

**CORPORATE PARENTING ADVISORY
PANEL
21 SEPTEMBER 2018
11.00 AM - 1.00 PM**



Present:

Councillors Dr Barnard (Chairman), Mrs Ingham (Vice-Chairman), Mrs Birch, Brossard, Peacey and Mrs Temperton

Co-optee:

Doug Jennings

Apologies for absence were received from:

Councillors Ms Hayes

16. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

17. Minutes and Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 July 2018 were approved as a correct record, subject to Doug Jennings being included as an attendee.

18. Urgent Items of Business

There were no urgent items of business.

19. Summary of SiLSiP Activities

Louise MacLennan gave a report on the SiLSiP summer activities.

All young people in care over the age of 8 had been invited to join in summer activities with SiLSiP, such as performing arts, football, baking and multi-activity days. Oakwood Youth Challenge had provided activities for free, such as high ropes and archer.

Over all activities, 26 young people had taken part, of which 7 had not previously engaged.

In response to questions, the following points were noted:

- SiLSiP had worked in conjunction with the Lexicon to secure promotional space on the back of car park tickets, which used the question 'Could you care for one of us?'
- The activities provided a supportive environment for young people in care to support one another, and to build confidence to join in with new activities.
- The percentage of young people in care who were an active part of SiLSiP was not known, although it was noted that this would only include over 8s.
- The Big Ballot was SiLSiP's main recruitment event to try and encourage more young people to take part in SiLSiP's activities, and participate.

- The Panel noted and welcomed the fact that there had been better take up and a wider range of participants at this year's summer activities.
- The Panel noted that while SiLSiP was effective and working well, there remained children who were difficult to reach. The Panel queried how best to engage these young people. It was suggested that designated teachers and governors may play a role in this.
- It was clarified that bigger groups did not necessarily mean a more positive experience for the young people, as it could be more daunting for them. There was also a ratio of 4 members of staff for every 12 young people.

The Panel welcomed Louise's report, and commented on a successful range of activities for SiLSiP.

20. Exclusion of Public and Press

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, and having regard to the public interest, members of the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the consideration of the following item which involves the likely disclosure of exempt information under the following category of Schedule 12A of that Act:

- (1) Information relating to any individual

21. Education Outcomes and Destination

Kashif Nawaz presented on the Education Outcomes and Destinations for Children Looked After.

Kashif commented that at the end of KS1 AND KS2, children in care had performed above children from similar disadvantaged backgrounds.

Further detail on achievements and destinations would be included in the Virtual School's annual report.

In response to questions, the following points were noted:

- Education Psychiatrists were assigned to each school, who could make referrals to the service.
- The Panel commented that reverse case studies into the outcomes would be interesting to see when available.
- All children finishing KS4 had progressed onto positive Post-16 destinations. The Panel requested further data on destinations.
- The Panel requested that the School Improvement Accountability Board consider issues around inclusion as well as attainment.

The Panel thanked Kashif for his presentation.

22. Multi-Agency Review of the Health Assessment Systems across East Berkshire (July 2018)

Debbie Hartrick, Designated Nurse for Children in Care at East Berkshire CCG attended the meeting to present the Multi-agency Review of the Health Assessment Systems across East Berkshire.

Several service areas across East Berkshire had adopted strategies and systems used in Bracknell. The CCG continued to receive positive data on Bracknell Forest's looked after children.

The Panel thanked Debbie for her attendance and report.

23. **East Berkshire Health of Looked After Children Annual Report**

The Panel received a report on the East Berkshire Health of Looked After Children Annual Report from Debbie Hartrick, Designated Nurse: Looked After Children at East Berkshire CCG.

The CCG worked closely with BHFT's Looked After Children team across the three East Berkshire areas. An East Berkshire Multi-agency group had been established to share best practice and discuss challenges. A South East Designated Doctor and Nurse Group had also been established to cover a wider geography,

It was noted that Bracknell Forest had had a significant increase in Looked After Children but had continued to maintain compliance with health checks.

The Panel agreed that emotional support in school needed to improve.

In response to questions, the following points were noted:

- Children subject to Special Guardianship Order were no longer classified as children in care. The Panel raised concerns that these children may be physically safe, but their mental health was still important to maintain.
- Young people transferred at 18 to adult mental health services.
- The Panel suggested that publicity around Kooth, Youthline and other emotional support could be improved.
- The Panel considered mental health to be a key area to investigate in future meetings.

24. **Stability Index**

The Panel noted the Stability Index report.

25. **Performance Management Information**

The Panel noted the Performance Management Information.

26. **Workshop Planning**

The Panel undertook a workshop on the future of Corporate Parenting at the Council.

It was agreed that the process for co-opting Debbie Hartrick as a member of the Panel be investigated. **(Action: Lizzie Rich)**

It was agreed that a representative from a Corporate Parenting Advisory Panel in a Local Authority with Outstanding.

It was agreed that the Children, Young People and Learning Overview & Scrutiny Panel should look after the accountability issues for Looked After Children, to avoid duplication of scrutiny function.

It was noted that the core membership and function of the Panel was likely to change.

27. **Review of the Panel's Terms of Reference**

The Panel noted the existing Terms of Reference, and agreed to refresh them following the workshops over the coming months.

28. **Panel Announcements**

There were no Panel Announcements.

29. **Dates of Next Meetings**

14 December 2018

CHAIRMAN