Corporate Parenting Panel

21 April 2015

Agenda

A meeting of the Corporate Parenting Panel will be held on 21 April 2015 at 10.00 a.m. in Committee Room 3, Shire Hall, Warwick

1. General

- (1) Apologies for Absence
- (2) Disclosures of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Members are required to register their disclosable pecuniary interests within 28 days of their election of appointment to the Council. A member attending a meeting where a matter arises in which s/he has a disclosable pecuniary interest must (unless s/he has a dispensation):

- Declare the interest if s/he has not already registered it
- Not participate in any discussion or vote
- Must leave the meeting room until the matter has been dealt with (Standing Order 42)
- Give written notice of any unregistered interest to the Monitoring Officer within 28 days of the meeting

Non-pecuniary interests must still be declared in accordance with the new Code of Conduct. These should be declared at the commencement of the meeting.

- (3) Minutes of the meeting held on 9 February 2015
- 2. Update on Children in Care Council (CiCC)

To consider the minutes of the Children in Care Council meeting which was held on 10 February 2015 and receive a verbal update from Shinderpaul Bhangal, Children's Social Care.

Rota for future CiCC meetings:

Tuesday 3 March 2015 Tuesday 14 April 2015 Tuesday 5 May 2015 Councillor Clive Rickhards Councillor Jenny St.John Councillor Dave Shilton



3. Update from Strategic Lead and Performance Set

Sheila Meakin, Interim Service Manager (Safeguarding), will give a verbal update on current issues/challenges and present the performance dataset. Information to be considered during this item are:

- Sibling policy and guidance (for information)
- Delegation of authority to foster carers (for information)
- Dataset and summary report
- LAC by school and district
- Questions for elected members

4. Adoption Services Update, Adoption Scorecard and Service Risks

To consider the report.

5. Corporate Parenting Panel Annual Report 2014/15

The Panel to approve its Annual Report.

6. Work Programme 2015/16

Members of the Panel are asked to agree the proposed work programme and to consider possible themes for future meetings.

7. Any other Business

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Corporate Parenting Panel has been scheduled for 13th July, commencing 10.00 a.m. in Committee Room 3, Shire Hall, Warwick.

Future meeting dates:

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Corporate Parenting Panel Membership

Councillors: Peter Fowler, Bob Hicks, Clive Rickhards, Dave Shilton, Jenny St John, Chris Williams (Chair).

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Minutes of a meeting of the Corporate Parenting Panel held on 9 February 2015

Present:

Councillors:

Peter Fowler Bob Hicks Jenny St John Chris Williams (Chair)

Officers

Shinderpaul Bhangal, Practice Leader, Children's Participation Ruth Lewitt, Apprentice Ann Mawdsley, Senior Democratic Services Officer Sue Ross, Interim Head of Service Andrew Sjurseth, CAMHS Commissioner Brenda Vincent, Service Manager - South

Also Present:

Tania Miller, Journeys

1. General

(1) Apologies

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor Clive Rickhards, Councillor Dave Shilton and Councillor Bob Stevens.

(2) Disclosures of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None.

(3) Minutes of the meeting held on 27 November 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2014 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Matters Arising

None.

2. Journeys Service Annual Report

Andy Sjurseth introduced the report and outlined the work of the Journeys Service, which was commissioned with Coventry City Council to work with children and young people in care or adopted, and to support foster carers and practitioners. He added that 72% of children and young people in care would experience emotional wellbeing issues, and this service was aimed at early intervention and the prevention of the escalation of these issues.

Tania Miller stated that Journeys had been running for three to four years and was made up of a multi-disciplinary team of practitioners working from a systematic perspective to wrap the most appropriate system around a child or young person. She outlined the different aspects of the service.

During the ensuring discussion the following points were raised:

- 1. Referrals came from social workers, GPs, schools, school nurses, CAMHS and from children and young people and their carers, with the largest number of referrals coming from social workers.
- 2. Journeys worked with children and young people from the age of 0 to 19 and noted the importance of involving parents/carers in that work in order to continue support to these children outside of the service.
- 3. Journeys was part of a wider system of support for mental health and wellbeing and represented the early intervention support that was being considered in the wider redesign of the CAMHS service that was currently taking place.
- 4. Where children were not able to express themselves verbally, different methods such as sand trays, art and puppets were used to help children to process stories, without overwhelming them.
- 5. Both qualitative and quantitative evidence was used to measure outcomes. Andy Sjurseth agreed to circulate the latest Q4 data.
- 6. The Service had worked hard to reduce the waiting times between referral and intervention, which was currently two weeks. Andy Sjurseth added that a lot of effort had been put in to improve the relationship between the Service and specialist CAMHS, but Journeys had also developed towards holding more specialist services than originally expected, which reduced the number of children and young people moving between these services.
- 7. Over the last year the caseload average at any time was approximately 70 cases. It was pointed out however that the Service provided relatively short-term interventions, which resulted in a high turnover. Tania Miller responded that the Service always balanced the clinical needs of children despite the need to keep waiting lists down and the quality of services good.
- 8. When asked whether there was any research to monitor whether improvements were ongoing, Tania Miller responded that there was not the capacity to do this currently, but that not many children and young people came back into the Service. She added that expectations had to be realistic, and that for some young people whose circumstances were in turmoil, the best the Service could do was to contain and support them, and more permanent changes would not be possible until their lives were more settled.
- 9. The CAMHS Redesign was an opportunity to reshape services to meet early intervention better. It was agreed however that at some point

there would need to be a strategic discussion across services such as schools and Public Health to ensure a common agenda.

The Chair thanked Tania and Andy for their contributions, commenting on their clear enthusiasm and commitment to make a difference. The Panel agreed to receive a further report in due course.

3. Children in Care Council (CiCC) updates

Councillor Chris Williams - 2 December 2014

The Chair and Shinderpaul updated the Panel on the CiCC meeting on 2 December 2014, particularly the work being done on 'Digital by Default' looking at IT solutions that support care leavers. A business case on the options was being produced and this would be brought to the Panel.

Due to a mix-up on the date of the next CiCC meeting (10 February 2015), Brenda Vincent undertook to represent the Panel.

Shinderpaul Bhangall updated the Panel on the recent CiCC elections which had resulted in seven new members. There were now six males and seven females on the CiCC from a broad geographic spread across the county, ranging in age from 14 to 19. The different roles on the CiCC would be up for election at their March meeting.

4. Update from Strategic Lead and Performance Dataset

Brenda Vincent informed the Panel that the Local Authority had a legal requirement to make a statutory visit to children and young people in care within a week of placement and thereafter up to six-weekly. She reported that this was tracked on a weekly basis and last week had been the best week ever for the service.

Brenda reported that the 'Being in Care' booklet would be considered by the CiCC at their meeting on 10 February. Once they had signed it off, the booklet would be printed and given to all 8-13 year-olds in care.

Brenda noted that the CiCC had reviewed the playing cards to highlight where updates were required. Ruth Lewitt would be doing this work.

An Adoption Support Fund would be accessible from May/June. This was a one-off pot of funding from Government for Local Authorities to fund additional therapeutic services. Arrangements were being made to ensure good systems were in place to access this funding, access services and evaluate outcomes.

Brenda introduced the report outlined the sibling policy and guidance and the Delegation of Authority to Foster Carers.

Brenda tabled an updated version of the dataset, which she then reported against.

During the ensuing discussion the following points were noted:

- 1. Members requested a report on the centralised leaving care services to a future meeting.
- 2. There needed to be an investigation into the reasons why placements in Nuneaton and Bedworth have continued to rise, while in all other areas they had stabilised and in some cases begun to reduce.
- 3. Members noted their concern at the target to reduce the number of LAC. Sue Ross confirmed that if by the middle of 2015 there had not been a significant reduction in the north, this would have to be reviewed. She added that the Local Authority had a duty to take children into care and reducing this numbers was not always possible. Members agreed to receive a further report on this to the April meeting.
- 4. Brenda Vincent undertook to invite Councillors St. John and Williams to a meeting set up to review the Corporate Parenting training module.
- 5. Ann Mawdsley undertook to share with all Members, the information on LAC by Division and School and the set of questions included in the agenda pack.

The Chair thanked Brenda for her report.

5. Independent Reviewing Service (IRS) Annual Report

Mary Eccleston introduced the Annual Report of the Independent Reviewing Service.

There was a broad discussion around the lack of benchmarking data. Mary Eccleston noted that Warwickshire had participated in research undertaken by the National Children's Bureau which had resulted in recommendations about standardised reporting. It was hoped that these recommendations, alongside comparisons that were being made at a regional level, would lead to a system of benchmarking in the future.

Brenda Vincent drew Members' attention to the review by the IRS of care plans for all children and young people in care. 80% of plans were seen to be progressing well, and while there were a small number of ambers, relating mostly to paperwork, but there were no red alerts. She added that this ongoing monitoring was very helpful to her service.

The Panel agreed to receive the next Independent Reviewing Service Annual Report and a Benchmarking Report to the September meeting.

6. Work Programme

The work programme was agreed, including the updates agreed at this meeting.

7. Any Other Business

The Panel agreed that there needed to be training planned for elected members in preparation of an Ofsted visit. Sue Ross agreed to co-ordinate this.

The following rota was agreed for Cou Tuesday 10 February 2015 Tuesday 3 March 2015 Tuesday 14 April 2015 Tuesday 5 May 2015	ncillors attending the CiCC meetings: Brenda Vincent Councillor Clive Rickhards Councillor Jenny St.John Councillor Dave Shilton.
The future meeting dates set out in the agend	da were agreed.
The meeting closed at 12.20 pm	Chair
The meeting closed at 12.20 pm	

Item 2



Notes from meeting on Tuesday 10th February 2014, 6.30pm, Saltisford, Warwick

Present:

Jack O Caitlin L

Heather C

James D

Jamie B

Mia W

Bradley B

Bella H

Katherine W

Luke E

Apologies

Lewis E, Cheryl C, Cllr Peter Fowler

Visitors

Supporting Staff:

Brenda Vincent (Service Manager)

Shin Bhangal (Practice Leader Participation)

Ruth Lewitt (Apprentice Participation)

1. Updates from last meeting

The events calendar was circulated for members to see what had taken place and for them to be able to volunteer for future activities and events.

2. Welcome to the newly elected members

Shin welcomed the newly elected members to the group. He went on to explain that more detail on CiCC roles will be explored at the next meeting.

This meeting would be an opportunity for everyone to take part in some activities so that they can get a feel for CiCC work. It would also be an opportunity for all the members to get to know each other a little better.

3. Being in Care Booklet/ Sibling Policy - Brenda Vincent

Brenda brought along with her the fourth draft of the "Being in Care Booklet" for CiCC comments. The members identified the following points,

Front cover: Should be called something different rather than "Being in Care" i.e. helpful tips for now and in the future, Young people's guide? The image needs to be more diverse. Less blue and black in the booklet.

Page 03 is okay

Page 04. Child on image needs to look happier! These details should be on the back page so that the young person could tear it off and keep it.

Page 05. This should be spread over 2 pages with images. Too much text.

Page 06 seems fine.

Page 07 needs to have less text. Too many words in one block

Page 08 picture needs changing for two smaller ones

Page 09 needs a bigger font than the one used. Can lose the last block of text. The image used looks too adult and needs to be changed for a younger person. Need also to include somewhere that, any information that needs to be about you should be discussed with you beforehand

Page 10 person on image looks miserable

Page 11 can lose the text at the top of the page. Otherwise it is okay

Page 12 can lose the second block of text. Need to add reminder that you can always contact your Social worker even without your Foster Carers permission when you have something to discuss

Page 13 is okay

Page 14 should be called "seeing your friends". Add the words "see and" in the first sentence

Pages 15 & 16 are okay

Other comments were that it should be an A5 size rather than an A4. Too many colours on some pages need to calm that down. Images are not very good. Need to be more diverse.

Brenda said that she would make the changes and bring it back to the CiCC to agree a final draft.

Brenda explained to CiCC members about the Sibling Policy. The group were in agreement with the key messages. Brenda left copies for the group to look at and comment on further if they wished to do so.

4. Orly - Sheldon Project

Orly has been taken on by County Arts to support a Museum Project. Orly is from London and has a great deal of experience in working with communities to help them exhibit their work in museums. Orly had brought along some of her work and showed a presentation of projects that she has completed over the years.

Orly would like to work with the CiCC to develop an exhibit for Warwickshire Museum Service. This will need to link somehow to the Sheldon Tapestry which is hanging in Warwick Museum. The Tapestry is a map of Warwickshire. This work can draw on the experience of CiCC members and their experience of living in Warwickshire. The work will need to be completed over approx. 10 sessions which can take place on Tues evenings, Saturdays or Sundays.

The CiCC members were interested enough to want to take part. Ruth will support this project.

5. Corporate Parenting Panel

Messages to Councillors
 How can Councillors help to improve the image of LAC?

Feedback from Councillor on CPP progress
 To be followed up at the next meeting

Any other business - None

Corporate Parenting Panel

21st April 2015

Update from Strategic Lead and Performance Set

Recommendation:

That the Corporate Parenting Panel considers the previous year performance and the provisional Looked After Children Population Demographics Summary as at year end 31st March 2015.

1.0 Summary

Sheila Meakin, Interim Service Manager (Safeguarding), will give a verbal update on current issues/challenges and present the performance dataset. Information to be considered during this item are:

- Sibling policy and guidance (for information)
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2.0 Dataset

2.1 The key summary points of the dataset:

- The LAC population is broadly in line with the rate as at 31.3.2014, showing a gradual downward trend over the last 6 months.
- The Foster Care Service is the main provider of placements although there has been a heavier reliance on external foster placements. A foster care recruitment and retention strategy to address this is being developed.
- The fluctuation in the family and friends foster care is due to children leaving care through special guardianship with these relatives.
- The demographic information shows an increase in young people aged 16+ yrs. coming into care.
- Fewer children are being looked after for more than 12 months.
 Younger children are leaving care sooner through adoption or special guardianship.
- Nuneaton, Bedworth and Rugby are the teams that have had the most growth in their looked after numbers. This also applies to Stratford but from a lower base.

- There has been an increase in residential care over the past 5 years.
- There has been an increase in legal orders, due to safeguarding concerns, in order to manage the care plans for vulnerable children.
- The majority of children and young people leave care and return to their families.
- Further measures are needed to improve placement stability and reduce the number of the LAC who have three or more placements.

Appendices:

Appendix A – Corporate Parenting Dataset Q4 2014/15

Appendix B – Looked After Children Population Demographics Summary (End of year, 2009-2014 compared with 31 March 2015)

Appendix C – Looked After Children aged 4+ by School

Appendix D – Looked After Children by Ward of Placement 31/03/2015

Appendix E – Safeguarding Data, March 2015

Background Papers:

None.

Warwickshire Corporate Parenting Panel Dataset

Data Caveats: Please note that quarterly data, although of benefit because it illustrates activity trends, may not be reflective of our final position at the end of year as we will need to undertake further validation and data quality checks at the end of each financial year.

			2011/12 Yearly		2013/14 Yearly	2014/15 Q1	2014/15 Q2	2014/15 Q3	*Current* 2014/15 Q4	2013/14 England	2013/14 - Statistical Neighbours
LAC per 10,000 of the 0-17 child population	To be provided by				Outturn	Outturn	Outturn	Outturn	Outturn	Average	Average
No. of Looked After Children per 10,000 population	Jamie Wait	57.2	61.2	62.4	61.7	62.4	63.4	63.3	61.9	60	49.1

Attainment of Looked After Children	To be provided by	Yearly	2011/12 Yearly Outturn	2012/13 Yearly Outturn	2013/14 Yearly Outturn	2014/15 Q1 Outturn	2014/15 Q2 Outturn	2014/15 Q3 Outturn	*Current* 2014/15 Q4 Outturn	2013/14 England Average	2013/14 - Statistical Neighbours Average
CiC attainment: KS2 - Percentage who achieved at least Level 4 in Mathematics - ANNUAL MEASURE	expected to achieve Level 4	36%	68%	71.0%	53%	48.0%				61%	61.6%
CiC attainment: KS2 - Percentage who achieved at least Level 4 in Reading - ANNUAL MEASURE	expected to achieve Level 4	44%	80%	71.0%	59%	48.0%				68%	66.4%
CiC attainment: KS2 - Percentage who achieved at least Level 4 in Writing - ANNUAL MEASURE	expected to achieve Level 4	N/A	72%	79.0%	47%	48.0%				59%	59.7%
CIC attainment: KS4 - 5+ GCSEs A*-C or equivalent - ANNUAL MEASURE	Steve Pendleton - those expected to get 5 A-C	32.8%	38.8%	42.9%	16.3%	30.0%				16.3%	15.2%
CIC attainment: KS4 - 5+ GCSEs A*-C or equivalent including English & mathematics GCSEs - ANNUAL MEASURE	Steve Pendleton - those expected to get 5 A-C (including English/Maths)	13.1%	16.3%	21.4%	14.3%	15.0%				12.0%	11.5%
% of looked after children who are making at least expected progress – by year group	Steve Pendleton	N/A	N/A	N/A						N/A	N/A
The percentage of sessions missed due to overall absences for children who have been looked after continuously for at least twelve months at 31 March - ANNUAL MEASURE	Steve Pendleton	5.0%	6.0%	TBC						Absence information is matched against the School Census (SC) which collects pupil level data on a term) basis (spring, summer and autumn collections). Absen data is refurned in arrears and is therefore available at later date than attainment information. As a result of the latest available at secondary and special schools covers the 2011/12 sch year.	
The percentage of school-age children looked after continuously for 12 months who were attending a school that was assessed as being good or better by Ofsted	Steve Pendleton	N/A	N/A	N/A						N/A	N/A

Health of Looked After Children		Yearly	Yearly	Yearly	2013/14 Yearly Outturn	2014/15 Q1 Outturn	2014/15 Q2 Outturn	2014/15 Q3 Outturn	*Current* 2014/15 Q4 Outturn	2012/13 England Average	2012/13 - Statistical Neighbours Average
The proportion of children who had been looked after continuously for a year or more who had an annual health assessment during the previous 12 months.	Rachel Webster/Jamie Wait	80.2%	76.3%	76.8%	80.0%	75.3%	75.7%	79.9%	79.9%	87.3%	84.2%

Looked After Placements Monitoring		Yearly	Yearly	2012/13 Yearly Outturn	2013/14 Yearly Outturn	2014/15 Q1 Outturn	2014/15 Q2 Outturn	2014/15 Q3 Outturn	*Current* 2014/15 Q4 Outturn	2013/14 England Average	2013/14 - Statistical Neighbours Average
% of LAC placed in Internal provision foster care at year/quarter end	Jamie Wait	68.7%	65.9%	63.3%	60.3%	61.6%	58.5%	56.1%	58.4%	50.1%	N/A
% of LAC placed in External provision foster care at year/quarter end	Jamie Wait	11.3%	14.8%	16.0%	19.9%	17.2%	19.3%	19.8%	19.3%	24.4%	N/A
% of LAC placed in Residential provision at year/quarter end	Jamie Wait	3.6%	2.9%	3.3%	4.3%	4.0%	4.2%	4.2%	4.0%	9.8%	N/A
Long Term Stability: % of LAC aged under 16 who have been looked after continuously for at least 2.5 years, who were living in the same placement for at least 2 years, or are placed for adoption.		71.0%	69.0%	64.0%	62.0%	63.1%	62.6%	64.1%	64.9%	67.0%	63.8%
Placement Stability: The percentage of LAC with 3 or more placements over a year	Jamie Wait	11.8%	12.8%	12.5%	12.2%	12.0%	13.2%	13.2%	13.0%	11.0%	12.0%

Fostering		Yearly	Yearly	2012/13 Yearly Outturn	2013/14 Yearly Outturn	2014/15 Q1 Outturn	2014/15 Q2 Outturn	2014/15 Q3 Outturn	*Current* 2014/15 Q4 Outturn	2013/14 England Average	2013/14 - Statistical Neighbours Average
Number of Mainsteam foster care households at end of each year/quarter	Jamie Wait	253	263	252	257	258	256	258	251	N/A	N/A
Number of Family/Friends foster care households at end of each year/quarter	Jamie Wait	48	63	61	37	49	60	42	46	N/A	N/A
Number of Short Term Breaks foster care households at end of each year/quarter	Jamie Wait	32	27	26	21	16	15	16	16	N/A	N/A
Number of open child referrals for a fostering placement	Lesley Malley	N/A	N/A	N/A	65	85		49		N/A	N/A
Number of foster carers at stage 1 of the fostering information and preparation process	Lesley Malley	N/A	N/A	N/A	15	8		6		N/A	N/A
Number of foster carers at stage 2 of the fostering assessment process	Lesley Malley	N/A	N/A	N/A	16	11		13		N/A	N/A

Adoption				2012/13 Outturn	2013/14 Outturn	2014/15 Q1 Outturn	2014/15 Q2 Outturn	2014/15 Q3 Outturn	*Current* 2014/15 Q4 Outturn	2013/14 England Average	2013/14 - Statistical Neighbours Average
The Number of adoption orders granted (children adopted)	Sharon Shaw/Jamie Wait	25	31	33	56	16	28	42	63	N/A	N/A
The percentage of children who ceased to be looked after who were adopted (had their adoption order granted)	Jamie Wait	9.9%	10.5%	10.8%	16.8%	20.8%	19.9%	17.2%	19.2%	17.0%	18.7%
The average time (days) between a local authority receiving court authority to place a child and the local authority deciding on a match to an adoptive family		113	117	87	143	104	148	163	TBC - Social Workers to be chased with regards to missing 'match' dates	217	218.4
The average time (days) between a child entering care and moving in with their adoptive family (3yr average)	Jamie Wait	558	562	535	553	424	433	444	456	628	634.7
Number of adoption decisions	Sharon Shaw	N/A	N/A	N/A	93	10		24		N/A	N/A

Appendix A

Adoption continued				2012/13 Outturn	2013/14 Outturn	2014/15 Q1 Outturn	2014/15 Q2 Outturn	2014/15 Q3 Outturn	*Current* 2014/15 Q4 Outturn	2013/14 England Average	2013/14 - Statistical Neighbours Average
Number of adopters in Stage 1 of the adoption information and preparation process	Jo Smith	N/A	N/A	N/A	16 [+5 on hold after stage 1]	16 [+7 on hold after Stage 1]		19	12	N/A	N/A
Number of adopters in Stage 2 of the adoption assessment process	Jo Smith	N/A	N/A	N/A	17 [+1 on hold in Stage 2]	20 [+2 on hold in stage 2]		24	18	N/A	N/A
Number of approved adopters available	Jo Smith	N/A	N/A	N/A	33 [no placement or match]	25 [no placement or match]		31	29	N/A	N/A
Children with a placement orders not yet placed for adoption	Jo Smith	N/A	N/A	N/A	To be provided by Sharon Shaw	48		25	43	N/A	N/A

Looked after children

LAC Population Demographics Summary at end of year, 2009-2014 compared with 31 March 2015

Please note: 2015 data is yet to be validated as part of our annual returns to the DfE

Number of Children Looked After	31-Mar-09	31-Mar-10	31-Mar-11	31-Mar-12	31-Mar-13	31-Mar-14	30-Sep-14	31-Dec-14	31-Mar-15	% Change (based on increase between 31-Mar-14 and 31-Mar-15)	
Total Number of LAC at Year End	536	574	636	681	698	690	710	708	693	0.4%	
Gender	ender en										
Male	316	341	382	401	399	387	391	385	376	-2.8%	
Female	220	233	254	280	299	303	319	323	317	4.6%	
Age	31-Mar-09	31-Mar-10	31-Mar-11	31-Mar-12	31-Mar-13	31-Mar-14	30-Sep-14	31-Dec-14	31-Mar-15	% Change (based on increase between 31-Mar-14 and 31-Mar-2015)	
Under 1	24	37	26	48	34	35	36	41	37	5.7%	
1 to 4	66	65	112	119	132	110	108	97	87	-20.9%	
5 to 9	114	114	100	95	130	132	136	138	133	0.8%	
10 to 15	227	246	249	253	257	268	260	261	268	0.0%	
16 - 17	105	112	149	166	145	145	170	173	168	15.9%	
Child in Need Categories	31-Mar-09	31-Mar-10	31-Mar-11	31-Mar-12	31-Mar-13	31-Mar-14	30-Sep-14	31-Dec-14	31-Mar-15	% Change (based on increase between 31-Mar-14 and 31-Mar-2015)	
N1 - Abuse or Neglect	337	322	346	395	403	396	392	391	386	-2.5%	
N2 - Child's Disability/Illness	16	13	11	11	14	16	15	15	15	-6.3%	
N3 - Parental Disability/Illness	20	18	22	14	12	12	13	13	10	-16.7%	
N4 - Family in Acute Stress	44	67	67	74	82	79	76	75	79	0.0%	
N5 - Family Dysfunction	39	59	74	83	112	120	124	123	115	-4.2%	
N6 - Socially Unacceptable Behaviour	10	19	18	24	18	26	27	25	28	7.7%	
N7 - Low Income	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	-100.0%	
N8 - Absent Parenting	70	75	97	79	56	40	50	52	48	20.0%	
N9 - Other Than Child in Need	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	5	4	N/A	
N0- Not Stated	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	8	8	N/A	

Appendix B

Other Demographics	31-Mar-09	31-Mar-10	31-Mar-11	31-Mar-12	31-Mar-13	31-Mar-14	30-Sep-14	31-Dec-14	31-Mar-15	% Change (based on increase between 31-Mar-14 and 31-Mar-2015)
LAC with a Disability	41	39	31	32	34	31	29	28	27	-9.7%
Asylum Seekers (UASC)	60	66	87	69	45	29	42	47	45	55.2%
Number looked after continuously for a year or more	360	390	429	451	463	450	487	488	462	2.7%
Number placed out of county	182	184	217	228	238	237	275	242	237	0.0%

Number of children looked after by District at end of year, 2009 to 2014 compared with 31 March 2015

District	31-Mar-09	31-Mar-10	31-Mar-11	31-Mar-12	31-Mar-13	31-Mar-14	30-Sep-14	31-Dec-14	31-Mar-15	% Change (based on increase between 31-Mar-14 and 31-Mar-2015)
North Warwickshire	57	56	62	67	69	67	64	64	56	-16.4%
Nuneaton & Bedworth	159	167	197	206	237	256	253	261	258	0.8%
Rugby	67	82	99	108	110	109	120	116	121	11.0%
Stratford	59	66	68	75	85	82	74	75	78	-4.9%
Warwick	114	115	104	137	130	122	133	124	117	-4.1%
Integrated Disability Service	19	21	17	18	22	23	22	19	18	-21.7%
Asylum Seekers	60	66	87	69	45	29	42	47	45	55.2%
Youth Justice	1	1	2	1	0	1	2	2	0	-100.0%
Warwickshire Total	536	574	636	681	698	690	710	708	693	0.4%

Children looked after per 10,000 of the Child Population by District at end of year, 2009 to 2014 compared with 31 March 2015*

District	31-Mar-09	31-Mar-10	31-Mar-11	31-Mar-12	31-Mar-13	31-Mar-14	LAC 30/09/2014	LAC 31/12/14	31-Mar-15	% Change (based on increase between 31-Mar-14 and 31-Mar-2015)
North Warwickshire	44	43	50	54	55	53	51	51	45	-8
Nuneaton & Bedworth	58	61	73	77	87	94	93	96	94	0
Rugby	31	39	46	50	50	49	54	52	55	6
Stratford	24	27	28	31	36	35	32	32	33	-2
Warwick	44	44	40	52	49	46	50	47	44	-2
Integrated Disability Service	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1.7	1.6	-0.4
Asylum Seekers	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A						
Youth Justice	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A						
Warwickshire Total	48	51	57	61	62	62	63	63	62	0
Statistical Neighbours	42.1	45.7	47.2	48.3	48.7	49.1	49.1	49.1	49.1	N/A
England	54	57	58	59	60	60	60	60	60	N/A

^{*}Please note that the district per 10,000 table above excludes children allocated to the district IDS Teams

Placement Types of Looked After Children at end of year, 2009 to 2014 compared with 31 March 2015

Placement Type	LAC March 2009	LAC March 2010	LAC March 2011	LAC March 2012	LAC March 2013	LAC March 2014	LAC 30/09/2014	LAC 31/12/14	31-Mar-15	% Change (based on increase between 31-Mar-14 and 31-Mar-15)
Foster placement with friend or family	55	57	56	63	70	61	71	56	58	-4.9%
Foster placement with LA carer	317	352	381	386	372	355	344	341	347	-2.3%
Foster placement with Agency/OLA carer	71	79	72	101	112	137	137	140	134	-2.2%
Health Establishment providing medical care	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	N/A
Independent Living Placement	6	2	29	39	43	38	43	46	43	13.2%
Mother & Baby Unit	1	2	2	2	0	0	1	3	1	N/A
Placed for adoption	19	18	20	21	31	35	48	52	44	25.7%
Placed with own parents	47	41	47	44	44	29	30	36	34	17.2%
Prison/Police Custody	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	-50.0%
Residential Home/School	17	20	23	20	23	28	27	30	28	0.0%
Secure Unit	2	2	1	0	0	3	3	3	2	-33.3%
Absent from agreed placement	0	0	3	2	0	0	3	0	0	N/A
Other Placement	0	0	2	3	1	2	1	0	1	-50.0%
WARWICKSHIRE TOTAL	536	574	636	681	698	690	710	708	693	0.4%

Legal Status of Looked After Children at end of year, 2009 to 2014 compared with 31 March 2015

	Mar-09	Mar-10	Mar-11	Mar-12	Mar-13	Mar-14	LAC 30/09/2014	LAC 31/12/14	Mar-15	% Change (based on increase between 31-Mar-14 and 31-Mar-2015)
Interim Care Order	68	108	154	131	164	88	96	82	61	-30.7%
Full Care Order	215	202	203	244	245	285	291	303	317	11.2%
S20 Acommodation	208	225	245	256	220	210	222	226	219	4.3%
Freed for Adoption	6	5	2	2	2	1	1	1	0	-100.0%
Placement Order	35	31	31	48	67	106	100	96	92	-13.2%
On Remand or Committed for Trial/Sentence	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
Police Protection Order	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	N/A
Emergency Protection Order	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	N/A
Warwickshire Total	536	574	636	681	698	690	710	708	693	0.4%

Children who ceased to be looked after during the year ending 31 March by reason episode ceased compared to first six months of 2014/15

Reason episode ceased	2008/9	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	First 6 months of 2014/15 (1 April - 30 September 2014)	First 9 months of 2014/15 (1 April - 31 December 2014)	Full 12 months of 2014/15 (Yet to be validated)	% Change (based on increase between 31-Mar-14 and 31-Mar-2015)
Adopted - application unopposed	14	20	16	17	17	21	7	8	7	N/A
Adopted - consent dispensed with	14	9	9	14	16	35	22	34	53	N/A
Died	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	N/A
Care taken by another LA	1	4	2	7	0	0	0	1	1	N/A
Returned home to live with parents or relatives	131	109	123	124	96	120	63	94	115	N/A
Residence order granted	5	9	5	12	16	10	1	7	11	N/A
Special guardianship order (former foster care)	5	7	8	15	35	31	4	7	14	N/A
Special guardianship order (not former foster c	5	2	2	5	13	15	13	20	22	N/A
Semi-independent Living	35	42	21	33	39	29	8	18	21	N/A
Independent Living	16	16	25	37	45	49	19	29	48	N/A
Transfer to Adult Team	0	1	3	2	0	2	2	5	5	N/A
Sentenced to custody	1	1	1	3	0	4	0	1	1	N/A
Care ceased for any other reason	15	22	24	15	17	12	5	13	24	N/A
Discharged to Staying Put	0	0	13	7	10	6	5	7	9	N/A
Total	243	242	253	291	305	334	149	244	331	N/A - not yet reached full year

Appendix C

Looked After Children aged 4+ by School

The following breaks down the numbers of looked after children aged 4+ by school within each district. Please note that this is based on looked after children as at 31 March 2015.

North Warwickshire District

Name of School	Number of Looked After Children attending school
ARLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL	4
COLESHILL C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL	0
DORDON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL	0
HARTSHILL SCHOOL	6
KINGSBURY JUNIOR SCHOOL	3
MICHAEL DRAYTON JUNIOR SCHOOL	4
OUTWOODS PRIMARY SCHOOL	3
QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL AND SPORTS COLLEG	1
THE POLESWORTH SCHOOL	1
WARTON NETHERSOLES C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL	1
WOODLANDS SCHOOL	6
TOTAL	29



Nuneaton & Bedworth District

Name of School	Number of Looked After Children attending school
ABBEY C OF E INFANT SCHOOL	5
ALL SAINTS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NUNEATON	5
ARC SCHOOL	4
ASH GREEN SCHOOL AND ARTS COLLEGE	2
CAMP HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL	2
CANON MAGGS C OF E JUNIOR SCHOOL	2
CHETWYND JUNIOR SCHOOL	3
ETONE COLLEGE	8
EXHALL GRANGE SCHOOL	3
GEORGE ELIOT COMMUNITY SCHOOL	11
GOODYERS END PRIMARY SCHOOL	1
HIGHAM LANE SCHOOL	13
KERESLEY NEWLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL	4
KING EDWARD VI COLLEGE	2
MIDDLEMARCH SCHOOL	0
MILBY PRIMARY SCHOOL	2
NEWDIGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL	0
NICHOLAS CHAMBERLAINE SCHOOL	7
NORTH WARWICKSHIRE AND HINCKLEY COLLEGE	2
OAK WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL	3
OAKWOOD SCHOOL	1
OAK WOOD SECONDARY SCHOOL	5
RACE LEYS INFANT SCHOOL	4
RACE LEYS JUNIOR SCHOOL	3
ST ANNES CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL	1
ST FRANCIS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL	1
ST MICHAELS C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL	0
ST NICOLAS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL (NUNEATON)	1
STOCKINGFORD INFANT SCHOOL	1
STOCKINGFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL	8
ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC SCHOOL	4
THE NUNEATON ACADEMY	8
WEMBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL	1
TOTAL	117

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Rugby District

Name of School	Number of Looked After Children attending school
ASHLAWN SCHOOL	9
AVON VALLEY SCHOOL	10
BILTON SCHOOL, M & C COLLEGE	2
BOUGHTON LEIGH COUNTY INFANT SCHOOL	2
BOUGHTON LEIGH JUNIOR SCHOOL	1
BROOKE SPECIAL SCHOOL	2
BROOKE SPECIAL SCHOOL (TYNTESFIELD SITE)	3
HARRIS C OF E HIGH SCHOOL	4
LONG LAWFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL	1
NORTHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL	2
OAKFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL	3
PADDOX PRIMARY SCHOOL	3
PRINCETHORPE COLLEGE	2
RUGBY COLLEGE	3
RUGBY HIGH SCHOOL	1
ST ANDREWS BENN C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL	4
ST MARIES CATHOLIC INFANT SCHOOL	1
TOTAL	53





Stratford District

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Name of School	Number of Looked After Children attending school
BIDFORD-ON-AVON C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL	2
BISHOPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL	3
HENLEY-IN-ARDEN HIGH SCHOOL	1
KING EDWARD VI SECONDARY SCHOOL	1
LONG ITCHINGTON C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL	3
MORETON MORRELL C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL	1
RIVER HOUSE SCHOOL	8
SENSS: RIVER HOUSE SCHOOL	1
SHIPSTON HIGH SCHOOL	2
SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR PRIMARY SCHOOL	1
SOUTHAM COLLEGE	3
SOUTHAM ST JAMES C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL	2
SOUTHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL	2
ST BENEDICTS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL	1
STRATFORD COLLEGE	2
STRATFORD-UPON-AVON GRAMMAR SCHOOL-GIRLS	1
STRATFORD-UPON-AVON HIGH SCHOOL	5
STUDLEY HIGH SCHOOL HUMANITIES & MUSIC	2
STUDLEY ST MARYS C OF E JUNIOR SCHOOL	1
TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL	1
TOTAL	43





Warwick District

Name of School	Number of Looked After Children attending school		
AYLESFORD SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM COLLEGE	4		
CAMPION SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE	14		
CLAPHAM TERRACE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL	0		
KENILWORTH SCHOOL	4		
MYTON SCHOOL A SPECIALIST SCIENCE COLLEG	5		
NEWBURGH PRIMARY SCHOOL	1		
NORTH LEAMINGTON SCHOOL	5		
PARK HILL JUNIOR SCHOOL	1		
SHRUBLAND STREET COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCH	2		
ST ANTHONYS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL	0		
ST MARGARETS C OF E JUNIOR SCHOOL	2		
ST NICHOLAS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL KENILWORTH	1		
THE RIDGEWAY SCHOOL	1		
THE ROUND OAK SCHOOL AND SUPPORT SERVICE	8		
THE TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL	5		
WARWICKSHIRE COLLEGE	3		
WARWICKSHIRE COLLEGE (MORETON MORRELL)	1		
WESTGATE COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL	0		
WHITNASH COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL	4		
WOODLOES PRIMARY SCHOOL	1		
TOTAL	62		

Further information:

It is worth noting that currently another:

- 177 looked after children aged 4+ are schooled out of county.
- 56 looked after children aged 16+ have no school recorded as they are no longer of compulsory school age.
- 10 children aged 4 years of age have turned 4 since September 2014 and won't be of compulsory school age till the 2015/16 academic year.
- 46 children of school age currently have no school recorded on Carefirst.

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Appendix D

Looked After Children by Ward of Placement 31/03/2015

The following breaks down the numbers of looked after children by district and ward that they are placed within. Please note that this is based on looked after children by placement at a snapshot date of 31/03/2015.

North Warwickshire District

Ward	Number of Looked After Children Placed
Arley and Whitacre Ward	5
Atherstone Central Ward	0
Atherstone North Ward	4
Atherstone South and Mancetter Ward	1
Baddesley and Grendon Ward	3
Coleshill North Ward	1
Coleshill South Ward	0
Curdworth Ward	1
Dordon Ward	3
Fillongley Ward	1
Hartshill Ward	6
Hurley and Wood End Ward	6
Kingsbury Ward	5
Newton Regis and Warton Ward	5
Polesworth East Ward	0
Polesworth West Ward	6
Water Orton Ward	0
Grand Total	47

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Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough

Ward	Number of Looked After Children Placed
Abbey Ward	11
Arbury Ward	8
Attleborough Ward	11
Bar Pool Ward	10
Bede Ward	13
Bulkington Ward	0
Camp Hill Ward	5
Exhall Ward	8
Galley Common Ward	18
Heath Ward	2
Kingswood Ward	6
Poplar Ward	16
Slough Ward	8
St. Nicolas Ward	15
Weddington Ward	12
Wem Brook Ward	4
Whitestone Ward	9
Grand Total	156

Rugby Borough

Ward	Number of Looked After Children Placed						
Admirals and Cawston Ward	9						
Benn Ward	2						
Bilton Ward	5						
Clifton, Newton and Churchover Ward	3						
Coton and Boughton Ward	5						
Dunsmore Ward	9						
Eastlands Ward	7						
Hillmorton Ward	3						
Leam Valley Ward	1						
New Bilton Ward	5						
Newbold and Brownsover Ward	4						
Paddox Ward	1						
Revel and Binley Woods Ward	1						
Rokeby and Overslade Ward	8						
Wolston and the Lawfords Ward	9						
Wolvey and Shilton Ward	1						

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Grand Total	73
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Stratford-on-Avon District

Ward	Number of Looked After Children Placed				
Alcester Ward	1				
Aston Cantlow Ward	2				
Bardon Ward	3				
Bidford and Salford Ward	4				
Brailes Ward	0				
Burton Dassett Ward	0				
Claverdon Ward	0				
Ettington Ward	0				
Fenny Compton Ward	0				
Harbury Ward	3				
Henley Ward	0				
Kineton Ward	4				
Kinwarton Ward	0				
Long Compton Ward	0				
Long Itchington Ward	7				
Quinton Ward	1				
Sambourne Ward	0				
Shipston Ward	4				
Snitterfield Ward	2				
Southam Ward	4				
Stockton and Napton Ward	2				
Stratford Alveston Ward	0				
Stratford Avenue and New Town Ward	3				
Stratford Guild and Hathaway Ward	0				
Stratford Mount Pleasant Ward	0				
Studley Ward	0				
Tanworth Ward	2				
Tredington Ward	2				
Vale of the Red Horse Ward	0				
Welford Ward	0				
Wellesbourne Ward	4				
Grand Total	48				

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Warwick District

Ward	Number of Looked After Children Place					
Abbey Ward	4					
Bishop's Tachbrook Ward	3					
Brunswick Ward	20					
Budbrooke Ward	1					
Clarendon Ward	9					
Crown Ward	2					
Cubbington Ward	0					
Lapworth Ward	0					
Leek Wootton Ward	0					
Manor Ward	8					
Milverton Ward	3					
Park Hill Ward	7					
Radford Semele Ward	2					
St. John's Ward	2					
Stoneleigh Ward	0					
Warwick North Ward	3					
Warwick South Ward	5					
Warwick West Ward	6					
Whitnash Ward	8					
Willes Ward	5					
Grand Total	88					

Children placed out of county, placed for adoption or missing from placement

It is worth noting that currently another:

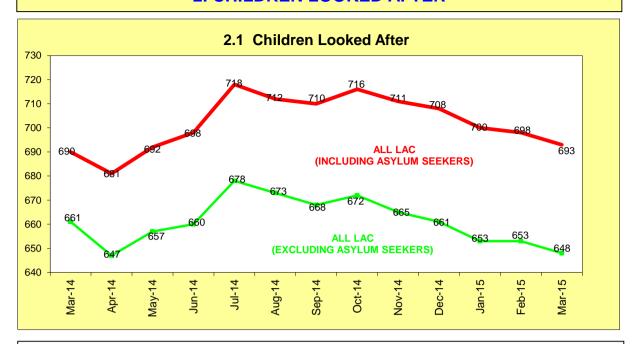
- 237 looked after children are placed out of county.
- 44 are placed for adoption so their address is confidential.

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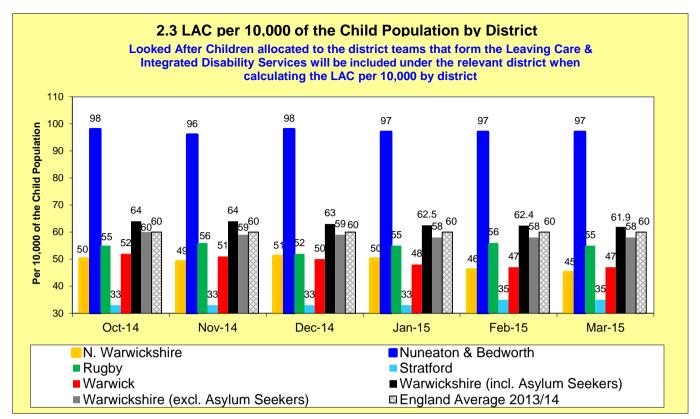
2. CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER



At 31 March 2015, Warwickshire's looked after population decreased by 5 to 693, whilst the number of looked after children <u>excluding</u> asylum seekers also decreased by 5 to 648.

2.2 Number of Looked After cases allocated by team

	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15
N. Warks Ch&F Team	49	48	51	50	44	44
North Warwickshire (ALL)	49	48	51	50	44	44
Bedworth Children's Team	171	167	165	160	165	159
Nuneaton Children's Team	53	55	60	60	54	57
Nuneaton District CST	4	2	2	2	3	2
Nuneaton & Bedworth (ALL)	228	224	227	222	222	218
Rugby Childrens Services Team	97	98	92	98	100	98
Rugby (ALL)	97	98	92	98	100	98
Stratford District Children's Team	55	58	60	61	65	65
Stratford (ALL)	55	58	60	61	65	65
Warwick District Child Assessment Team	0	3	2	4	3	3
Warwick Children's Team	101	95	93	89	88	88
Warwick (ALL)	101	98	95	93	91	91
N/W, Nun & Bed Integrated Disability	8	7	7	8	8	7
Rugby Integrated Disability	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stratford Integrated Disability	1	1	1	3	3	3
Wark & Lm Integrated Disability	8	8	8	8	8	8
IDS Autism Team	3	3	3	0	0	0
Integrated Disability Service (ALL)	20	19	19	19	19	18
Leaving Care - North Warks	13	13	13	12	13	12
Leaving Care - Nununeaton & Bedworth	31	32	34	34	36	40
Leaving Care - Rugby	25	25	24	23	23	23
Leaving Care - Stratford	21	17	15	14	13	13
Leaving Care - Warwick	30	29	29	26	26	26
Leaving Care (ALL)	120	116	115	109	111	114
Asylum Seekers	44	45	47	47	45	45
LD Services Team - Adults	0	0	0	0	0	0
No Allocated Team	0	3	0	0	0	0
Youth Justice	2	2	2	1	1	0
Warwickshire (TOTAL)	716	711	708	700	698	693

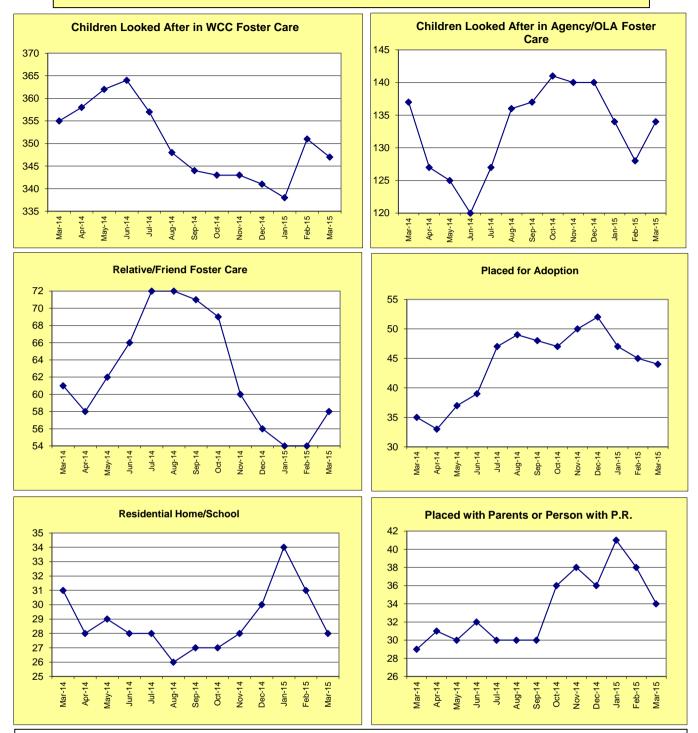


Please note than from February 2013 onwards the rates per 10,000 are based on the 0-17 population from the 2011 Census as supplied by the Office for National Statistics.

2.4 Looked After Children by Placement Type by Team at 31 March 2015

	WCC Foster Care	Placed for Adoption		Agency/O LA Foster Care	Relative/ Friend Foster Care	Placed with Parents/ Person with PR	Other Placement e.g. Independent Living, Mother & Baby Unit, Secure Unit
N. Warks Ch&F Team	26	5	1	11	0	1	0
Bedworth Children's Team	78	7	9	46	12	6	1
Nuneaton Children's Team	33	11	1	6	4	1	1
Nuneaton District Children Services Team	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rugby Childrens Services Team	52	7	3	19	7	9	1
Stratford Children's Team	32	5	3	7	10	8	0
Warwick District CAT	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Warwick Children's Team	43	9	2	17	13	4	0
N/W, Nun & Bed Int Disability	1	0	3	3	0	0	0
Rugby Integrated Disability	0	0		0	0	0	0
Stratford Integrated Disability	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Wark & Lm Integrated Disability	7	0	0	1	0	0	0
IDS Autism Team	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leaving Care - North Warks	10	0	0	0	0	0	2
Leaving Care - Nununeaton & Bedworth	19	0	1	9	4	1	6
Leaving Care - Rugby	9	0	1	2	5	3	3
Leaving Care - Stratford	3	0	0	4	2	1	3
Leaving Care - Warwick	11	0	1	3	1	0	10
Asylum Seekers	18	0	0	6	0	0	21
Youth Justice	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
No Allocated Team	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Warwickshire (TOTAL)	347	44	28	134	58	34	48

2.5 Children Looked After by Placement Type



At 31 March 2015, increases were seen in children placed in agency/OLA foster care (up 6 to 134) and children placed with relative/friend foster carer (up 4 to 58).

Decreases were seen this month in children placed in WCC foster care (down 4 to 347), children placed for adoption (down 1 to 44), children placed in residential home / school (down 3 to 28), children placed with parents or person with P.R. (down 4 to 34) and children placed in other placements (down 3 to 48).

2.6 Looked After Children 'Missing' or 'Away from placement without authorisation'

Between 1 - 31 March 2015 there were sixteen episodes of a looked after child/young person 'Missing' or 'Away from placement without authorisation' recorded on Carefirst:

The following child(ren) were missing during the month and are still recorded as missing from care:

13 year old female, allocated to Bedworth CST, missing since 21 Marc h 2015 (Missing episode still open).
16 year old male, allocated to Childrens Asylum Team, missing since 19 Marc h 2015 (Missing episode still open).
17 year old female, allocated to Leaving Care Team, missing since 07 Marc h 2015 (Missing episode still open).
14 year old female, allocated to Stratford District CST, missing since 19 February 2015 (Missing episode still open).
16 year old male, allocated to Childrens Asylum Team, missing since 05 Marc h 2015 (Missing episode still open).

The following child(ren) were missing during the month but have since returned to placement:

15 year old female, allocated to Warwick CST, missing on five separate occasions (Missing between 10/3/15 to 11/3/15, 14/3/15 to 14/3/15, 15/3/15 to 18/3/15, 15/3/15 to 18/3/15 to 18

15 year old female, allocated to Rugby CST, missing on two separate occasions (Missing between 20/3/15 to 22/3/15 and 22/3/15 to 25/3/15.

17 year old male, allocated to Leaving Care Team, missing on two separate occasions (Missing between 4/3/15 to 12/3/15 and 12/3/15 to 24/3/15.

17 year old female, allocated to Bedworth CST, missing between 25 March 2015 to 26 March 2015

14 year old female, allocated to Bedworth CST, missing between 28 February 2015 to 01 March 2015

Corporate Parenting Panel

21st April 2015

Adoption Services Update, Adoption Scorecard and Service Risks

Recommendation

That the Corporate Parenting Panel considers the report, as detailed below.

1.0 Adoption Services Update

- 1.1 Since the introduction of the 2011 Government 'An Action Plan for Adoption: Tackling Delay' Warwickshire County Council as an adoption agency, has introduced a range of measures to ensure that its service is compliant with the new requirements and that adoption performance has improved across the board.
- 1.2 Invariably adoption involves a complex legal process whereby the local authority is pursuing both a Care and Placement Order in respect of the child/ren concerned. A range of assessments are required to inform this decision made by the Agency Decision Maker (Head of Service Children's Social Care and Safeguarding), following advice, that adoption is in the child's best interests. Further there is now a requirement that the legal processes are concluded within a 26 week period.
- 1.3 Adoption Services therefore relates to a wide spectrum of activity across front line Children's Teams, the centralised Adoption Services Team and adoption support services. For the period 2013 2015 the Government has made available to each Local Authority area the Adoption Support Grant to support the transformation process. In year one the grant was specifically assigned to adoption related work. In Warwickshire this primarily met additional staffing costs both within the Adoption Services Team and Children's Teams so that the step change in performance timescales could be achieved and the supply of approved adoptive parents increased. It was also used to improve the independent support services to birth parents and family members. In year two the grant was used more flexibly and has supported both adoption and special guardianship order arrangements.

- 1.4 The key changes that have affected Warwickshire's services have been:
 - The introduction of the adoption scorecard that shows national comparisons against key performance indicators. The scorecards are produced twice a year and the recent scorecard attached is for the period April – September 2014.
 - The introduction of the 2 stage adopter led assessment process. The first two months are spent on training and information gathering – a pre-qualification phase – followed by four months assessment period. This change has been supported by the addition of 2 social worker posts until March 2016.
 - The introduction of 'fostering to adopt' arrangements whereby children are placed with their prospective adoptive parents prior to the making of the placement order. Warwickshire Policy is approved and operational. In addition a Siblings Policy has been introduced.
 - The equalising of interagency adoption fees between local authority and voluntary adoption agencies. This relates to the costs involved should Warwickshire seek to place children with a family approved by another adoption agency and vice versa.
- 1.5 Over the period 2014/15, the number of children approved for adoption decreased following a high number in 2013/14. However a significantly higher number of children have been placed for adoption and the number of adoption orders granted has increased. In year two there has been a slight decline in the number of household approved to adopt, although the majority of children are placed with Warwickshire approved adopters. (See Appendix 1)
- 1.6 Within the current year 2014/15 15 siblings groups have been matched with their adoptive parents and from these 9 sibling groups of two or more children have had adoption orders made. 17 adoption orders have been in respect of these children aged over 5 years. Warwickshire Adoption Services has actively participated in Adoption Activity Days, a new initiative whereby prospective adopters can be 'introduced' to children with adoption plans. From 3 events 34 children were featured and 16 have secured families through this route. Consequently, interagency adoption activity and costs have increased rising from 7 children in 5 placements in 2013/14 to 19 children in 13 placement in the current year 2014/15.
- 1.7 The most recent Adoption Scorecard for December 2014 (attached), shows average performance scores. Warwickshire was on average 6 days from the threshold for placing children with their adoptive parents. This is a reflection of the higher number of children placed for adoption who are siblings and older children where placements take longer to secure.
- 1.8 The second indicator is showing the average timescale to placement once the placement order is granted was longer for this period however it is significantly quicker at 143 days than the England average which stands at 217 days. The percentage of children adopted from care is provisionally reported as 19.2% of Warwickshire's looked after children against the most recent England average of 14% and previous year performance of 16.8%.

1.9 Some comparative data is available for this period as at 30.9.104, from the West Midlands Regional Adoption Leadership Board (See Appendix 2). Alongside Staffordshire, Warwickshire is showing the highest increase in adoption plans for children (in that 6 month period) and is performing in line with most other agencies in terms of placement timescales for adopters from the point of their approval.

2.0 Adoption Support – an area for service development

- 2.1 From May 2015 new requirements in respect of adoption support are expected. Work piloted in 10 sites across the county has developed an approach for accessing a central Adoption Support Fund for therapeutic services alongside a prototype for personal budgets for adoption support.
- 2.2 Information has recently been made available and in the first year the Government is making available £19.3m for the adoption support fund. Thereafter it will be funded jointly by Local Authorities and the Government. The structure and level of the local authority contribution is to be announced during the course of 2015/16.
- 2.3 Every local authority is required to publicise its Adoption Passport that outlines adoptive families' rights and entitlements to adoption support. Adopted children now have the same priority as looked after children when it comes to school admissions and from the age of 2 years are now eligible for free early education. Schools also receive the enhanced pupil premium for adopted children.
- 2.4 The Local Authority is planning for a substantial increase in the demand for therapy services. This is to grow local capacity to secure high quality and sustainable provision. Early work suggests that some services might be accessible through an existing framework agreement with providers of mental health services to children in schools, and the existing contract with MIND/RELATE who deliver emotional health and wellbeing support to looked after children and those who are adopted. Work has continued sub-regionally to scope current adoption support services and to consider how the three local authorities can work collaboratively in providing a range of provision either directly or through joint commissioning arrangements.
- 2.5 The immediate challenge relates to staffing capacity to meet the assessment requirements, whereas there is a longer term financial risks to meet the expectations and costs to a larger population of adopted children and young people who have an entitlement to assessment for services. Recent research emphasises the importance of appropriate support to adoptive families during the 'teenage years' of placement to minimise the risks of disruption and a more comprehensive approach to this needs to be developed.

3.0 Service Risks

- 3.1 It is evident that **An Action Plan for Adoption: Tackling Delay**' supported by the 2 year Adoption Support Grant has had a national impact on raising the profile of adoption and ensuring that adoption plans are more swiftly progressed for looked after children. The Government has reported a 63% increase in three years and Warwickshire's adoption activity levels have contributed to this increase. The government is closely monitored agency performances and issues are highlighted at the National Adoption Leadership Board and cascaded down at a local level. OFSTED also inspects adoption services as part of the combined Children's Services inspection.
- 3.2 Both front line Children's Teams and the Adoption Services Team have adapted their practices and are compliant with new requirements and adoption activity has increased and performance improved.
- 3.3 There are 5 potential service risks for the agency to monitor on an ongoing basis so that appropriate remedial actions can be taken.

Risk 1. The number of children adopted declines.

This is monitored by the Senior Leadership Team (Children's Social Care and Safeguarding) on a quarterly basis. Adoption needs to be understood as one of a range of permanency measures for children who are unable to return to their families. The number of children adopted needs to be understood in the context of the profile of the looked after population and of those, how many have secured permanency via other routes such as special guardianship orders invariably to relatives. Processes are in place to monitor effective planning for looked after children and cases are escalated if there are concerns about potential delay. Any decline in the number of children adopted in isolation, would not be concern when it can be understood in the context of the profile of the whole looked after population.

Risk 2. Reduction in the number of approved adopters/impact of higher interagency costs.

This is a potential risk from April 2016 when the staffing in the Adoption Service team will reduce by 2 social workers (20%). The strategic choices will be to recruit the same number of adoptive families (50-60 households) but within longer timescales that will be reflected adversely in the scorecard. This will impact on the reputation of the service, or to recruit fewer adoptive families but within timescale. This impact of this might be reduced placement choice and an increase in interagency costs. The monitoring of adoption activity over the forthcoming 12 months will inform the most appropriate approach.

Risk 3. Demand for adoption support services and availability of services

The Adoption Service has the equivalent of 2 social workers to respond to the full range of adoption support services requests which includes direct work with children and adoptive families, birth records counselling with adopted adults and the range of training and support events for adoptive families. The

service will be required to complete the assessment for therapeutic services and then process these through the central Adoption Support Fund. The demand will need to be monitored post 1 May 2015 and immediate short term measures put into place if the requests for assessment exceed staffing capacity. The related issue is the availability of therapeutic services to meet this demand. Whilst sub regional work has started to map services and existing service providers such as Journeys can be enhanced, a decision will need to be made within the next 6 months on whether the local authority, as an adoption agency, should employ its own therapist or commission additional services.

Risk 4 - Financial

From April 2016 a contribution from the Local Authority will be required for the Adoption Support Fund. The amount and impact of this will need to be addressed.

Risk 5 – Adoption disruption and high cost of specialist care
Warwickshire has a low adoption disruption rate with a small number of
placements not progressing beyond the introduction stage. With the
significant growth in adoption placements it is only to expect that services will
come across more adopted children and their families experiencing difficulties
particularly during the teenage years. Recent research has highlighted that
the risk of adoption disruption is higher in teenage years when nearly 2/3rds
of disruptions occur with the average age of the young people being 12 yrs. –
13 yrs. Some of these young people are readmitted into care and require
specialist residential or health care provision due to their extreme needs.
Through the sub region this is an area for service development where
investment may be required.

4.0 Summary and Conclusion

- 4.1 The Service has demonstrated that it can recruit a high number of adopters to meet its needs. It has been successful in placing sibling groups and older children for adoption. Adoption performance in 2014/15 has been exceptional.
- 4.2 This will be significant transitional year as a key funding stream has ended and new requirements come into place. Adoption activity across the board will be monitored and actions taken, as appropriate, within the available resources. A key task however will be to have a more detailed review of the arrangements for assessing and providing adoption support services across the age range when the impact of the new requirements become evident.

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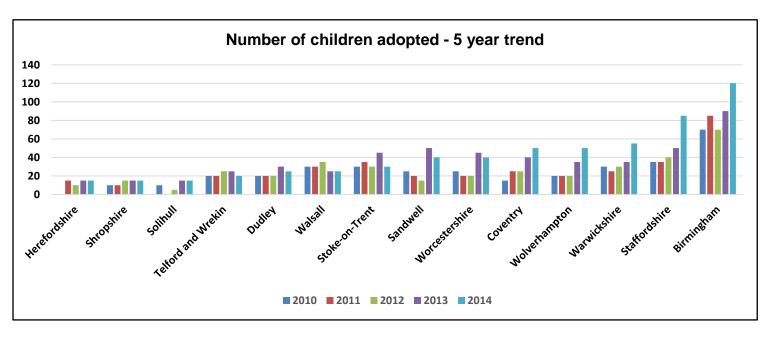
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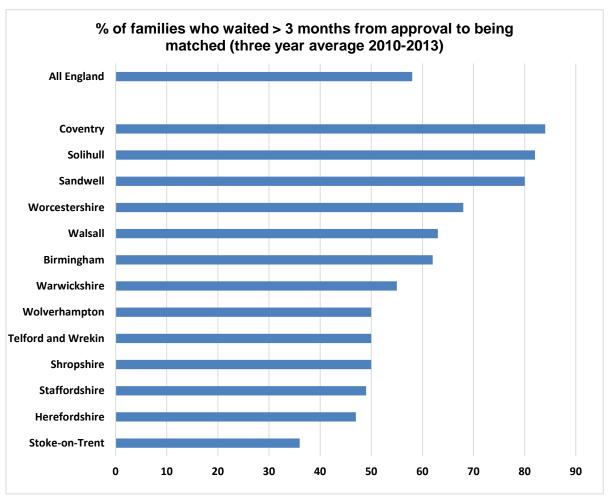
Warwickshire Adoption Activity Trends 2011 – 2015

Year	Number of enquiries to adopt	Adoption Information Packs sent	Number of applications to adopt	Number of households approved to adopt
2011 -2012	181	102	43	38
2012 - 2013	165	100	67	49
2013 - 2014	200	132	83	65
2014-2015	179	112	71	59

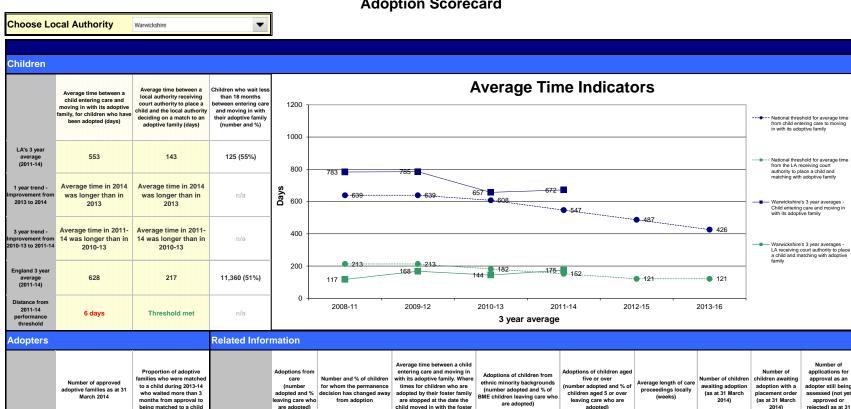
Year	Number of children approved for adoption	Number of children 'matched' with adoptive parents	Number of adoption orders granted
2011-2012	62	34	31
2012-2013	65	45	33
2013-2014	95	54	51
2014-2015	70	77	63

Extract West Midlands Adoption Performance - Quarter 2 2014





Adoption Scorecard



family (days)

482

525

10 (4%)

1,910 (8%)

20 (3%)

2,790 (5%)

50

48

75

6,370

70

4,680

March 2014

50

4,245

60

58

LA average

England

80

5,795

LA's 3 year (2011-14)

England 3 year (2011-14)

120 (13%)

12,530 (14%)

10 (5%)

3,230 (12%)

Corporate Parenting Panel 21st April 2015

Annual Report of the Chair of the Corporate Parenting Panel

Recommendation

That the Corporate Parenting Panel:

- 1) Approve the Annual Report 2015/16; and
- 2) Submit the Annual Report to Cabinet for consideration at the meeting scheduled for 14th May 2015.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Warwickshire County Council's Corporate Parenting Panel leads, on behalf of the Council, the collective responsibility for delivering improved services and better outcomes for looked after children, young people and care leavers.
- 1.2 The safeguarding and wellbeing of children and young people in care is the responsibility of all elected members, partner organisations and staff, and it is the role of the Corporate Parenting Panel to ensure that everyone is aware of their role and asks "would this be good enough for my child" in considering health, education, employment, training, placement and housing outcomes for looked after children, young people and care leavers.
- 1.3 The Corporate Parenting Panel ensures there is good communication between elected members and the Children in Care Council which represents Looked After Children in Warwickshire.

2.0 Children in Care Council (CiCC)

- 2.1 The Corporate Parenting Panel, which has six members, is supported by lead officers who supply information on the services provided by Warwickshire County Council for children and young people in care. The Panel members discuss the information contained in the reports to be satisfied that support is provided to achieve the best possible outcomes for looked after children and young people.
- 2.2 The Corporate Parenting Panel meetings are attended by representatives of the Children in Care Council who participate in the meetings.

- 2.3 Members of the Corporate Parenting Panel attend the Children in Care Council meetings on a rota basis, as observers to respond to any queries that may arise and to ensure an open dialogue between the CiCC and the Council.
- 2.4 Councillor Jenny St.John has worked with the Children in Care Council on developing training packages and Councillor St.John and the Chair were involved with a group brought together to scope an e-training module for elected members and partners on corporate parenting. This is currently in the process of development.

3.0 Work Programme

- 3.1 The Corporate Parenting Panel operates a running work programme of themed meetings. At each meeting members report back to the Panel on any CiCC meetings they have attended and receive a performance dataset. There is also usually at least one member of the Children in Care Council at Panel meetings, who contribute to all discussions and are able to bring their own experiences to those discussions.
- 3.2 Themed meetings have included:

Focus on Care Leavers and Independent Housing

The Panel considered the increased responsibility of the Council for young people aged 16-17, and in particular the work being done with housing partners to maximise opportunities for positive working and dealing with the increase in the number of young people needing housing. It was noted at this meeting that despite this being an area of some of the biggest savings for the Council that the challenge was to look at better ways of working to continue to improve the outcomes for young people.

Social Care Compliments and Complaints

The Panel learned that the most frequent area for complaints that relate to young people, are in relation to those young people who are in foster care - usually teenagers who are either in foster care or are leaving care are most likely to use the complaints procedures directly themselves. It was noted that the current leaflet for young people in care was being refreshed, including information to help children and young people understand how they could make a complaint or compliment. Members were also pleased to note that Customer Relations Service attends the Children in Care Council meetings.

Fostering and Adoption Services

The Panel receives information on fostering and adoption within their dataset report to each meeting. In addition they have received additional reports on policies such as the Sibling Policy.

Health related issues for Children in Care

The Panel met with representatives from the three Warwickshire Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) as well as the Director of Commissioning from the Arden, Herefordshire and Worcestershire Area Team (NHS England). The Panel were responding to a survey carried out by Healthwatch Warwickshire in 2013 – 'Young People's GP Experience Survey', as well as a number of comments made by CiCC about their own experiences with GPs.

It is important that all partners understand the vulnerability of children and young people in care, which had been evidenced in research, particularly in areas such as early pregnancy and mental health. To this end, all agencies have to make every contact count and consider all needs and concerns of children in care. It is vital that that they are signposting them to appropriate services.

The Panel were pleased that there was the recognition of this as a priority and look forward to having the CCGs and NHS England report back on progress in 2015.

Mental Health Services for Children in Care

The Panel received a report on the Journeys Service, which is commissioned jointly with Coventry City Council to provide services to children and young people in care or adopted. Journeys provide one to one support for young people, family counselling; support for foster carers/adoptive parents; support groups and training for foster carers/adoptive parents and training and consultation for schools and other professionals.

72% of children and young people in care experience emotional wellbeing issues, and this service is aimed at early intervention and the prevention of the escalation of these issues. The Panel were impressed by the clear enthusiasm and commitment of Journeys to make a difference.

Virtual School

The Panel look at the exam results for children in care each year, as well as educational attainment more generally. For 2013/14 18% of children in care who entered the GCSE exams received 5 A*-C grade. Steve Pendleton, Virtual School Head reported to the Panel that on reflection, and following a discussion with head teachers, there was a need to look at measures of success differently for children and young people in care. The current measures, which would need to continue to be monitored, were inappropriate as a measure for some looked after children such as asylum seekers who had not been able to speak English fluently but who still make excellent progress at school.

The Virtual School will be reviewing how the positive results that were being achieved can be reflected more appropriately. This would give a truer picture

of the impact of his service and the support they gave, and whether they were making a difference. The Panel received assurance that every effort was made to consider any necessary support to help children in care reach their full potential and that extra career support was going to be given to Year 11 and 12 to help them with their career plans and employability.

Members of the Panel also attended the Awards Event for Children in Care in November 2014, which was held to celebrate the academic and personal achievements of children and young people in care.

Finally the Panel has worked on and endorsed a 'key questions' document for elected members that has been distributed alongside quarterly reports of Warwickshire looked after population by ward and school



Councillor Chris Williams Chair – Corporate Parenting Panel

Background papers

None.

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Corporate Parenting Panel

21st April 2015

Work Programme 2015/16

Recommendations

That the Corporate Parenting Panel approves the proposed Work Programme for 2015/16.

1.0 Proposed Work Programme

1.1 A copy of the proposed Work Programme for 2015/16 is attached at **Appendix A.**

2.0 Dates of Future Meetings

- 6.1 Future meetings of the Corporate Parenting Panel have been scheduled for the following dates:
 - 13 July 2015
 - 7 September 2015
 - 26 October 2015
 - 14 December 2015
 - 15 February 2016
 - 11 April 20156

All meetings will commence at 10.00 a.m. in Committee Room 3, Shire Hall.

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Appendix A

Corporate Parenting Panel – Work Programme 2015/16

Date	Item	Report detail
21 April 2015	Update from CiCC	Members who have attended a CiCC meeting will give a verbal update to the Panel
	Update from Strategic Lead, Brenda Vincent	Brenda Vincent will give a verbal update on current issues to the Panel
	LAC Performance, Brenda Vincent	The Panel will consider the performance of LAC
	Adoption Process, Brenda Vincent	
	Corporate Parenting Panel Annual Report 2014/15	To approve the Annual Report and to submit to the Cabinet meeting on 14 th May 2015.
	Draft Work Programme 2015/16	The Panel will look to agree their work programme
13 July 2015	Update from CCGs on GPs and LAC	Requested at the CPP meeting held on 8 September 2014 (attendees at that meeting: Jo Dillon, Carla Elkins, Patient Experience/Public Involvement Manager, NHS Coventry and Rugby CCG Dr Jill O'Hagan, GP and Clinical Lead for Partnership -Rugby Locality, NHS Coventry and Rugby CCG Sue Price, Director of Commissioning, Arden, Herefordshire and Worcestershire Area Team, NHS England)
Items to be agreed/Dates to be set	Young People's Questionnaire	This report sets out the outcomes of consideration of this questionnaire by the 'Believe in Care Strategy Group' and the CiCC.

Ofsted Inspection Framework	Members requested a report to a future meeting on the Framework for Future Ofsted Inspections
Update on Supported Housing	Members requested an update, including the outcome of the meeting with CiCC and Geena De Marco housing and the new offers into the market place within the context of supporting people within the re-commissioning of services, at their meeting on 7 July 2014.
Children placed out of the area for residential care	Brenda Vincent undertook to provide an update around the new regulations and the implications for Warwickshire.