce missing e.g. exploitation risk assessments, MACE meetings, and mentoring.

# Short and Long-Term Placement Stability

% of CaYPIC with less than 3 placements in the last 12 months



The percentage of children with less than three homes in the last 12 months has consistently increased since August 2023.

93.1% of CaYPIC have less than three homes in the past 12 months in January, this is the highest it has been since March 2023.

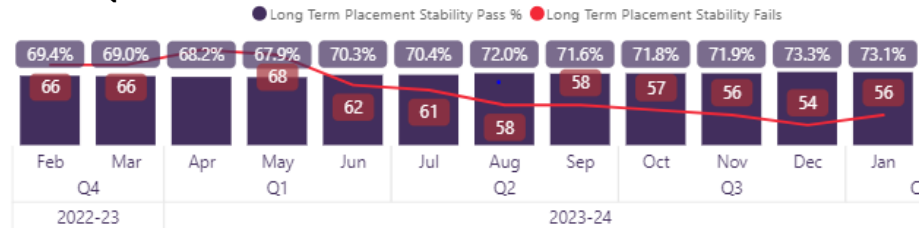
Positively, this means less children have had 3 or more homes (6.7%), which is lower than national (10%), regional (10%) and statistical (10.7%) comparators.

Long Term placement stability (CaYPIC living in the same home for 2 years) has also increased throughout the year, with 73.1% of children living in the same home for 2 years in January, this is higher than 68.2% in April 2023.

This also remains higher than national (69%), regional (69%) and statistical (68.4%) comparators.

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% of CaYPIC living in same placement for at least 2 years



**Service Comment:** Short- and long-term placement stability continue to be areas of strength.

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