

## REMOTE CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL

### Minutes of meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023

**Present:** Councillor E. Williams (Chair); Councillor S. Lloyd-Selby (Vice-Chair); Councillors J.E. Charles, W.A. Hennessy and N.C. Thomas; Mr. L. Carver (Director of Social Services), Ms. T. Dickinson (Head of Human Resources and Organisational Development, Ms. K. Conway (Operational Manager CYPS), Mrs. R. Evans (Head of Children and Young People Services, Ms. C. O'Dare (Team Manager 15 Plus), Mrs. J. Rudge (Team Manager, Children and Young People Services), Miss. C. Western (Members and Committee Services Assistant).

Also present: Sandra Saif (Lead Vulnerable Groups Casework Officer)

<b>(1)</b>	<b>Apologies -</b>
	These were received from Tracy Dickinson and Morwen Hudson.
<b>(2)</b>	<b>Minutes and Matters Arising – 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 -</b>
	The Minutes were accepted as an accurate record.
<b>(3)</b>	<b>Youth Justice and Early Support Service Presentation re First Time Entrants – Chris Carroll -</b>
	<p>R. Evans introduced C. Carroll to the Panel members. He went on to deliver a presentation relating to different children's experiences and their lives and family situations before they were referred to the Youth Justice and Early Support Service. It was noted that minimal information would be given to anonymise the children described during the presentation. This included events before the offences, and this was shown as examples from child 1 to 4. He then went on to explain the events after the offence. C. Carroll went onto draw out learning points from the situations shown.</p> <p>After the presentation, C. Carroll asked the Panel if there were any further questions regarding the presentation. The Chair thanked C. Carroll for his extensive presentation. Councillor W. Hennesey asked if there was a pattern in referring young males to the Service. C. Carroll advised that historically this was true however in recent times there had been an influx of females.</p> <p>It was noted that females could be more complex. This was due to several factors. For example, the rise in cyber bullying due to the popular use of social media platforms. Councillor S. Lloyd-Selby noted that statistics for females could be an interesting topic to bring to another CPP meeting in future.</p>
<b>(4)</b>	<b>Children Looked After – Breakdown (Karen Conway.)</b>
	<p>K. Conway gave a breakdown of children looked after as of the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023.</p> <p>It was noted in the report that there were currently 350 children looked after and this had gradually increased. However, this number of children looked after fluctuated, influenced by the number of entrants, and exits, into and from care. Of these children,</p>

	<p><b>The ages of children looked after were as below:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0 – 5 years = 82</li> <li>• 6 – 10 years = 97</li> <li>• 11 – 15 years = 107</li> <li>• 16 – 17 years = 64</li> </ul> <p><b>The legal status of children looked after were:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Care Order – 243</li> <li>• Interim Care Order – 33</li> <li>• Placement Order – 14</li> <li>• Section 76 – 60</li> <li>• Secure Order – 0</li> <li>• Remand – 0</li> </ul> <p>Information was also shared regarding the legal status of children looked after, where they are placed and regarding the cost of external placements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The costs of our current IFA placements are between £758 and £1890, with the average placement costing £854 per week.</li> <li>• The costs of our current residential placements are between £4200 and £7999 per week.</li> </ul>
<b>(5)</b>	<b>Agenda for the meeting on 8th January 2024 -</b>
	<p>R. Evans and the Chair Councillor E. Williams discussed with officers what would likely go to the next meeting in January. It was agreed for there to be a Joint Presentation by the Child Health and Disability Team, Learning and Skills and Ysgol y Deri re children with disabilities and the Children Looked After breakdown. Anything further could be discussed at the Agenda Conference in December.</p>
<b>(6)</b>	<b>Any Other Business –</b>
	<p>The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 8th January 2024 at 5.00p.m.</p>