

Corporate Parenting Panel

Date: Monday 21 March 2022
Time: 10.00 am
Venue: Microsoft Teams

Membership

Councillor Jeff Morgan (Chair)
Councillor Peter Gilbert
Councillor Caroline Phillips
Councillor Marian Humphreys
Councillor Penny-Anne O'Donnell
Councillor Jerry Roodhouse

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The next meeting will be held on Monday 13 June 2022 @ 10am
Venue to be confirmed

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Chief Executive
Warwickshire County Council

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Corporate Parenting Panel

Monday 14 February 2022

Minutes

Attendance

Committee Members

Councillor Peter Gilbert
Councillor Caroline Phillips
Councillor Penny-Anne O'Donnell (Chair)
Councillor Jerry Roodhouse

Officers

Shinderpaul Bhangal, Corporate Parenting (Team Leader - Participation)
John Coleman, Assistant Director - Children and Families
Ian Donnachie, Apprentice - Children in Care 14 - 18
Alisha Howe, Apprentice - Fostering Team
Deena Moorey, Virtual School Head
Umar Teerab, Family Support Worker

Others Present

Jackie Channell Head of safeguarding - Warwickshire,
Jemma Fordham, Operations Manager ACE Adoption

1. General

(1) Apologies

Councillor Jeff Morgan
Councillor Marian Humphreys
Chris Baird, Assistant Director (Education) (Contractor)
Matthew Biggs Strategy and Commissioning Manager (Education & Early Years)
Melissa (Liss) Phillips, Family Support Worker
Sharon Shaw, Service Manager – Corporate Parenting Service

(2) Disclosures of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None.

(3) Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes were approved as a true and correct record.

2. Children in Care Council - Update

Umar Teerab (Family Support Worker) informed the partnership that the council met with the Homeless Advice and Support Team from Ministry of the Housing on the 5th October 2021 so young people could highlight issues to them like higher rent for supported accommodation. This accommodation enables young people to move forward with their lives so the council suggested a rent reduction. The council noted the difference in policies between the district and boroughs which made the policy confusing for young people to understand. Other issues they highlighted were the lack of trained staff so young people were not getting the proper advice and loneliness in young people due to the restriction with visitors. This loneliness could lead to drug use which affects young people mentally and physically and this could make other young people feel unsafe in their supported accommodation. The council suggested a guarantor scheme to be implemented until the young person was 21.

Ian Donnachie (Children in Care 14-18 years Apprentice) informed the panel that on the 19th October the council had Mark Riddell from the National Implementation Adviser for Care Leavers (DfE) visit them to discuss things like more supported housing for care leavers. Mark Riddell suggested several things like a partnership be set up between the agencies and care leavers so the care leavers know what was on offer, and a multi-agency approach for care leavers so they had a 'one stop approach' when looking for support, and to review young people's tax offers in line with a letter sent from the MHCLG (Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government) that asks local authorities to consider a tax exemption offer for care leavers up to 25 years old. Umar Teerab added that Mark Riddell was a national advisor who travelled around other local authorities and he was really impressed with the work that Warwickshire had done for care leavers.

Shinderpaul Bhagal (C&F Social Work Operational Team Leader) stated that Ofsted inspected the county council's children's services and the inspectors met with young people on two separate occasions. They also met with the Children in Care Council Care Leavers Forum and care leaver apprentices. The feedback was very positive, and the inspectors identified several strengths. An additional corporate parenting panel meeting was held on the 18th October to enable districts and boroughs to understand how children and young people could influence council services; young people supported this presentation.

Alisha Howe (Fostering Team Apprentice) informed the panel that she and Ian Donnachie made videos as part of an entitlement booklet for care leavers. These videos were sent out between October 2021-January 2022 to personal advisors, care leavers and on social media so that everyone could see these videos. Future videos were planned around housing. The videos received very positive feedback from care leavers.

Shinderpaul Bhagal informed the panel that in October's 2021 council meeting, there was a focus on young people accessing their files and the process that is involved in this. November's meeting focused on a 'dictionary of care' i.e. using words that more suitable and acceptable to young people as opposed to using words from professionals. December's meeting focused celebrating Christmas with activities and January's meeting focused on looking at the priorities for the children in Care Council and Care Leavers Forum for 2022. This list of priorities will be shared at a future meeting.

Ian Donnachie continued that the Myton allotment project was progressing with three beds being built over the summer of 2021 with young people coming down to plant their plants. Three beds still need to be built and a similar allotment project was planned for the new Children's home in Stratford. The allotment project gave young people experience in building as well as teaching them to understanding about different vegetables and how they grow. This project was enjoyed by the young people taking part in it.

Umar Teerab stated that Asylum seeker children played football together every Sunday since 2018. They play across Warwickshire as well as Coventry and Birmingham. Attendance can be as high as 38-39 young people and on the 13th February 2022, 20 young people played football in the rain.

Shinderpaul Bhagal concluded that over Halloween, escape rooms were run for young people and for the care leaver celebration week, there were several trips and activities for young people e.g. Alton Towers, Drayton Manor and Western Super Mare. There were 38 Christmas presents and meals sent out to young people on the 21st December. These meals were provided by a local charity and the gifts were obtained by Liss Philipps. There was a Christmas meal prepared for young people at Myton Park offices on the 27th December. At the national Leaving Care Benchmarking Forum, Liss Philipps won two awards, one was for best public speaker 2021 and the other one was Champion of Champions 2021. These show the contributions made by young people towards the work of the National Leaving Care Benchmarking Forum and the Youth Benchmarking Forum. Umar Teerab won these awards for 2020 so this meant that Warwickshire won these two awards two years in a row, and he presented Liss Philipps awards to her.

The Chair praised all the work done in the report.

In response to the Chair, Ian Donnachie stated that his highlight was making connections with other young people doing projects and it was good that young people were relating with each other as they had been through similar situations. He added that it was good that these young people were experiencing new things together.

Umar Teerab stated that his highlight was the apprenticeship with the corporate parent as they engage with the lead officers who make decisions for care leavers. He praised these officers working with them to see what care leavers want/need.

Alisha Howe stated that her highlight was working with the SLT (senior leadership team) to improve things for care leavers as well as everything that she learnt from her apprenticeship.

Resolved

That the Panel note the work of the Children in Care Council (CiCC), Care Leavers Forum (CLF) and the Participation Team.

That the Panel acknowledge the work that continues to take place with young people during the public health crisis

3. Performance Data

John Coleman (Assistant Director – Children & Families) informed the partnership that was slightly outdated but children in care in Warwickshire had decreased to 831 from 855 since November 2021.

The council aims to get more children leave care then be taken into it, between October 2021 to February 2022, more children were leaving care. In November 2021, the council took in 23 asylum seeking young people into care after the Home Office opened a hotel in Warwickshire, but 53 children left care that month through adoption or SGOs (special guardianship orders). For the 2021/22 financial year, more children left care then entered it in Warwickshire. In the 2020/21 financial year, there was an increase of 106 children entering care.

There was a record number of children entering care in Warwickshire who were asylum seeking children (108) children who are asylum seekers, this was partly because of the Home Office hotel. In December 2021, 12 children in foster care had been placed for adoption and this had now increased to 20. 84 children were in residential care, but this had decreased 74 by the time of the meeting as they either moved into foster care or moved back home. 19% of children in foster care were placed at least 20 miles away from their family home so most children in care were placed in Warwickshire.

Children going missing regularly increased to 26 with them having 77 missing episodes between them. When a child goes missing, they get a home interview to see why they went missing; most children go missing because of issues around exploitation and county lines. 10 out of the 26 children were being carefully monitored as they had exploitation/county lines warnings around them. Warwickshire was aiming to improve its stability figures; a child having three or more placements in 12 months was above the national average and children having a long-term placement was below the national average. These issues were caused by a shortage of placements.

There were some good news stories in the stability data because some children move from a foster placement to a family member which is often more permanent but this impacts the stability statistics. Work around identifying family members who could take children in before they get moved multiple times was being investigated.

Councillor Jerry Roodhouse expressed concerns with the missing children numbers. In response to Councillor Roodhouse and the Chair, John Coleman stated that the exploitation team were working with these children in detail to try and understand what was happening to them the team works with the police to put distraction/disruption techniques in place. John Coleman suggested asking some children who had been at risk of exploitation/county lines talking to the panel of their experiences.

Numbers of children in care had decreased because the courts were frozen due to Covid-19 and they were not moving anything effectively but things had started up again since October-November 2021 this had started up again. Children who were waiting to be adopted or an SGO, or children who were going home after placement finally had their orders revoked. It was believed that the spike for children in care had come and gone and this number should continue to reduce.

In November 2021 the council made an agreement with CAFCASS (children and family court advisory and support service) and the local court system at court for there to be a new protocol: when a child is going to leave care and go back to a parent who has their order revoked, there was a whole court hearing this which takes a long time to do; the new protocol is that if there are no objections to a child leaving care then there would be no hearing and a judge would end the court order in a day. This reduced children in care cases by 20 so work was being done to keep the protocol implemented. The other reason was the investments in children services which all went live on the 1st July 2021 to keep children out of care. These investments were working on reducing the number of children coming into care and helping them stay with their families or with extended families. At the time of the meeting there were 831 children in care and the council was aiming to get this to 830 or less by the 31st March 2021 and below 800 in the next six months.

It was agreed that looking deeply into county lines would go on the work programme for a future meeting.

The Chair praised the work done with CAFCASS and getting children to live with families before going into foster care.

John Coleman added that nationally Warwickshire had the highest number of children placed with family members instead of being in foster care (140 at the time of the meeting).

4. Warwickshire Adoption Report

Jemma Fordham (Operations Manager, ACE Hub) informed the panel that ACE (adoption central England) celebrated its fourth birthday at the beginning of February, and it was built on the strong adoption performance in Warwickshire and existing stable management structure.

One ACE's biggest achievements was becoming the 4th organisation globally to become a DDP (Dyadic Developmental Psychotherapy) certified organisation. DDP is the kind of therapeutic approach that all ACE staff are trained in, including business support. Recently ACE recruited psychologists as part of a two-year pilot help support ACE's families; roughly half of ACE's resources go to supporting families and understanding the kind of therapeutic needs ACE children have. This is used to support the families to through the adoption.

The council's legal team engaged with ACE on a regular basis to provide a high level of robust scrutiny for any ACE plans coming through. This included, care planning, contact planning, maintaining family relationships and issues to do with sibling relationships within adoption. There was a strong link within Warwickshire amongst the children's teams and ACE so they could get advice on adoption plans. Despite the pandemic, more children had been placed for adoption due to work with the children's teams to get the necessary risk assessments done to manage these placements safely. Adopter approval timescales had been delayed because of the pandemic and this affecting getting medical reports through from prospective adopters, this was now being addressed. 80% of children adopted were adopted within Warwickshire which was easier to offer adoption support. ACE's foster-adoption record was very good with only four placements not moving to adoption out of 86 as of February 2021.

The foster-adoption process was being reviewed to see if the take up of early permanents amongst our prospective adopters could be improved and whether they could use early permanents for children who may have a placement move. For example, older children and not

just new-borns who might have to move foster placement so ACE could try and minimise the number of placement moves they have before they are adopted. The website was revamped, and this received positive feedback.

New areas of practice development were being worked on which was called the 'enhanced support care scheme' which was daytime respite for ACE families who were struggling later on in their adoption journey because earlier support networks 'dropped off'. Sometimes the children's behaviour becomes more challenging, and their needs become greater as they get older. This scheme was to make sure there was a support system in place to maintain these families when it was difficult.

The trends from the previous financial year were like the current financial year. Ofsted were very positive in terms of adoption and the relationship between teams in Warwickshire. The adoption panel advisors noted the improvement in the quality of the reports going to panel.

John Coleman added that the tracking of children in care was important to make sure that permanency is achieved in a timely way. The new officer was doing a phenomenal job with chasing what was happening with these children and making sure that they had a clear plan. This work was recognised by Ofsted in the latest inspection report. Placement orders (the ability for the local authority to place a child with adopters) had reduced since 2017 but was roughly around 30 since 2018. It was expected for this number to be higher at the end of the 2021/22, roughly 31-32. Warwickshire struggled to place sibling groups so to resolve this, Warwickshire was looking at paying an additional fee to adopters if they have a sibling group because adopting siblings was a financial impact.

Warwickshire was performing better in all areas than the England average apart from children entering care by court authority placement, but this was a courts issue and impacted by Covid-19. Only two children experienced a disruption in 2020/21 which was when children were placed with adopters, and they did not get on. These children experienced permanency since then, but a lot of work was done to learn from these disruptions. Work was also done on 'family time' which focused on when birth families located their adopted relatives. Historically, adoptions were closed with possible 'letterbox contact' where adopters would write to the birth family on how their children were settling and getting on. 'Family time' looked at the appropriateness of children having direct contact with some extended family members; a culture change around children contacting their birth family needed to be investigated as this could provide stability for children. An assessment would be needed to look into this.

The Chair praised the children's team for obtaining the 'good' result from Ofsted.

Councillor Caroline Philips praised the work being done by ACE as children being separated from their birth families could be a traumatic experience.

In response to Councillor Philipps, John Coleman stated that adopting parents were told to be open and honest with their adopted children about them being adopted and some families were really good with keeping birth families informed of their children's progress and making sure that their children did not lose connections with their birth family. Jemma Fordham added that ACE were aware that contact meetings were not always 'organic' so work around this and supporting adoptive families and children was done around contact with birth families e.g. with family group conferencing.

John Coleman concluded that Coventry were planning on basing their adoption service around ACE's practices.

5. ACE Annual Report

Included as part of the minutes for Item 4

6. The Vanguard Project (verbal update)

It was agreed that the Vanguard Project would be delayed to the next meeting due to the relevant officers not being available for the meeting. John Coleman said that the CCG (clinical commissioning group) will receive some money around trauma informed practice and they will work with Warwickshire on this.

7. Development of the Work Programme for 2020/2021

The panel noted the work programme, the following items were added to it:

- County lines, someone from the police will be asked to talk on this item
- Exploitation, this could be a one item meeting.
- The Vanguard Project (delayed to March 2022)

Warwickshire's district and borough councils as corporate parents - John Coleman informed the panel that the districts and boroughs were met with in November 2021 which led to them and the county making 'corporate parenting promise/charter' which will be shared objectives for all the councils to meet e.g. for things like housing and money for leisure passes. This would be taken to the TFG and presented to the panel after April 2022. The panel praised the work done so far.

8. Good News Stories

John Coleman informed the panel that the Ofsted inspectors spoke to Councillor Jeff Morgan as Chair of this panel, reviewed the panel's minutes for the last two years and interview him on how he thought the panel was working. Ofsted themselves praised the work done by the panel. Councillor Morgan wrote to a young person who was a Warwickshire child in care who won a place/scholarship at the National Ballet School after he was in the final for Britain's Got Talent. Another child in care got a 1st in their Business degree from the University of Reading.

Jackie Channel informed the panel that they successfully appointed a new designated nurse for looked after children/children in care. This post was a CCG one that will go across Coventry and Warwickshire to create equity across all areas. The new nurse worked with children within the South Warwickshire Foundation Trust, and she was due to start at the end of April, beginning of May. She will attend panel meetings after she has started her job role.

The panel praised the speeches and positive attitudes from the children in care council.

9. Any Other Business

None.

10. Date of Next Meeting

21st March 2022

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Monday 14 February 2021

CiCC & Participation Update

1. Recommendation(s)

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- 1.2 That the Panel acknowledge the work that continues to take place with young people during the public health crisis.

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 This is a standing item on the Corporate Parenting Panel agenda which updates members on the work of the CiCC and CLF.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 There are no significant financial implications to consider at this stage.

4. Environmental Implications

- 4.1 There are no significant environmental implications to consider at this stage.

5. Supporting Information

- 5.1 This update covers the period from 20th September 2021 to 17th January 2022.

5.2 Warwickshire MHCLG Youth Homelessness Visit - 5th October

Five young people met with the Homelessness Advice and Support Team (HAST) from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government on 5th October.

The young people's comments were as follows as presented by HAST in their feedback,

“Young Advisers Comments:

- The high rent in supported housing is a disincentive to working, and if in employment arrears can build up preventing move on – **it was suggested having a reduced rent towards the end of the stay in supported housing to enable a young person to work, save and achieve positive move on.** If a young person is out at work they are using less of the facilities/utilities and support on offer but paying the same.

- The different Allocation Polices in the DB's is confusing – **young people would like these to be clear and consistent.**
- Inspections of supported housing highlighted issues with:
 - Lack of staff training to provide the right advice to young people/gap in young people's knowledge of what is available to them.
 - Loneliness, increased by visitor restrictions.
 - Use of drugs in the premises and feeling unsafe in accommodation.
 - Being unable to work makes it feel both physically and mentally trapping.
- **A rent guarantor scheme available up to the age of 21 for care leavers was suggested.**
- Young Advisers were keen to have their voice heard by Ministers, **please share with them information on the Youth Homelessness Parliament where young people get the opportunity to present directly to the Minister for Housing. To find out more contact tamzin.reynolds-rosser@stbasils.org.uk**

"Can I once again thank all participants on the call on 5th October 2021, it was great to see people again and hear from those for who this was their first time joining. In particular, I want to thank the five Young Advisers; Alisha, Umar, Ian, Liss and Demi, for their thoughtful, honest and very helpful contributions and great to hear how well everyone is doing and I am grateful to Shinderpaul for organising for us." Jill Boak from HAST

5.3 National Advisor for Care Leavers Visit - 19th October 2021

Mark Riddell, National Implementation Adviser for Care Leavers, from DfE, visited Warwickshire at Portland House in Nuneaton on 19th October 2021.

Mark Riddell was keen to learn about the progress that Warwickshire had made on the Care Leavers Offer and offered the following feedback post his visit.

"The recommendations are as follows:

1. Housing came across as a particular challenge and the need for more options for care leavers across the county.
2. A set of offers from each partner agency so that PA's and care leavers are clear about what is on offer.
3. To consider expanding your multi-agency approach with key partners so that care leavers can access support in a 'one stop' approach.
4. To review your Council Tax offer in line with the letter sent from MHCLG that asks all LA's to consider an offer up to 25yrs and that the exemption follows care leavers across LA (Local Authority) boundaries.
5. It would be good to see a leisure offer with a Plus 1 to care leavers up to 25yrs.

And finally, how well you have captured the voice of care leavers by engaging them in the co-production of their local offer is testament to your commitment to have an even better offer to care leavers.

Overall, what I heard and saw is a very strong offer to care leavers and I look forward to seeing you again in the new year."

5.4 **Ofsted Inspection of Local Area Children's Service 15th Nov – 26th Nov 2021**

As part of the Inspection meeting were with the Children in Care Council/Care Leavers Form on Weds 25th November and then with care experienced apprentices on Thurs 26th November.

The feedback from Inspectors was as follows,

- the inspectors wanted to pass on their thanks to all the young people they spoke to
- the inspectors said they were a vibrant bunch, and they said they could see how the young people are helping to make a real difference in Warwickshire
- the inspectors relayed back all the area of concerns the young people raised
- the inspectors have seen lots of CIC councils and Care leavers forums and mentioned that our group was really strong.

Participation was also identified as a strength by Inspectors.

A photo album covering 3 years of activities was put together to share with Ofsted Inspectors to help illustrate the scope and range of work undertaken with care experienced young people.

5.5 **Additional Corporate Parenting Panel Meeting - 18th October**

Four young people prepared and delivered a presentation to Districts and Boroughs on "What is Corporate Parenting?"

The purpose of the presentation was to "show how children and young people are able to influence the council's services and how improvements can be made to provide a better future for children in care."

5.6 **Local Offer for Care Leavers - Information Videos**

Two young people created 10+ separate videos on the topics listed below.

- Support from PA's
- Accommodation & Housing
- Education, Employment & Training x3
- Health & Wellbeing
- Relationships & Socialising
- Participation

The videos promote the Care Leavers Offer booklet titled, "What are you entitled to? A guide for Care Leavers."

The videos were sent out weekly, over October, November, December and January to Personal Advisors and separately to care leavers via the leaving care Facebook page.

5.7 CiCC meetings and topics

October – the meeting consisted of updates on projects being run in the Participation Team and up-coming events. The meeting discussed accessing files, how this looks to young people and what their thoughts are on what the process should look like.

November – the meeting took place face to face as a bowling activity in Coventry. During the games young people had the opportunity to give their opinions on some words that are used within the WCC to contribute towards the work we are doing on 'Watch Your Words – Dictionary of Care'.

December - we had another face-to-face CiCC meeting to celebrate Christmas. This included some games, foods, gifts, and prizes!

January - for the first meeting of the new year, January 11th 2022, along with a catch up, we discussed what young people would like to focus on and take to the Service Leadership Team during 2022.

5.8 Myton Park Allotment Update

3 further planting beds have been created by young people. This makes a total of 6 beds. 3 have been functional over the 2021 summer period with young people being keen to be involved. 3 further beds are now ready to be installed for 2022.

Seating benches have been bought and have been painted and decorated by young people. This work was led by a care experienced apprentice.

There is also now a proposal to set up vegetable beds in the grounds of WCC's first residential home in Stratford.

This current project at Myton Offices (Warwick) has given young people experience on how to set up an allotment. These young people have shown a willingness to volunteer in setting up allotment beds at the Residential Home.

The beds at Myton have been cleared and dug over in preparation for the winter and the new growing season from March 2022.

5.9 Sunday Football with UASC (Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children) Young People.

This is to report that football has been taken place every Sunday from 25th September to 12th December 2021 with Warwickshire's UASC young people.

The activity has been taking place at Sydney Stringer School in Coventry from 12-1.30pm.

The activity attracts young people from Birmingham, Coventry, and different parts of Warwickshire. Attendance has varied from 25-35 young people.

5.10 Halloween, Care Leavers Week & Christmas Events

Five young people took part in an activity at the Escape Rooms on 29th October to celebrate Halloween.

As part of Care Leavers Celebration Week (25th October – 31st October) the Care Leaving Service and Asylum Team organised trips for young people to Alton Towers, Drayton Manor Park and Weston Super Mare.

Christmas presents and meals were provided by two local charities and 38 were delivered to young people in and around the County on 21st December 2021.

A Christmas meal was prepared for young people who would have otherwise been alone at Christmas on 27th December at Myton Park Offices in Warwick.

5.11 National Leaving Care Benchmarking Forum Awards & Full Council Recognition

Liss Phillips was nominated for 2 awards by the National Leaving Care Benchmarking Forum in October 2021 and won both. The awards were for Best Public Speaker 2021 & Champion of Champions 2021.

It is worth noting that these are the awards that Umar Teerab won in 2020.

Liss Phillips was invited to Full Council meeting on the 14th December to have her awards recognised by the Chair and Elected Members.

6. Timescales associated with the decision and next steps

An update report to be presented to the next Corporate Parenting Panel.

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5. Supporting Information

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5.2 Relationship and Sex Education Workshops (RSE)

Umar Teerab prepared, organised and delivered 2 RSE workshops to Warwickshire young people who are seeking asylum who live in Birmingham.

- 15th March - Sudanese and Eritrean
- 16th March – Afghan & Kurdish

The training is delivered through interpreters and covers 4 languages. The numbers of young people attending need to be confirmed and these numbers were not available at the time of writing this report.

All young asylum seekers are encouraged to attend language appropriate RSE workshops. The workshops allow young people to discuss, explore and understand different cultural norms associated with RSE.

5.3 Sibling Week – 10th April

Over 18 months ago the CiCC raised with Children & Families Service Leadership Team that more should be done to help keep stronger bonds between brothers and sisters who come into the care of Warwickshire.

- A survey was carried out in 2020 with staff who support siblings groups to understand their experiences and decision making associated with supporting brothers and sisters.
- More recently a survey has been devised which is planned to go out to siblings to hear their voices.

There has also been a focus on building awareness on sibling awareness. Sunday 10th April marks National Sibling Day and the following events have been planned.

- 3 one hour virtual workshops for practitioners
 - Monday 4th April
 - Tuesday 5th April
 - Weds 6th April
- A BBQ and Family Fun Day for brothers and sisters in care on Tues 12th April

The CiCC observations have led to changes in how WCC are approaching work with brothers and sisters.

5.4 Film – interviews and activities involving Unaccompanied Young Asylum Seekers

A film maker has been following activities with unaccompanied young asylum seekers for the last year.

The film maker has been filming interviews and activities that young people have been taking part in.

The film is currently being edited and should be ready within the coming months to share with staff and young people to help inform good practice.

The focus of the film will be how young people experience arriving in the UK, moving into a foster home, their experience of social care staff and what it has been like for them to integrate within the UK.

5.5 Warwickshire Youth Conference – Thursday 21st April 2022

The conference will be held at Woodland Grange, Old Milverton Lane, Leamington Spa, CV32 6RN on Thursday 21 April between 11am – 4pm and lunch will be provided.

Young people will chose from 5 themes that will be delivered as a workshop by a local organisation for the day. The themes and organisations delivering the workshops are:

- Mental health - [Kooth](#)
- Climate change – [Warwickshire Climate Alliancet](#)
- Youth homelessness – [St Basils](#)
- Respectful relationships – [Targeted Youth Support](#)
- Careers - [Prospects](#)

Young people will get a chance to choose 2 workshops from these themes and will also have a chance to talk to over 25 organisations from Warwickshire.

Some of the organisations already onboard to attend are CWRise, Warwickshire Police, Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service, Shelter and Warwickshire Museums.

There will also be lots of fun activities like a digital graffiti wall, henna, raffle (with loads of great prizes) and a photo booth.

5.6 National Leaving Care Benchmarking Forum 17th & 18th March 2022

Liss Phillips attended the National Leaving Care Benchmarking Forum in Leeds to address the Managers meeting, which is extended to those young people who have won the Champion of Champions Award, which was reported to the Corporate Parenting Panel at the last meeting.

6. Timescales associated with the decision and next steps

6.1 An update report to be presented to the next Corporate Parenting Panel.

Appendices

None.

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Children in Care

A decrease of **5 Children in Care** since January 2022

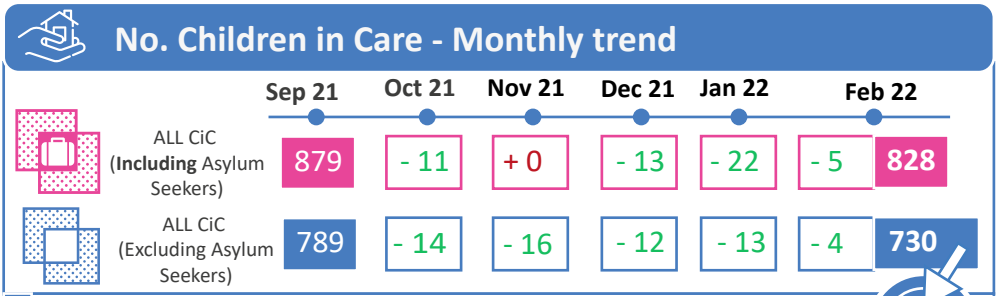
Children in Care Placement Type

WCC Foster Carer (inc Family and Friends carers)
332 children (40.1%); a decrease of 5 children since January 2022

Placed for Adoption
11 children (1.3%) of all CiC at 28 February; a decrease of 1 CiC since 31st January 2022

Agency Foster Carer
220 CiC (26.6%); an increase of 7 children since 31/01/2022

Residential Establishment
83 children (10%); an increase of 2 children since 31/01/2022



At 28 February 2022, Warwickshire's Children in Care population decreased by 5 to 828, whilst the no. of CiC excluding asylum seekers also decreased by 4 to 730. **680 CiC target for 2021 / 22**

Legal Status of Children in Care as at 28 February 2022

52.4% (434) of CiC are on a **Full Care Order**; this is an increase of 1.2% (7 CiC) since 31/1/2022

16.5% (137) of CiC are on an **Interim Care Order**; this is a decrease of 1.2% (11 CiC) since the end of January 2022.

3.3% (27) of CiC are on a **Placement Order**; this is a decrease of 0.2% (2 CiC) since 31st January 2022.

27.8% (230) of CiC are subject to **S20 Accommodation**; this is an increase of 0.3% (1 child) since 31st January 2022.

Leaving Care Activity Status

As at 28 February 2022, of those Relevant and Former Relevant Care Leavers (aged 16 - 21) ...

- 94.1%** had a contact within the last 8 weeks
- 88.4%** were in suitable accommodation
- 61.1%** were in EET (Employment, Education & Training)

CiC out of county as at 31st December 2021
19.7% (165) of CiC were placed outside the LA boundary and more than 20 miles from where they used to live
NB. Please note that this is a quarterly measure

CiC 'Missing' or 'Away from placement without authorisation'

23 children in care were missing (52 episodes)

During February 2022 there were **52 episodes** of a child missing or away from their placement without authorisation. This related to **23 individual children** with **11 children** having multiple missing episodes during the month.

Gender

61.5% (509) Male

38.4% (318) Female

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Ethnicity

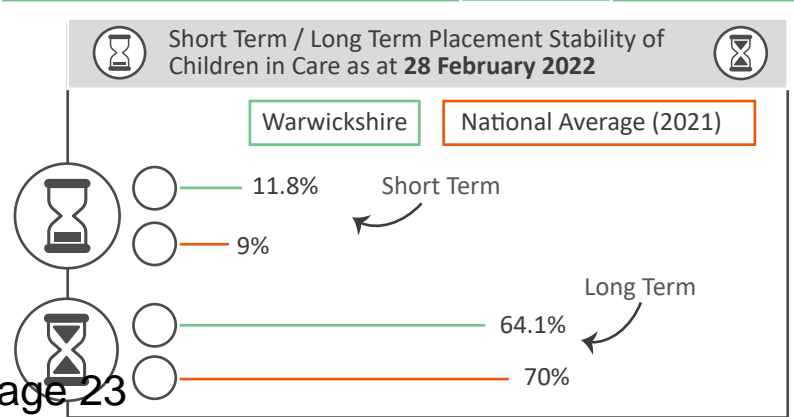
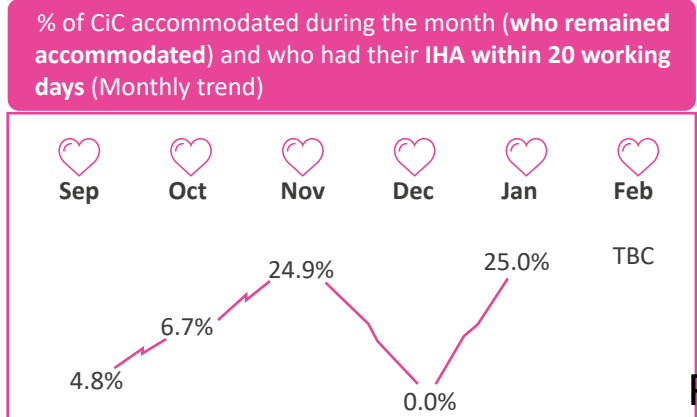
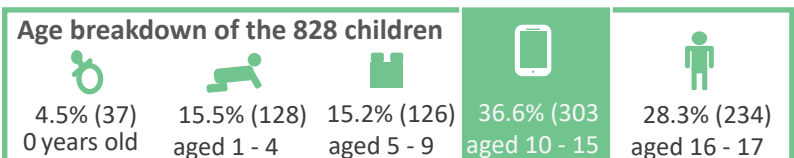
1/4 (24.5%) of Children in Care (Including Asylum Seekers) are **Minority Ethnic (217)**;

75.5% (625) are of White ethnicity

Allocated Team

- 11.8% (98)** of Children in Care are Unaccompanied Asylum Seekers
- 7.7% (64)** are allocated to the Children with Disability teams
- 25.4% (210)** are allocated to the CiC 14-18 Years Team

78.5% of Children in Care at 28 February 2022 have had a **'completed'** health assessment in the last 12 months



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Warwickshire Virtual School

Spring 2022 Report



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1.1 Current Context

Warwickshire uses the term Children in Care in preference to the DfE term Looked After Children, so the acronym CIC will be used throughout this report.



In November 2021 the Virtual School underwent a very successful Ofsted inspection as part of the Inspection of Warwickshire County Council Local Authority Children's Services. Findings suggest that the Virtual School is rated as good with special emphasis on the academic progress of Warwickshire's children in care, due to the timely and effective work of the Virtual School.



The inspection identified:

- The virtual school works well with its partner schools to secure good-quality education for children in care.
- Staff at the virtual school take timely and effective action to improve pupils' academic outcomes, attendance and behaviour.
- Most children, since coming into care, make good gains in their learning from their starting points.
- When a young person experiences difficulty, staff at the virtual school intervene quickly and provide effective support.
- The quality of personal education plans is typically good and sets out the provision that pupils need.



The Virtual School had identified Post 16 careers as an area for development, to which Ofsted agreed and commented favourably on the plan we have to achieve this:

- Careers guidance is variable and not consistently strong. Senior leaders have a plan to address this.

A specific focus on Key Stage 4 support underpins the development plan. A discrete section in the ePEP will enable settings to ensure all young people have a clear and achievable goal. Virtual School monitoring will ensure provision around the young person is targeted and effective.

The 'mini' Virtual School awards events were excellent. The children and carers who attended were delighted and very proud of their achievements. Special mention to the photographer who proved to be incredibly popular.

The reinstatement of face-to-face annual designated teacher training was welcomed and well attended, by both experienced and new to role designated teachers, from within Warwickshire and beyond.

School monitoring visits returned. The team found they were spending much more time in school than for pre-Covid visits. It is clear that there are many things to unpick since April 2020, including support and intervention, role and responsibilities, use of Pupil Premium Plus, reporting and monitoring arrangements, learning needs and staff needs. Designated teachers clearly welcomed the opportunity to meet face to face for this focussed time.

Finally, the new members of the Virtual School team have fitted in well and are making a positive difference to the educational opportunities for our CIC.





Ongoing Virtual School projects:

- Monitoring academic attainment and progress through termly Personal Education Plans (PEPs)
- Monitoring attendance of all CIC
- Challenging suspensions
- Managing school stability
- University programme to raise aspirations and encourage participation in further and higher education
- Enriching arts and sports activities
- Attachment Aware Trauma Informed Schools
- Training
- Programme of school monitoring visits

Autumn 2021 Virtual School projects:

- Post 16 conference - Warwickshire hosted the first West Midlands providers conference
- Curriculum offers to promote achievement - Reception and Key Stage One CIC: termly book tokens to promote love of reading; Key Stage Two: RSPB membership to promote Literacy skills; Key Stage Four: GCSE Pod to reinforce key learning. All CIC were able to access extra tuition.
- SpringForward - following a successful DfE funded pilot, Year 12 and 13 academic mentors were again assigned.

ATTAINMENT OF CHILDREN IN CARE

NB 2020-21 data is not comparable with previous data due to teacher assessment instead of exams, but Appendix A tables detail three-year outcomes

2.1 Early Years Foundation Stage

Table A1

Outcomes for the whole cohort: 30 CIC, 37% SEND of which 7% had an EHCP. Based on teacher assessment, 43% of the cohort achieved in line with a 'Good Level of Development' and over 70% progress was seen from individual starting points.

	ARE or above	Expected or better progress
Reading	43%	77%
Writing	47%	73%
Maths	50%	73%
GLD	43%	

Based on these figures, reading will be a focus for the Virtual School in the Early Years.

2.2 Year One Phonics

Table A2

Outcomes for the statistical cohort: 19 CIC, 37% SEND of which 11% had an EHCP; 10.5% disapplied, 4.5% above the national cohort.

The phonics test for 20-21 was undertaken in the Autumn term of Year Two.

Outcomes for Warwickshire CIC were higher than for national CIC.



	At expected standard
Warwickshire CIC	68.4%
National CIC	66.0%
Difference	+2.4%

2.2 Key Stage One

Table A3

Outcomes for the whole cohort: 29 CIC, 55% SEND of which 17% had an EHCP; 31% achieved GLD in the EYFS.

The cohort has done particularly well with reading, with 21% more CIC working at the expected level than at the end of EYFS.

	ARE or above	Expected or better progress
Reading	52%	72%
Writing	24%	45%
Maths	34%	59%

Based on these figures, writing will be the focus in Key Stage 1.

2.3 Key Stage Two

Table A4

Outcomes for the whole cohort: 48 CIC, 69% SEND of which 35% had an EHCP; 25% do not attend mainstream schools.

Numbers of CIC with SEND and EHCP are large in this cohort, but still levels of progress are good.

	ARE or above	Expected or better progress
Reading	30%	70%
Writing	30%	72%
Maths	24%	67%

Based on these figures, maths will be the focus in Key Stage 2.

2.4 Key Stage Four

Tables A5,6,7,8

For the statistical cohort: 46 CIC, 63% had SEND, with 50% having EHCPs. This is a very high figure and is **10% higher** than the national cohort. Appendix table A5 demonstrates how low their KS2 starting points were.

	Standard pass	Strong pass
English	21.7%	13.0%
Maths	23.9%	8.7%
English and Maths*	15.2%	6.5%

*The Basics

Based on these figures, obtaining a strong pass in maths will be the focus in Key Stage 4.



2.5 Post 16

Tables A9,10

At the end of Quarter 3 there were 15.2% NEETs (Not in Education, Employment or Training), an increase of 0.8% on Quarter 2. This is largely due to a decrease in the number of CIC taking up/maintaining college places across the Autumn term, following on from Covid disruption to their GCSE years.



THE VIRTUAL SCHOOL

3.1 Cohort overview

Tables B1,2,3,4

Autumn term numbers:

- School age: 559 in August, 501 in December
- Preschool: 76 in August, 72 in December
- Post 16: 212 in August, 201 in December



3.2 SEND

Tables B5,6

Warwickshire CIC with SEND decreased by 0.9% in the Autumn term but remain higher than the national rate for CIC:

National CIC with SEND	53%
Warwickshire CIC with SEND	56%
Difference	+3%
Non CIC in Warwickshire	10.7%

Warwickshire CIC with EHCPs increased by 2% in the Autumn term but remain lower than the national rate for CIC:

National CIC with EHCP	31%
Warwickshire CIC with EHCP	28%
Difference	-3%
Non CIC in Warwickshire	3.7%

3.3 Staffing

Table C1

All Autumn vacancies were filled with knowledgeable and experienced practitioners. Recruitment campaigns were undertaken for three posts:

- Early Years Education Officer – new post, filled from 1st December 2021
- Education Adviser – backfill, filled from 22nd November 2021
- Post 16 Education Officer – new vacancy. Short gap following resignation, covered by Pertemps worker until filled from 1st January 2022.

3.4 Enrichment

Table C2

The West Midlands Virtual Schools funded music lessons for Year 4 CIC in their Local Authority. Warwickshire Music Service offered Year 4 CIC opportunities at their music hubs where schools do not buy into the service.

Virtual School awards took place in the Autumn 2021 and highlighted the resilience and hard work of our children and young people. Around one hundred nominations were received from schools, social workers and IROs (Independent Reviewing Officers), highlighting how important this recognition is for boosting self-esteem and encouraging educational success.





The UniversityGo! cohorts all started their 2021-22 programmes. University Explorers were recruited and are ready to start their programme in the Spring Term.



The West Midlands Artslink organised our annual theatre experience for children and their families, which this year was 'A Christmas Carol'.



3.5 Training

A comprehensive training programme has continued, both delivered by the Virtual School and by the Warwickshire Educational Psychology Service in conjunction with the Virtual School. The training programme for 2021-22 is a mix of remote and face to face sessions, with many of the planned sessions having to switch to remote as Covid cases increased towards the end of the term.



Training for Attachment Aware Trauma Informed project schools continued to be delivered face to face. The use of a new tool, a MAP (Making Action Plans) is helping leadership teams assess and strategically plan their training and facilitation sessions.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

4.1 Ofsted Grading

Table D1

In the Autumn term 81.6% of Warwickshire CIC attended Outstanding or Good schools compared to 83% nationally.

Virtual School policy remains that when moving schools Outstanding and Good schools are always prioritised. No CIC were placed in Inadequate schools during the Autumn term.

4.2 Attendance and suspensions

Tables D2,3,4

Attendance for year groups Reception to Year 7 was above 90%, with Year 8 just slightly below that. Attendance is a concern for Years 9, 10 and 11. Levels of unauthorised absence and lateness are also higher in those year groups.

The number of CIC receiving suspensions was 1.3% higher than Summer 2021:

- 45 CIC suspended on 84 occasions, 9% of cohort
- 31 male, 69% of suspensions
- 40 secondary age, 89% of suspensions
- 10 from specialist settings, 12% of suspensions

When appropriate Education Advisers hold professionals' meetings to consider the reasons for the suspensions and actions that can take place to prevent further incidents. Attendance and the use of suspensions is discussed as part of monitoring visits so that the Virtual School can be proactive and support prior to suspensions being issued.

4.3 Personal Education Plans (PEPs)

The PEP review rate was 98%. There were ten CIC at the end of term who had not had a PEP review or did not have enough recorded information to constitute a PEP.



The Virtual School were concerned about seven of the missing PEPs and plans are in place for follow up in the Spring term.



4.4 Pupil Premium Plus (PP+)

Table D7,8

The average spend per CIC increased in line with additional support in place as part of Covid recovery. Additional recovery funding was shared with settings via an application form. This was used largely for SEMH (Social Emotional Mental Health) support and tuition.



Post 16 PP+ is expected to be announced ready for the new financial year.



CHILDREN PREVIOUSLY IN CARE

5.1 Revised duties

Referrals for support across all key stages remained high. Virtual School advice was sought by adoptive parents, special guardians, schools (maintained and independent) and a wide variety of professionals, including post adoption and special guardianship social workers, early help colleagues, clinical psychologists, youth workers and colleagues working within SEND.

Attendance at training offered by the Virtual School from schools that have Children Previously in Care (and not CIC) increased over the term, with schools thankful for the opportunity to discuss best practice.

Referrals continued to include general signposting and generic questions in relation to support for Children Previously in Care and PP+ spending and more complex referrals for those not accessing education. Main themes included: challenging behaviours, suspensions, integrations, part-time timetables, attachment and trauma training, signposting to external agencies, attendance, SEND.

The Virtual School remained particularly effective in ensuring schools understand what best practice looks like, possible strategies and interventions that could be used for young people who have experienced trauma and ensuring Children Previously in Care have access to full time education.

Children With a Social Worker

6.1 Extended duties

Information regarding the extension to the role of the Virtual School was shared with all headteachers in a briefing at the beginning of October. Fact finding visits took place with school Designated Safeguarding Leads to ascertain their understanding, current role and responsibilities and their ideas for the role of the Virtual School. A small amount of work started working with Social Workers, focussing on attendance concerns.

An additional family support worker trial was set up with one secondary school. This worker will focus on supporting children and families open to Social Care both in the school and its' feeder primaries, so that Year 6 -Year 7 transition is more successful. Additional SEMH support will be in place as part of this work.

Three-year funding for this extension to the role of the Virtual School is expected to be announced ready for the new financial year.

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Useful links:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/virtualschool>

<https://www.wmvscicfoundation.org.uk>





APPENDIX OF TABLES

Tables with **BLUE** headings represent the statistical cohort

Tables with **ORANGE** headings represent the whole cohort, regardless of time in care

APPENDIX A - Outcomes

- Means teacher assessment only

Table A1 – Early Years Foundation Stage outcomes (annual measure)

GLD*	2019	2020	2021
Warwickshire CIC	50.0%	-	-
National CIC	48.0%	-	-
Difference	+2.0%	-	-

*Good Level of Development, the expected level of development at the end of the EYFS

Table A2 – Year One Phonics outcomes

WA*	2019	2020	2021
Warwickshire CIC	70.0%	-	68.4%
National CIC	64.0%	-	66.0%
Difference	+6.0%	-	+2.4%

*Working at or above standard

Table A3 – Key Stage One outcomes

RWM*	2019	2020	2021
Warwickshire CIC	54.5%	-	-
National CIC	38.0%	-	-
Difference	+16.5%	-	-

*Reading, Writing and Maths at the expected standard

Table A4 - Key Stage Two outcomes

RWM	2019	2020	2021
Warwickshire CIC	31.0%	-	-
National CIC	37.0%	-	-
Difference	-6.0%	-	-

Table A5 - Key Stage Four outcomes

The Basics*	2019	2020	2021
Warwickshire CIC	7.7%	-	-
National CIC	7.0%	-	-
Difference	+0.7%	-	-

*English and Maths GCSE at grade 5 or above

Table A6 – prior outcomes of the cohort, their KS2 profile





	Greater Depth achieved	Difference to national CIC	Expected Standard achieved	Difference to national CIC
Reading	4.3%	-0.7%	23.9%	-7.1%
Writing	2.2%	-0.8%	30.4%	-7.2%
Maths	0	-3.0%	28.3%	-4.7%

Table A7 – Attainment 8

Attainment 8	2019	2020	2021
Warwickshire CIC	19.2	-	-
National CIC	19.1	-	-
Difference	+0.1	-	-

Table A8 – Progress 8

Progress 8	2019	2020	2021
Warwickshire CIC	-1.07	-	-
National CIC	-1.28	-	-
Difference	+0.21	-	-

Table A9 – Post 16 destinations Autumn 21

	Y12	Y13
College	45.2%	58.2%
School	19.1%	7.9%
Apprenticeship	0	2.2%
Training	6.0%	2.2%
Employment	5.2%	6.5%
Other	5.2%	5.0%
Unknown	4.3%	2.2%
NEET	14.8%	15.8%

Table A10 – Quarterly NEET Overview

	Total Post 16 cohort	Year 12	Year 13 in care	Year 13 care leavers
Q4 2020-21	11.2%	12.3%	17.4%	5.6%
Q1 2021-22	13.8%	13.7%	19%	12.7%
Q2 2021-22	14.4%	14.3%	13.1%	37.5%
Q3 2021-22	15.2%	14.6%	11.9%	26.3%
Current quarter difference	+0.8%	+0.3%	-1.2%	-13.2%

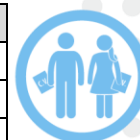
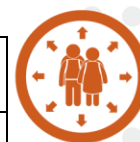
NB the number of Y13 in care decreases in line with increase in care leavers due to 18th birthday. Whole cohort data is therefore the most consistent.

APPENDIX B - Cohort Information

Table B1 – Number of preschool CIC Autumn 2021

	Sept 21	Oct 21	Nov 21	Dec 21





Attending settings	67	68	70	68
Not attending/not known	12	13	3	4
TOTAL	79	81	73	72

Table B2 – Number of school age CIC Autumn 2021

	Sept 21	Oct 21	Nov 21	Dec 21
New to care	10	9	20	3
Out of care	10	10	24	9
TOTAL	513	512	507	501

Table B3 – Number of Post 16 CIC Autumn 2021

	Sept 21	Oct 21	Nov 21	Dec 21
Y12	91	94	112	114
Y13	122	113	103	87
TOTAL	213	207	215	201

Table B4 – Number of UAS, all ages Autumn 2021

	Sept 21	Oct 21	Nov 21	Dec 21
New UAS	7	7	23	3
TOTAL	89	91	110	98

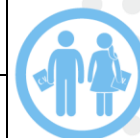
Table B5 – Designation of schools attended by CIC Autumn 2021

	CIC
mainstream	79%
special	9.8%
ISP	10.6%
other	0.02%

Table B6 – SEND overview by year group Autumn 2021

	SEND	EHCP	School type
Rec	23%	4%	100% mainstream 0 special
Y1	43%	7%	93% mainstream 7% special
Y2	33%	13%	96% mainstream 4% special
Y3	54%	17%	88% mainstream 12% special
Y4	61%	26%	87% mainstream 10% special 3% ISP
Y5	42%	21%	85% mainstream 12% special 3% ISP
Y6	74%	36%	79% mainstream 7% special





			13% ISP
Y7	68%	41%	68% mainstream 18% special 14% ISP
Y8	59%	39%	65% mainstream 9% special 26% ISP
Y9	66%	28%	80% mainstream 3% special 17% ISP
Y10	65%	46%	66% mainstream 21% special 13% ISP
Y11	46%	36%	79% mainstream 9% special 12% ISP
TOTAL	56%	28%	See table B5

APPENDIX C – Virtual School Information

Table C1 – Virtual School Staffing Structure

Role	Post status	working weeks	hours per week	Salary scale/point	budget
VSH	permanent	52	37	Hay	core funding
Senior Education Adviser	upgraded, 1yr	52	37	Soulbury 10-14	core funding Section 31 top up
Education Adviser, CIC	permanent	41	37	Soulbury 3-6	core funding
Education Adviser, CIC	fixed term	41	37	Soulbury 3-6	Section 31 reserves
Education Adviser, CPLA	permanent	52	30	Soulbury 3-6	Section 31
Post 16 Education Officer	permanent	41	37	Scale G	core funding
Early Years Education Officer	fixed term	52	22.5	Scale G	Section 31
Enrichment Coordinator	permanent	41	30	Scale G	core funding
VS Officer	permanent	52	22.5	Scale F	core funding
VS Officer	permanent	52	30	Scale F	core funding

Table C2 – Enrichment Activities Autumn 2021

UniversityGo! Year 7	Our first meeting for the new Year 7's was an introduction session at Coventry University. The session was an informative one which offered all the young people the chance to learn more about the Unigo! Programme. This was then followed by an extremely fun visit to some Escape Rooms. We had 7 young people attend from Warwickshire. The day
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	was met with bundles of enthusiasm, and all are very excited for the next session.
UniversityGo! Year 8	Five Warwickshire young people attended a Forensic Investigations masterclass at Coventry University. Crime scenes were implemented allowing the young people to become detectives and solve the mystery. Over 90% rated the class as excellent and everyone who attended said they would like to cover this again.
UniversityGo! Years 7 and 8	The Chocolate Shed is the ultimate chocolate experience in Warwickshire. Needless-to-say, we filled all the spaces. We were able to take 7 Warwickshire Young People. The workshop was run by experienced chocolatiers using real, sustainable ingredients and everyone rolled and presented their own hand rolled chocolate truffles.
UniversityGo! Year 9	Law and English at the University of Warwick. Six Warwickshire young people were able to get creative by either writing their own news article or creating their own song or poem. The session was intense and required lots of focus and concentration, but they all did amazingly well.
UNity, Year 10/11	Eight Warwickshire young people who completed the UniGo! Programme, attended the UNity Christmas Dinner, HE Information and Guidance and festive activities session. The evening was extremely interactive and enjoyed by all with 100% of the group saying they would recommend this event to a friend. When asked what could have been done better, one of the comments was 'Nothing - absolutely magnificent!'.
Artslink – A Christmas Carol	Warwickshire had 25 tickets to see the timeless Christmas classic, 'A Christmas Carol' at the Albany theatre. All tickets were gratefully received offering the chance for children and their carers to see a professional production together, meet the cast, tour backstage and take part in a drama workshop by Warts and All Theatre, which included prop making.

APPENDIX D - School Information

Table D1 – Ofsted grading for schools attended Autumn 2021

	Outstanding	Good	Requires Improvement	Inadequate	Not inspected
Warwickshire CIC	14.5%	67.1%	9.8%	5.5%	3.2%
National CIC	17%	66%	12%	4%	1.0%
Difference	-2.5%	+1.1%	-2.2%	+1.5%	-2.2%

Table D2 – Attendance 2020-2021





	Total absence	Authorised absence	Unauthorised absence	Persistent absence
National CIC	10.0%	10.0%	1.0%	29%
Warwickshire CIC	11.2%	11.8%	0.8%	34%
Difference	+1.2%	+1.8%	-0.2%	+5.0%

Table D3 – Attendance levels per year group Autumn 2021

Year group	Attended %	Authorised Absence %	Unauthorised Absence %	Late before reg closed %	Late after reg %
Reception	90.8	8.7	0.5	1.9	0.2
Year 1	93.9	6.0	0.1	1.0	0.1
Year 2	92.0	6.3	1.7	1.1	1.0
Year 3	93.9	5.5	0.6	1.6	0.1
Year 4	92.5	7.0	0.5	1.0	0.1
Year 5	94.2	5.5	0.3	1.2	0.0
Year 6	96.5	3.3	0.2	0.4	0.0
Year 7	92.9	4.7	2.4	1.2	0.1
Year 8	89.6	6.9	3.5	1.4	0.3
Year 9	81.1	11.5	7.4	3.1	0.2
Year 10	85.5	7.3	7.2	2.3	0.3
Year 11	84.8	9.3	5.9	4.5	0.4

Table D4 – Annual Suspensions

	Warwickshire CIC	National CIC	Difference
2017	15.04	11.46	+3.58
2018	10.10	11.28	-1.18
2019	8.55	11.38	-2.83
2020	9.8		
2021	12.6		

Table D5 – CIC spending time not on a school roll Autumn 2021

	Sept 21	Oct 21	Nov 21	Dec 21
Newly off roll	1	4	5	1
Put on roll	2	1	3	1
Total off roll	5	8	10	10

Table D6 – in-year school moves by key stage Autumn 2021

	EYFS	KS1	KS2	KS3	KS4	Totals
2019-20						101
2020-21	10	10	18	26	19	83





Aut 20	2	5	11	14	12	44
Spr 21	3	1	4	1	4	13
Sum 21	5	4	3	11	3	26
Aut 21	3	8	18	9	4	42

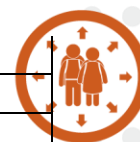


Table D7 – PP+ payments to schools

	Payments to schools via PEPs	Average PEP related spend per CIC	Additional funding requests	Average additional funding spend per application
Autumn 2020	£229,465	£520.33	£15,532.90	£1,941.61
Spring 2021	£256,700	£554.43	£106,458	£3,670.97
Summer 2021	£264,500	£566.38	£41,085.41	£2,934.67
Autumn 2021	£282,400	£619.30	£60,186.66	£2,507.78



Table D8 – Recovery Funding

	Funding requests	Average spend per CIC
Autumn 2021	£20,139	£559.42

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Item	Report detail	Date of Meeting
Update from CICC and Care Leaver Forum	Receive an update from children and young people from the CICC and Care Leaver Forum.	* Standing items for every meeting
Performance Data	Report which includes key data regarding CLA & Care Leavers	
Development of Work Programme for 2020/2021 and Forward Plan information	To consider proposed work programme & future areas of work for the panel; including information from the forward plan with items relevant to the remit of the panel	
Good news stories	Officers to put forward good news stories for CLA, care leavers & foster carers.	
Report from the Virtual School Head	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring Term (March/April) - annual report • Summer Term (July/August) - school stability, exclusions, attendance, PEP completion rates for the academic year, Post 16 overview • Autumn term (November) - data forecast for the academic year, Post 16 EET destinations 	21 March 2022
Performance SWFT Data	Quarterly performance information from SWFT to be added (health data and assessment data) to the regular performance data report. (Jackie Channell)	Standing Item every 6 months –due 13 June 2022

Report detail	Date of Meeting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider the need and timescales for care leavers and CLA receiving a CAMHS/RISE service and a report into the process for mental health assessments (Zoe Mayhew) 	<p><i>To be rescheduled</i></p>
<p><i>The Vanguard Project has been moved to June due to officer availability</i></p>	<p>21 March 2022</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Vanguard Project (rescheduled from February 2022) SGO Policy Impact and Report 	<p>13 June 2022</p>

Actions from the meeting 14 February 2022

Additions to the work programme (dates to be confirmed)

- County Line – a police representative will be asked to attend
- Child Exploitation – suggest that this is a one item only agenda

Partnership working with District and Borough colleagues

- A Charter with shared objectives will be presented to the panel after April 2022

Actions from the previous meetings

- Review into the turnover of Social Workers to identify any trends (John Coleman).

Information circulated to Members outside of meetings

None currently

Items included on the Forward Plan relevant to the remit of the Panel:

The remit of the panel is to secure elected member and cross-organisation support and commitment for delivering improvement services and better outcomes for looked after children, young people and care leavers: *(updated 11/03/22)*

Decision	Description	Date due	Decision Maker
Framework for Alternative & Specialist Education Placements (Independent & Non-Maintained Sector)	To agree to re-tender the Council's frameworks for Alternative Education Provision and SEND Education Day Placements, and to tender these as a single framework.	12 April 2022	Cabinet

Future Meetings - 2021/22

- **13 June 2022**

Future dates need to be arranged for 2022/2023

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