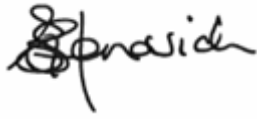


Report for: Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee: 16 January 2020

Item number: To be added by the Committee Section

Title: **Updated Action Plan on Haringey Children in Care who are also known to Youth Justice**



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Ward(s) affected: NA

1. Describe the issue under consideration

Updated action plan on Haringey children in care who are also known to Youth Justice.

2. Background

- 2.1 At their meeting in April 2019, Members received a report on Haringey children in care who were also known to Youth Justice, based on live data as at 12 January 2019. Since the initial report in April, the number of young people in remand has increased.
- 2.2 Members raised various questions which officers undertook to respond to through an updated report.
- What strategies the Council had in place to address the disparity between custodial sentences received for looked after children and non-looked after children?
 - What support was offered to foster carers to help prevent young people from being drawn into the type of behaviour that might lead them to being involved with the Youth Justice Service?
 - Regarding page 30 and "range of interventions" offered to young people, what specifically was offered to looked after children to support them?
- 2.2 Following this request for information, council officers met to review the current arrangements (both strategic and operational), provide a summary of the current offer from both the Youth Justice and Safeguarding Services, evaluate the impact of the services provided and consider further recommendations to improve service delivery, systems and outcomes to this cohort.

- 2.3 The responses to the specific questions were provided to Members in October 2019 and agreed that these should be captured in an Action Plan to build the profile of the interventions for CPAC's consideration going forward.

3. Recommendations

Members to note the action plan.

4. Contribution to strategic outcomes

4.1 Borough Plan 2019-2022

4.2 People Priority

5. Use of Appendices

Action Plan

6. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

- a. Report to CPAC on 23 April 2019: Haringey Youth Justice Service and Looked After Children
- b. Report to CPAC on 15 October 2019: Response to CPAC Questions on Looked After Children and Youth Justice System.

ACTION PLAN: Children in Care and Youth Justice System

ISSUE	REQUIRED ACTION	LEAD OFFICER	TIMELINE	Outcome Measure
Monitor the disparity between custodial sentences between CIC and non-CIC.	YJS in the pre - sentence reports will recommend intensive bail support programmes to assure the courts that remanding a CIC is not the only available option for CIC.	Paul Sutton AD – Prevention & YJS	Ongoing Report to be provided to CPAC	75% of pre - sentence reports to be audited and indicate the number of recommendations accepted by the courts
	Brokerage and commissioning to develop suitable alternative accommodation outside of Haringey to keep children who are victims safe.	Dorne Kanareck	By 31 st March 2020	Arrangements to be made with 2 preferred providers and service monitored quarterly
	All CIC held in remand to have monthly remand meetings to ensure their welfare needs and work commence to address repeat offending behaviour and adequate support post release.	HoS for Corporate Parenting – Colette Elliott Cooper and SM for YJS – Matthew Knight	Ongoing as part of BAU	95% of YP held in remand to have monthly welfare visits
	All CIC open to YJS will have access to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental Health Support Services, • Mentoring • Counselling 	Paul Sutton / Eubert Malcolm AD's for Prevention and CSP	Ongoing – as part of BAU	95% of all YP open to YJS to be offered the described services

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Substance Misuse Services 			
	Briefing and training for magistrates to raise awareness of the vulnerabilities of CIC and the range of services available for CIC from Haringey.	Youth Justice Board.	31 st March 2020 and quarterly thereafter.	TBA
Support and training to foster carers, residential care homes and semi-independent units to be better informed of the risk children and young people face from the threats of contextual safeguarding.	<p>Under Haringey Children's Academy a programme of learning to be deployed with Rescue and Response, Police and Safer London to increase awareness and disruption skills for young people at risk from</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criminal exploitation Child sexual exploitation Prevent and radicalisation Missing 	Exploitation and Prevention Lead – Marisa Douglas Head of Service, Colette Elliott-Cooper Dorne Kanareck - Children services Brokerage	Rolling Programme to commence from February 2020	<p>100% of in house foster carers working with adolescents to receive training by July 2020</p> <p>90% of all preferred residential and semi-independent providers to receive training by September 2020</p>
	All foster carers to have access to LEAP and the foster carers' learning to be considered as part of the CIC reviews.	Colette Elliott Cooper – HOS	Ongoing as part of BAU	95% of in house foster carers to be offered and to access LEAP.
	IFA contracts to be monitored by Brokerage to ensure the agencies deliver the	Dorne Kanareck Verna Miller Brokerage	By 31 March 2020	90% of IFA agencies sign up to contextual safeguarding training

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	contextual safeguarding training.			
	IROs to be offered specialist training to advocate for CIC placed out of borough to ensure better access to : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education • Health Services including therapeutic and CAMHS. 	Pauline Morris – PSW	By 31 st March 2020	100% all IRO's to receive contextual safeguarding training
A directory of services to be produced setting out the range of services.	Directory to include YJB Commissioning intentions for specific programmes.	AD for Prevention & Safeguarding	TBC	TBC