

CORPORATE PARENTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

29 JANUARY 2019

Present: Councillor Merry(Chairperson)
Councillors Bowden, Hinchey, Jenkins, Lent, Lister, Molik and Weaver

Officers Claire Marchant (Director Social Services), and Sheila Davies
Present: (OM, Legal - Community)

Advisors Jessica Brown (Young People's Representative)
Present:

36 : APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Rose Whittle, Sureen Kutubi, Emma Phipps-McGill and Gilliam James (Committee Advisors)

37 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received for this meeting

38 : MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the 16 October were approved and signed by the Chair subject to an amendment of minute 27 – deletion of the words *‘and confirmed that there had been an increase from 1 home in 2017 to 5 homes by 2018/19’* and insertion of the following *‘plans are in place to have 5 homes by the end of 2019’*

39 : CHILDREN'S SERVICES - ADOLESCENT SERVICES PRESENTATION/ PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Chair welcomed Jade Harrison (CSE Co-ordinator) to the meeting.

Members were provided with an Adolescent Services Performance presentation which outlined areas doing well, areas for development and the steps going forward:

What is going well:

- Multi agency approach to working with adolescents;
- Support for as long as it's needed;
- Specialist Interventions;
- Intensive nature of the service delivered
- Stable team committed to working with teenagers;
- A team who understands the needs of young people and able to build a good rapport and create change.

Areas for development:

- Align the teams to make one cohesive edge of care 'adolescent service' for Cardiff;
- Develop a consistent and effective outcomes framework and associated tools to measure outcomes effectively;
- Enhanced work force development to ensure consistent models of working/use of evidence based approaches;
- Improve links with Early Help/Prevention Service
- Broad the scope of Think Safe? to include other forms of exploitation;
- Increase the scope of therapies on offer for young people and their families;
- Increase the availability of 'short breaks support';
- Improve mechanism to involve young people and their families in the design, development and continuous improvement of services;
- Ensure we are an integral part of delivering a 'Child Friendly City' and are committed to ensuring children and young people are accessing their rights and we are working in a rights based approach.

Next Steps:

- Consult on proposal to better align the 'adolescent services';
- Work with management team to implement the areas for development identified;
- Work with the performance team to quantify what data can be collected and sure that this can feed into robust performance monitoring processes.

The Committee were invited to comment, seek clarification or raise questions on the information received. Those discussions were summarised as follows:

- Members discussed the multi-agency approach to working adolescents and in particular the link between Think Safe! provision and links with the Youth Offending Service (YOS). Members were advised that information sharing could be further improved but that the collaboration with CAMH's and YOS is an improving picture.
- Members were advised that a work force consultation is currently being undertaken with a view to the various teams being brought together. A new strategy is currently being developed.
- Members discussed the necessity of providing support to care givers and the importance of recognising their importance. It is also important to be aware that social isolation is a serious issue for some families.

RESOLVED: That the presentation be noted.

40 : ENHANCED CASE MANAGEMENT MODEL PRESENTATION

The Chairperson welcomed Kate Hustler (Operational Manager, YOS) to the meeting to provide Members with a presentation in relation to the Enhanced Case Management Project (ECM) which is a new approach to dealing with young people with complex needs. It is supported by the Youth Justice Board, Welsh Assembly Government and NHS Wales Forensic Adolescent Consultation and Treatment Service (FACTS).

The Committee were invite to comment or raise questions on the information received. Those discussions were summarised as follows:

- Members queried why the ECM was not available to all young people and were advised that it is only available to those with complex needs and those who are serious reoffenders. Since the trial started in October 2017 10 referrals were accepted for the new approach.
- Members sought clarification of the nature of the interventions, and were advised that it involves timeline work, looking at key events, dealing with personal issue and thereafter support with looking and obtaining employment.
- Members queried how many of those on the trial reoffended and were advised that the figures would be provided.

RESOLVED: That the presentation be noted.

41 : CLA FRIENDLY SCHOOLS TRAINING UPDATE

The Chairperson welcomed Nicola Holder (Looked After Children in Education Co-ordinator) to the meeting who provided Members with an update in relation to the Children Looked After (CLA) Training Update.

Members were advised that the Level 1 training has been rolled out to teachers and they are to cascade that information and training within their own schools.

The Committee were invited to comment or raise questions on the information received. Those discussions were summarised as follows:

- Members queried whether it would be possible for the Committee to undertaken the level 1 training.
- Members were advised that not schools have taken up the training; it currently stands at about 67%. The training has not yet been provided for School Governors but it will be in due course.

- Members sought clarification about the levels of training and were advised that there were 2 other levels, level 2 was training for senior leaders, level 3 was a more in depth programme again. The take up in respect of level 2 has been good.

RESOLVED: That the presentation be noted.

42 : CHILDREN PRACTICE REVIEW UPDATE

The Chairperson welcomed Alys Jones (Operational Manager, Safeguarding) to the meeting.

Members were provided with an update in relation to the an Extended Child Practice Review (C&V RESCB 02/2014

The Committee were invited to comment or raise questions on the information received. Those discussions were summarised as follows:

- Members discussed recommendations 4 and 7 in relation to the risk assessments undertaken before providing or deciding upon what use of mobile phones can be agreed and using 21st century technology to assist with compliance with multi-agency panels. It was noted that it is not a rewards process it is to keep a child safe. Members were also advised that a conference has been arranged with an app developer who have been working on an app which could be used in these circumstances.

RESOLVED: That the Action Plan update be noted.

43 : BRIEFING REPORTS

Members were provided with the following briefing reports for consideration:

IRO Report

Members were provided with a presentation outlining information in relation to the January 2019 IRO report which outlined the role of the Independent Reviewing Officer, staffing requirements, key updates, information in relation to the Dispute Resolution Protocol, the consultation process with children and young people and the next steps for the service.

RESOLVED: That the Report be noted.

VVC Regional Adoption Service Annual Report

RESOLVED: That the Report be noted

Children's Services Scrutiny Report – Quarter 2 2018

RESOLVED: That the Report be noted

Complaints and Representations Report Quarter 2 – 2018

RESOLVED: That the Report be noted

Crosslands Inspection Report & Regulation 32 Reports

The reports in respect of these items were considered exempt from publication as they contained exempt information of that described in paragraph 12 of Part 4 and paragraph 25 of Part 5 of Schedule A of the Local Government Act 1972.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the public be excluded for consideration of this item; and
- (ii) The content of the reports be noted.

Ty Storrie Regulation 32 Reports

The reports in respect of this item were considered exempt from publication as they contained exempt information of that described in paragraph 12 of Part 4 and paragraph 25 of Part 5 of Schedule A of the Local Government Act 1972.

RESOLVED:

- (iii) That the public be excluded for consideration of this item; and
- (iv) The content of the reports be noted.

44 : MEMBER WORK STREAMS UPDATE

Councillors Bowden and Lent provided Members with an update in respect of work undertaken in relation to their particular work streams.

45 : MEMBER VISITS UPDATE

RESOLVED: That the visit updates be noted.

46 : FORWARD PLAN/WORK PROGRAMME

A copy of the forward plan/work programme was circulated to Members, who agreed that they would respond with any other topics for consideration.

47 : URGENT ITEMS (IF ANY)

No urgent items were received.

48 : DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the Corporate Parenting and Advisory Committee is on Tuesday 2 April 2019 at 2.00 pm

The meeting terminated at 4.20 pm