
**The Annual Quality Assurance Report for Cardiff Council Fostering Service
2016/17**

(Regulation 34 Report)

Reason for the Report

1. The terms of reference for the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee require that the Committee receives the annual quality of care report of The City of Cardiff Council's foster care service 'Foster Care Cardiff'. The report is attached at **Appendix A**.
2. The terms of reference also require that the Committee works within its annual programme to actively promote real and sustained improvements to maximise the life chances of looked after children.

Background

3. The purpose of the attached report is to provide a review of the quality of care offered by Foster Care Cardiff during the 2016/17 year in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 42 of the Fostering Services (Wales) Regulations 2003.
4. Regulation 42 of the Fostering Services (Wales) Regulations 2003 specifies that:
 - 1) *The registered person must establish and maintain a system for—*
 - (a) *Monitoring the matters set out in Schedule 7 (of the regulations) at appropriate intervals, and*
 - (b) *Improving the quality of foster care provided by the fostering agency.*

- 2) *The registered person must supply to the appropriate office of the National Assembly a report in respect of any review conducted by the registered person for the purposes of paragraph (1) and make a copy of the report available upon request to the persons mentioned in regulation 3(2).*
- 3) *The system referred to in paragraph (1) must provide for consultation with foster parents, children placed with foster parents, and their responsible authority (unless, in the case of a fostering agency which is a voluntary organisation, it is also the responsible authority).*
5. The Introduction section of the report summarises the background and improvements made during 2016/17.
6. Part 1 of the report provides feedback from children, young people, social workers, foster carers, and foster carer applicants. This part of the report also provides evidence of outcomes achieved.
7. Part 2 of the report provides an overview of the service.
8. Part 3 provides information of performance in relation to the monitoring of the matters detailed in Schedule 7 and Schedule 8 of the Fostering Services (Wales) Regulations 2003.
9. This Report has been written with contributions from children and young people, foster carers, social workers, and managers from across Children's Services.
10. The report is produced to provide children, parents, foster carers, elected members, staff and other professionals with a review of the Cardiff Fostering Service.

Financial Implications

11. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Legal Implications

12. There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

RECOMMENDATION

13. The Committee is recommended to note the information contained in the attached report and make any observations or comments.

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