



Corporate Parenting Strategy

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Working for Cardiff, working together



Vision

Listening to care experienced children about what matters to them. This helps us to shape what we do and improve care experienced children's lives



Context

- *Children Act 1989 and 2004*
- *UNCRC*
- *Social Services and Wellbeing Act (Wales) 2014 places a collective duty to safeguard and promote the life chances of looked after children:*
 - To safeguard and promote the wellbeing of each looked after child (S78)*
 - To promote the wellbeing of care leavers (s104-118)*
- *We have a commitment to ensure children thrive in our care*



Cardiff - A Co-Produced Strategy

Placing Children and young people front and centre of what we do

- 5 – 11 years old
- 11 – 16 years old
- Out of County
- Residential – internal and external
- Kinship and Placement with Parents
- Semi Supported (16 – 17 years)
- Adult care leavers
- Children with Disabilities / Additional Needs
- Parents and family carers
- Foster Carers
- Stakeholders including building links with VFC



How we are engaging

- *You said we did...* embedding participation into the heart of corporate parenting
- Consultations (individuals and groups) – creative based approaches to form the template for ongoing co-production
- C&YP led
- Creative means - avatars / digital based means
- Digital CYP strategy
- Jenga activity bricks
- Physical representation of homes and communities
- Signs of Safety – house of hopes, house of worries, house of dreams
- Collaborative - Bright Sparks, NYAS, Art Council Wales, Child Friendly City



Corporate Parents Together

- Providers
- Health
- Education / training / work and lifelong learning
- Foster Carers
- Parents
- Elected Members
- 3rd Sector
- Police
- Housing
- Leisure and social opportunities



Timescales

- February – Consultations Complete
 - Stakeholder sessions
 - Literature review
- March – Strategy Writing and Co-production Group Session
- April – CMT and CPAC Draft Strategy
- May – Scrutiny and Cabinet
- May – Launch of the Strategy



Welsh Government Review – National Context

- WG review of corporate parenting across public services linked to Taking Wales Forward to *‘examine ways of ensuring looked after children enjoy the same life chances as other children and if necessary reform the way they are looked after’*.
- Seeks to strengthen the commitment of local authorities and partners across the public sector and extend corporate parenting for care experienced children e.g health, education and housing to improve outcomes and life chances by working together
- Priority areas identified are educational outcomes, homelessness and accelerated independence amongst care leavers and they are more likely to have children taken into care, strengthening edge of care services
- Connects to the development of our new corporate parenting strategy therefore its imperative the committee is aware of the national work.

<https://gov.wales/extending-corporate-parenting-across-public-services-looked-after-children-html>



Welsh Government Review

- Programme of engagement and activity over the next 12 months with a focus on *doing things differently* with greater accountability, partnership working in whole sector approach :
 - Consultation with CYP and agencies
 - Voluntary charter – CYP led
 - Strengthening and extending legislation
 - Key portfolio areas:

Health

Education /skills/education and lifelong learning

Housing

National statistics

- 47% care leavers returned home 2018-2019
- 11.5% care leavers experienced homelessness
- 53% of all care leavers are in education, training or employment 12 months after leaving care



Next Steps

- Corporate Parenting worker – job creation
- Bright Sparks support participation moving forward and development of participation framework
- Forge stronger links with Voices from Care and NYAS - advocacy
- Start using the information from the strategy to influence service i.e social and leisure opportunities
- You said, we did approach
- Action plan to underpin the strategy moving forward

