

Report for: Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee: 17 March 2020

Title: **ACTION PLAN: Children in Care and Youth Justice System**



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Ward(s) affected: N/A

1. Describe the issue under consideration

1.1 At its meeting on 15 October 2019, CPAC received a report to update them on

- 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.
- what specifically was offered to looked after children to support them.

1.2 The attached action plan has been drawn up and has been presented to the YJS Management Board.

1.3 This action plan should be viewed in conjunction with previous reports presented to CPAC. Please see 4. Below. The action plan will be discussed at CPAC.

2. Contribution to strategic outcomes

The issues within this paper will be absorbed into the annual action plan of Haringey Youth Justice Board to ensure that the required changes are delivered.

3. Use of Appendices

N/A

4. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

Report to CPAC dated 23 April 2019 : Haringey Youth Justice Service - Looked After Children

Report to CPAC dated 15 October 2019: Response to CPAC Questions on LAC and Youth Justice System

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ISSUE	REQUIRED ACTION	LEAD OFFICER	TIMELINE	Outcome Measure	RAGB
Monitor the disparity of re-offending and custody rates between CIC and Non CIC	YJS will include data around re-offending rates (live tracker) and custody rates via the YJS Dashboard	Matthew Knights - Youth Justice Service Manager	To be developed for April 2020 Dashboard	That disproportionality of CIC and level of understanding about the CIC cohort within the YJS is understood across the partnership.	Green
Monitor the disparity between custodial sentences between CIC and non-CIC.	YJS will recommend creative intensive bail support programmes and to assure the courts that remanding a CIC is not the only available option.	Paul Sutton - Assistant Director, Early Help and Prevention	Ongoing Report to be provided to CPAC June 2020	75% of bail support packages - to be audited and indicate the number of recommendations accepted by the courts	Green
	YJS will recommend creative alternative sentencing options to assure the courts that sentencing a CIC is not the only available option.	Paul Sutton – AD, Early Help and Prevention	Ongoing Report to be provided to CPAC June 2020	75% of Pre Sentence Reports - to be audited and indicate the number of recommendations accepted by the courts	Green
	Brokerage and commissioning to develop suitable alternative accommodation in borough and out of Haringey to keep children who are victims safe.	Dorne Kanareck, Children's Commissioner	By 31 st May2020	Arrangements to be made with 2 preferred providers and service monitored quarterly	Green

	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.	Colette Elliott- Cooper Head of Service, Children in Care Matthew Knights -YJ Service Manager	Ongoing as part of BAU Report to be provided to CPAC September 2020	95% of YP held in remand to have monthly welfare visits	Green
	All CIC open to YJS will have access to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental Health Support Services, • Mentoring • Counselling • Substance Misuse Services 	Paul Sutton AD for Early Help and Prevention Eubert Malcolm – Interm AD Stronger Communities	Ongoing – as part of BAU Report to be provided to CPAC September 2020	95% of all YP open to YJS to be offered the described services	Green
	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 Service to appoint a lead	31 st May 2020 and quarterly thereafter.	Number of courses provided and number of magistrates who attended. Feedback from Magistrates regarding the usefulness of the training.	Green

Support and training to foster carers, residential care homes and 16 plus 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 <p>YJS to also support in the training with Foster carers to support their knowledge about the YJS and partnership working.</p>	<p>Marisa Douglas - Exploitation and Prevention Lead</p> <p>Colette Elliott-Cooper - HoS, Children in Care</p> <p>Dorne Kanareck – Children's Commissioner</p> <p>Matthew Knights -YJ Service Manager</p>	<p>Rolling Programme to commence from March 2020 and conclude in December 2020</p>	<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>	<p>Green</p>
	<p>All foster carers to have access to LEAP and the foster carers' learning to be considered as part of the CIC reviews.</p>	<p>Colette Elliott Cooper – HoS, Children in Care</p>	<p>Ongoing as part of BAU. Report to be provided to CPAC September 2020</p>	<p>95% of in house foster carers to be offered and to access LEAP.</p>	<p>Green</p>
	<p>IFA contracts to be monitored by Brokerage to ensure the agencies deliver the contextual safeguarding training.</p>	<p>Dorne Kanareck - Children's Commissioner</p> <p>Verna Miller - Brokerage</p>	<p>By 31 May 2020</p>	<p>90% of IFA agencies sign up to contextual safeguarding training</p>	<p>Green</p>

	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 – Principal Social Worker	By 30 th June 2020	All IROs to receive contextual safeguarding training	Green
A directory of services to be produced setting out the range of services.	Directory to include YJB Commissioning intentions for specific programmes.	HoS early Help and Prevention – Martin Clements	31 st August 2020	Directory produced, agreed and circulated.	Green
Research with Foster Carers and CIC to see what help and support needed.	Questionnaire produced, circulated and data collected.	Matthew Knights -Youth Justice Service Manager	30 th September 2020	Data produced	Green
Report to be produced for the September management board regarding disparity between LAC and None LAC	Produce detailed data report for previous 3 years	Matthew Knights -Youth Justice Service Manager	September Management Board.	Report produced	Green