

CORPORATE PARENTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

17 SEPTEMBER 2019

Present: Councillor Merry(Chairperson)
Councillors Bowden, Driscoll, Hinchey, Hopkins, Jenkins, Lent
and Lister

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

Advisors Present: Rose Whittle and Gillian James

The Chairperson welcomed Councillor Robert Hopkins to the Committee.

76 : APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received for this meeting.

77 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received for this meeting in accordance with the
Members Code of Conduct.

78 : MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2019 were agreed as a correct record
and signed by the Chairperson.

79 : CARDIFF & VALE UHB EMOTIONAL AND MENTAL HEALTH DEVELOPMENT WORK

The Chair welcomed Dr Libby Erin (Clinical Psychologist) to the meeting, it was noted
that unfortunately Dr Jenny Hunt, Head of Child Psychology had been unable to
attend.

Members were provided with a presentation outlining the currently position in relation
to the Developmental Trauma Service for Children who are Looked After.

Dr Libby outlined the Service Model, the Nurturing attachment group, information
about the consultation and joint working, an example of the work being done and also
how the position going forward; including

- growth of the team;
- work is divided between Cardiff and the Vale with embedded teams in in
Social Services;
- all social workers attending the nurturing attachment group by 2020;
- training at the start of foster care journey/teacher training and student social
workers which will aid the move towards prevention;

- meeting demand for therapy and training; and
- becoming truly trauma responsive.

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

- Members queried the nature of the problems that arose during meetings with families and children and noted often the same themes did arise, for example trust issues and a lack of coherent narrative. Shame is also a massive topic. All of which is fed back in to future training and conversations.
- Members noted that there was not a waiting list as such. Either the team do or do not have the capacity, turnover is slow due the nature of the work.
- Members queried whether it was possible to observe one of the groups bearing in mind the issues of privacy and data protection.
- Members were advised that there was a real thirst for information from teachers as opposed to there being a lack of awareness - anecdotally teachers find the input very helpful. It is hoped that the trauma responsive model can be embedded within schools.
- Members discussed funding and whether the service was properly resourced. The service is currently funded by means of Integrated Care Funding and currently funding is being provided for an additional 5 members of staff. The costs of any foster care placement breaking down would be far greater.

RESOLVED: To note the presentation.

80 : FOSTERING UPDATE

The Chair welcomed Kate Hustler (Operational Manager, Family Care, Childrens Services) to the meeting.

Members were provided with a presentation providing information in relation to the recruitment & retention of foster carers; fees and allowances and the steps to be taken going forward.

The Committee were invited to comment, seek clarification or raise questions on the information received.

- Members discussed the compliance monitoring which has now been in place for the last few months which allows the team to look at blockages and drift.
- Members were advised that currently foster carers receive in the region of £450 per week, the majority of the monies received is not

taxable and foster carer are still entitled to other universal benefits. It was noted however, that it is not all about money, but often about support, training and the relationship with social workers.

RESOLVED: To note the presentation.

81 : PUPIL DEVELOPMENT GRANT FOR LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN

The Chair welcomed Siriol Burford, Regional Lead PDG LAC, Central South Consortium to the meeting.

Members were provided with a presentation outlining the nature of the PDG, details of the grant for 2019-2020, the national model for 2019-2020 together with objectives and outcomes. Members were also provided with a presentation outlining the reporting arrangements from summer 2019.

The Committee were invited to comment, seek clarification or raise questions on the information received.

- Members discussed the funding to go to clusters of schools to build capacity and to provide bespoke interventions. It was noted that there has to be good collaboration between the schools. Funding will be based on evidence and impact. The clusters will have a CLA lead who will work across both primary and secondary schools. Members will be provided with case studies in due course.
- Members were advised that although a presentation had been provided outlining the new reporting arrangements as yet the figures cannot be reported. It is hoped that the data will be available for the next meeting of the Committee.

RESOLVED: To note the presentation

82 : TY STORRIE AND CROSSLANDS ANNUAL REPORTS

The Chair welcomed Angela Bourge to the meeting. Members received the Annual Quality Assurance Reports from 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019 in respect of Ty Storrie and Crosslands Children's Homes.

Members were provided with a presentation. It was noted that under regulations 73 & 74 the RI must undertake 3 monthly visits and produce a report on the adequacy of resources available to provide the service in accordance with the requirements of service providers set out in Parts 3 – 15 of the regulations.

The presentation covered complaints and allegations, staffing, feedback from young people and parents and areas of development.

The Committee were invited to comment, seek clarification or raise questions on the information received.

- Members noted the significant staffing challenges during the period with two changes of interim managers, and that, amongst other things, future focus is on ensuring a more consistent and settled period for staff which will in turn have a positive impact on the quality of care.

RESOLVED: To note the reports

83 : CORPORATE PARENTING STRATEGY REFRESH

Natasha Hilderley, Operational Manager, Specialist Services advised Members that the current Corporate Parenting Strategy is currently being reviewed and queried whether Members felt that it should be aligned with the new Children's Services Strategy.

AGREED: To align the new Corporate Parenting Strategy with the Children's Services Strategy.

84 : WORK STREAMS

AGREED: To align Members current work streams with those referred to in the Children's Strategy, Members to be notified of the OM lead for those various work streams.

85 : MEMBER VISITS

Members discussed suggestions for Member visits to be arranged when further information was provided in relation to the Work Streams.

86 : WORK PROGRAMME 2019/20

AGREED: To note the Forward Plan/Work Programme

87 : TY STORRIE & CROSSLANDS REGISTERED INDIVIDUAL 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 21 of Part 5 of Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972.

RESOLVED:

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

88 : URGENT ITEMS (IF ANY)

There were no urgent items.

89 : DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next scheduled meeting of the Committee is on Monday 18th November 2019.

The meeting terminated at 4.30 pm