

Corporate Parenting Panel

Date: Monday 13 June 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

Items on the agenda: -

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| <i>Officers to put forward good news stories for children looked after, care leavers or foster carers.</i> | |
| 10. Any Other Business | |

11. Date of Next Meeting

To agree dates for forthcoming meetings.

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CiCC & Participation Update

1. Recommendation(s)

- 1.1 That the Panel note the work of the Children in Care Council (CiCC), Care Leavers Forum (CLF) and the Participation Team.
- 1.2 That the Panel acknowledge the work that continues to take place with young people.

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 14th March to 31st May 2022.

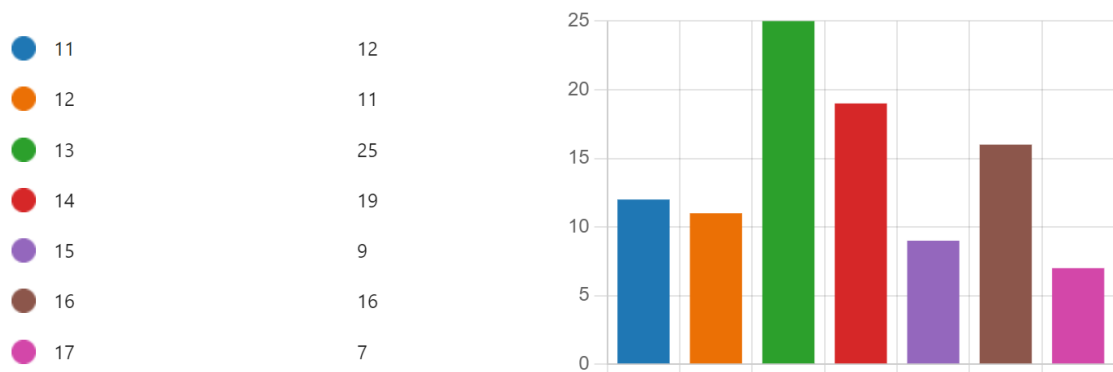
5.2 *Warwickshire Youth Conference – Future Ready 21st April*

At the last Corporate Parenting Panel meeting details for running a Warwickshire Youth Conference event were shared.

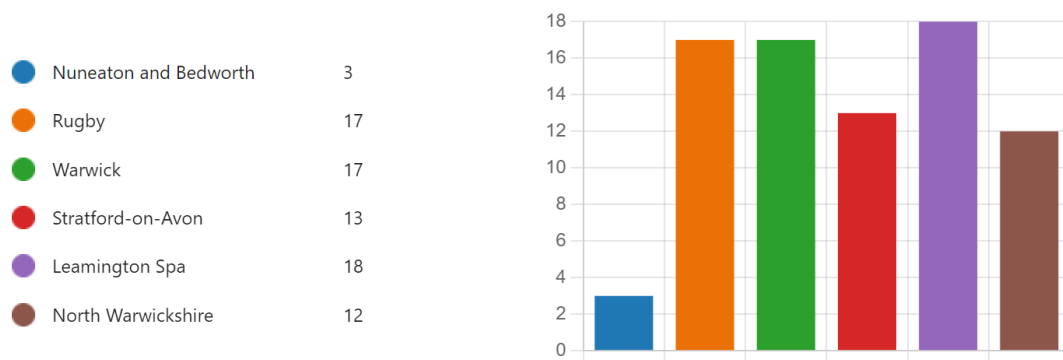
The Youth Conference took place on 21st April at the Woodland Grange Conference Centre, from 11 to 4pm.

- 99 young people registered for the event
- 76 attended

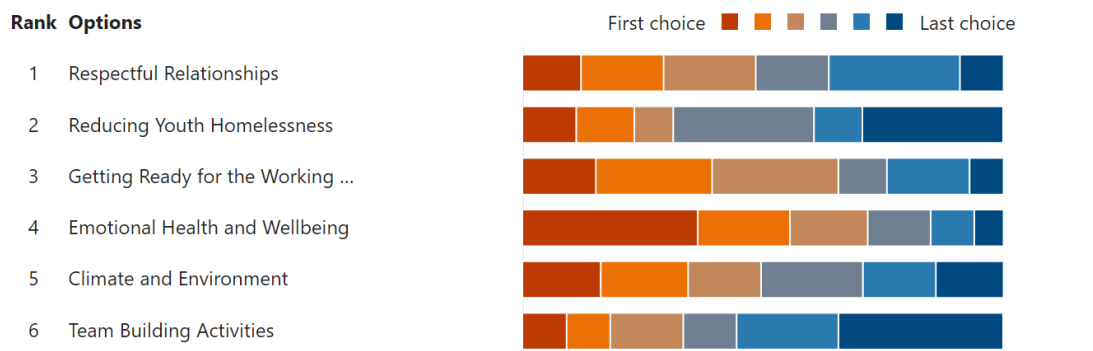
- This first graph shows the age profile of young people that registered



- This second graph shows the area from which young people registered



- This third graph shows the most popular workshops



- Young person and parent feedback

I got back earlier from the conference and just wanted to thank all involved. I had a brilliant day! Please pass my best wishes to everyone involved (can't wait for the next one!) From a young person.

"My daughter (and her friend) had a brilliant day today thank you so much. She loved the lunch and the hot chocolate at break. The relationship workshop was brilliant and she has

come home with so many goodies. Not to forget and amazing life like caricature. Thanks so much for organising!" From a Mum

- **Feedback from workshop leaders**

"It was a striking and impressive event, and I can see a lot of future in it. Well done!" David Mond, Warwickshire Climate Alliance.

"It was great to be part of it and to see so many young people there. I hope this can be a yearly event". Chris Stephens, Prospects

"It was a lovely event yesterday and great to be a part of it!" Jennifer Shergill, Kooth

"It was great to see so many young people there, well organised and run". Kerry Hansard, St. Basils

"Young people engaged really well and seemed to enjoy the day". Loz Grinnell Targeted Youth Support

- **Feedback from stall holders**



Following the conference work is underway to produce a short 3-minute video and a conference report with recommendations.

5.3 ***Young Inspections - Update***

At a previous Corporate Parenting Panel meeting information was shared with the Panel on inspections carried out by young people of 9 different Supported Accommodation venues over August and September 2021.

The feedback was reported to the Performance and Quality Team within Commissioning.

Young people were particularly concerned about the standards of one venue that they had inspected.

Following young people's feedback, Performance and Quality staff met with the venue to discuss improvements.

Young people are pleased to report that positive progress has been made to improve the standard of the kitchen at the venue.



5.4 ***Brothers & Sisters Event – 12th April***

A BBQ and Family Fun Day for brothers and sisters in care was hosted on Tues 12th April from 2-4pm, at Myton Park Offices.

The following activities were available for foster carers and young people to enjoy.

- Animal Man
- BBQ
- Ice cream van
- Soft play area
- Easter egg hunt
- Cake sale
- Arts & crafts – Bonnet Competition
- Guess the “Teddys Name”

Approximately 50 foster carers and young people attended on the day. Below are some comments sent by those who attended.

“Many many thanks for organising the Siblings day today. The three children that I brought thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon. They particularly liked the huge ice creams!”

“All three loved the soft play and looking at the animals”.

“It must have taken a lot of organising and I just wanted to let you know that it was much appreciated”.

“Most of all it was great to see her with her siblings enjoying this. We can’t wait to see the group photo with her siblings which we will display in her bedroom”.

Furthermore, an online broadcast is planned for 27th June, 12-1pm, to promote workshops that staff can attend to learn more about working with brothers and sisters in care.

Finally, a survey has been sent out to brothers and sisters to help understand their experiences of being in care, the closing date of the survey is June 22nd.

5.5 *Watch Your Words – Improving Language in Care*

Work has been undertaken over the last 6 months to produce a booklet that sets out to promote more positive language within the social care setting.

This booklet is titled “Watch Your Words” and is now complete.

The booklet will be launched on 27th June and promoted over the coming months with WCC staff and stakeholders.

One key event at which the booklet will be distributed is the Children and Families staff conference on 15th July 2022.

5.6 *BBQ/Allotment Re Launch – 19th May*

The BBQ which was a regular feature at the Myton Park offices pre Covid has now re-started, and the first session took place on 19th May. The BBQ will take place fortnightly.

The allotment which is also at Myton Offices will be a focus for the young people who attend the BBQ events

5.7 *Easter Meals/Easter Hampers - 14th April*

In partnership with Stacey Bains (Transforming Communities Together Development Officer) who works with Churches across Warwickshire 50 meals were distributed to young people leaving care.

182 Easter Eggs were donated by 2 businesses for young people in care. These Easter Eggs were distributed to the CiCC, young people that attended the Youth Conference, brothers and sisters who attended the Fun Day and residents within P3 Supported Accommodation.

5.8 *Police Panel*

Liss Phillips and Umar Teerab attended 2 meetings as part of a Police Panel.

The purpose of the Panel is to view film footage of Police interaction with young people. Feedback from the Panel is forwarded to the Police Training School and to the police officers in the videos viewed.

The next Police Panel meeting is in September 2022 and the plan is to support 2 care experienced young people to participate.

Liss and Umar also attended a Police training day on 16th May, in Bedworth.

There is a further opportunity to involve young people to participate in a “Ride Along” with the Police.

5.9 Apprenticeship Guide for Care Experienced Apprentices 16+

Warwickshire has been instrumental in leading a subgroup which has produced a guide for the West Midlands Participation Leads Network.

The guide explains how to support care experienced apprentices and will be promoted as good practice across 14 Local Authorities within the West Midlands Region.

5.10 Connect + Go Project in Partnership with Volunteering Matters

Volunteering Matters is a charity working in partnership with Warwickshire to deliver the Grandmentors Programme.

Volunteer Matters has been successful in securing a bid through the ‘Tackling Loneliness with Transport Fund’ granted by Department of Transport. Out of the 1000 bids the DoT received, 12 have been selected for a 12-month pilot project, and Warwickshire is one of them.

The plan is to have a small vehicle and a 9-seater minibus based in Nuneaton, which will provide free transport to young people who are care experienced. This is for ALL young people in care aged 16-25 including UASC.

The smaller vehicle service will be providing local transport exclusively in Nuneaton, whereas the minibus will be used across Warwickshire and Coventry. Both will be resourced by community volunteer drivers. Both vehicles will be electric.

A start date for the project will be announced shortly.

5.11 CiCC updates

The following items were discussed at the April and May CiCC meetings.

April – Support before 25 (face to face meeting).

Kim Evans from Barnardo’s attended. Karolina Waldron from the Children’s Commissioner Team also attended as a guest.

May – Life after 25 Part 1 (virtual meeting).

Attendance by young people was low.

Following the meeting in May a decision has been made to revert to face to face meetings including a virtual option.

5.12 Foster Care Conference Week - 29th & 30th April

Two workshops titled “What Makes a Good Worker! Hearing Young Peoples Voices” were delivered as part of the Foster Care Conference week.

Liss, Umar and Mati delivered the 2 sessions. Examples of feedback are as follows,

“Thank you for your time this morning. This has been really helpful, and really insightful! Great presenting - would never have known you were new Mati - great presenting skills! Liss and Umar, you were great as usual”.

“It would be great if one/some of the care experienced young people who are now working for WCC joined the Restorative Practice Champions network. Both their professional and their personal experience will be helpful with the work towards culture change. Please get in touch with the RP team if anyone would like to join us every 6 weeks”.

6. Timescales associated with the decision and next steps

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

Appendices

1. None.

Background Papers

1. None.

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Warwickshire Virtual School

Summer 2022 Report

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* 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.



1.1 Current Context

The spring term was the first term with all Virtual School posts filled. This meant all areas of work were more clearly designated and the team could focus on providing an even better service.

A key area of focus was ensuring CIC have identified appropriate provision for September transitions:

- All four-year-olds have Reception places
- All Year 2s have Key Stage 2 places
- All Year 6s have secondary places

Work will continue into the summer term, to ensure that:

- all CIC at transition points with EHCPs have had reviews which name their next provision
- all Year 11s have an offer for September
- all Year 12s and Year 13s have intended destinations

The NAVSH (National Association of Virtual School Heads) annual conference took place in London in March. The VSH and Senior Education Adviser attended. Ofsted, the Department for Education and the Association of Directors of Children's Services were all part of the development programme. Keeping up to date and networking helps the Virtual School to self-assess and reflect, ensuring the best service is delivered, as recognised in the recent ILACS.

University Explorers, the introduction to university for Year 6 CIC, had all places taken up and the group developed good relationships with staff and peers, whilst gaining an understanding of several university faculties. Hopefully it has inspired the group to participate in the University Go! programme next year.

Six care experienced young people were given the prestigious opportunity to have a tour of the Mercedes site. Later this year two will re-visit as Mercedes are looking at offering an apprenticeship to a care leaver. Thanks to Coventry University for setting this up.

A new Arts Link Coordinator for the West Midlands Children in Care Foundation (WMCICF) was appointed and got off to a flying start! She quickly identified opportunities for our CIC, including a fantastic opportunity to meet an author and enter a writing competition for World Book Day and a chance to gain an Arts Award linked to the Commonwealth Games.

In addition, spring term projects included:

- Creating Chances project for designated teachers
- Establishing a sports leadership course for KS4 and 5 CIC over the Easter break, resulting in a recognised qualification
- Setting up an interactive conference for designated teachers and designated safeguarding leads to promote understanding of the impact of lived experiences on children with a social worker

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

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% disapplying, 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 4 the number of NEETs (Not in Education, Employment or Training) increased by 3.8% to 19.4%. For those still in care, the actual number of young people who were NEET remained the same as in Quarter 3. Most young people who are NEET are being supported by careers advisers, such as those from Prospects. In many cases, training opportunities, jobs or college places have been identified but the young people struggle to complete, or even start. Much of this is still likely connected to the pandemic, with increased mental health needs and missed education.

THE VIRTUAL SCHOOL

3.1 Cohort overview

Tables B1,2,3,4





Autumn term numbers:

- School age: 559 in August, 501 in December, 500 in March
- Preschool: 76 in August, 72 in December, 80 in March
- Post 16: 212 in August, 201 in December, 174 in March

3.2 SEND

Tables B5,6

Statutory school age Warwickshire CIC with SEND was 6.5% lower than national CIC in the spring term:

National CIC with SEND*	56.3%
Warwickshire CIC with SEND	49.8%
Difference	-6.5%
All Warwickshire*	12.10%

*LAIT March 2021

Statutory school age Warwickshire CIC with EHCPs was 1.4% lower than national CIC in the spring term:

National CIC with EHCP*	28.9%
Warwickshire CIC with EHCP	27.5%
Difference	-1.4%
All Warwickshire*	3.6%

*LAIT March 2021

3.3 Staffing

Table C1

Training and induction continued for new members of the team.

3.4 Enrichment

Table C2

Spring term enrichment activities are detailed in table C2.

3.5 Training

Working with the WMCICF, a fantastic professional learning programme for designated teachers, 'Creating Chances', was set up. Sessions started and continue into the summer term, led by Challenging Education. The WMCICF has provided subscriptions to the development materials for use across participating schools, aimed at promoting leadership and whole school development skills.

Comprehensive training and support continued, both delivered by the Virtual School and by the Warwickshire Educational Psychology Service in conjunction with the Virtual School. Attendance at face-to-face events is improving, although education staff shortages continue to cause cancellations.

It is positive that a higher number of Warwickshire secondary schools are interested in undertaking training around attachment and trauma. Schools generally are finding it difficult to identify time to specifically focus on these areas, although they are very aware of the need to develop understanding. The Attachment Aware Trauma Informed project continued, with new schools coming forward at a steady rate.



Virtual School Education Advisers contributed to the social care conference, delivering two sessions sharing ideas for how we can, and do, support foster carers to positively impact on educational outcomes.



SCHOOL INFORMATION

4.1 Ofsted Grading

Table D1

In the spring term 86.5% 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

Overall attendance was 89.4%, giving an absence rate of 10.6%. For the year 20-21, the national CIC absence rate was 9%, so Warwickshire is currently 1.6% higher. Attendance for year groups Reception to Year 8 was above 90%. Attendance continues to be a concern for Years 9, 10 and 11. Whilst Covid will still be a contributing factor, unauthorised absence levels in these year groups are also high.

The number of CIC receiving suspensions was significantly higher than in the spring term 2021: 9.7% in spring 2022 compared to 4.7% in spring 2021. However, this is in-line with suspensions from autumn 2021.

- 45 CIC suspended on 72 occasions, 9.7% of cohort
- 28 males, 62% of suspensions
- 43 secondary age, 96% of suspensions
- 7 from specialist settings, 10% of suspensions

Professionals' meetings continue to be held following suspensions. Where these are most effective, the suspensions are isolated incidents and support is clearly outlined. However, professionals' meetings seem to have less impact when repeated suspensions are issued. Factors associated with, or influencing, the behaviours behind the suspensions, are often external to the education setting and so more difficult to mitigate.

The VSH has met with headteachers of schools where levels of suspensions were high, in particular two Warwickshire secondary schools. Work is ongoing with these settings to promote more inclusive responses.

4.3 Personal Education Plans (PEPs)

The PEP review rate was 99%. There were four CIC at the end of term who had not had a PEP review, despite the best efforts of the Virtual School.

4.4 Pupil Premium Plus (PP+)

Table D7,8



The average amount of PP+ claimed via PEPs again increased. In spring 2021 the average was £554.43, compared to £699.05 in spring 2022. Requests for additional funding largely focussed on one-to-one support. Most of the additional requests were for CIC in Key Stages 3 and 4. One-to-one support focussed on re-engagement and Social, Emotional Mental Health (SEMH) related needs.



The total recovery funding requested was the same as in the autumn term, although the per pupil allocation was lower. In the spring term the funding was requested equally for tuition, staff development and SEMH support. Positively, several settings specifically focussed on ensuring staff were able to understand and respond to increasing levels of distressed behaviours.



Post 16 PP+ was anticipated for the new financial year, but this did not happen. Instead, the DfE announced that existing pilots will continue. Warwickshire was not successful in its bid to be part of the pilot project.



CHILDREN PREVIOUSLY IN CARE

5.1 Revised duties

Referrals for support across all key stages remained high and more referrals came directly from schools in the spring term. 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.

Referrals continued to include general signposting and generic questions in relation to support for Children Previously in Care and PP+ spending, as well as more complex referrals for those not accessing education. The main theme for parental support was around SEND.

Children With a Social Worker

6.1 Extended duties

Fact finding visits with school Designated Safeguarding Leads continued and concluded. They provided useful insight from a cross section of schools but did not highlight a clear focus for Virtual School intervention.

The extended role is strategic and is not to incur individual, case level, work for the Virtual School. But a small amount of individual work around attendance was again undertaken to help the Virtual School to understand the complexities of the individual cases to better impact on the wider cohort.

Three-year funding for this extension to the role of the Virtual School was expected but only one further year was announced by the DfE. This enables the Virtual School to focus on a project model but does not facilitate the appointment of additional staff on a long-term basis.

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<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 spring 2022

	Y12	Y13
College	39.5%	67.3%
School	21.8%	14.3%
Apprenticeship	0	0
Training	5.8%	0
Employment	5%	6.2%
Other	5%	4.1%
Unknown	0	0
NEET	22.7%	8.2%

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%
Q4 2021-22	19.4%	22.7%	8.2%	21.1%
Current quarter difference	+3.8%	+8.1%	-2.7%	-5.2%

*Includes ALL Y12 and Y13, even after 18th birthday

APPENDIX B - Cohort Information

Table B1 – Number of preschool CIC spring 2022

	Jan 22	Feb 22	Mar 22
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Attending settings	68	72	72
Not attending/not known	4	8	8
TOTAL	72	80	80

Table B2 – Number of school age CIC spring 2022

	Jan 22	Feb 22	Mar 22
New to care	12	12	20
Out of care	12	17	16
TOTAL	500	495	50

Table B3 – Number of Post 16 CIC spring 2022

	Jan 22	Feb 22	Mar 22
Y12	115	116	119
Y13	76	69	55
TOTAL	191	185	174

Table B4 – Number of UAS, all ages spring 2022

	Jan 22	Feb 22	Mar 22
New UAS	3	3	1
TOTAL	100	99	94

Table B5 – Designation of schools attended by CIC spring 2022

	CIC
mainstream	78%
special	10.9%
ISP	10.2%
other	0.4%

Table B6 – SEND overview by year group spring 2022

	SEND	EHCP	School type
Rec	24%	3%	100% mainstream 0 special
Y1	29%	9%	95% mainstream 6% special
Y2	32%	11%	97% mainstream 3% special
Y3	52%	24%	92% mainstream 8% special
Y4	50%	25%	87% mainstream 9% special 3% ISP
Y5	41%	24%	85% mainstream 9% special 6% ISP
Y6	61%	34%	83% mainstream 7% special



			10% ISP
Y7	60%	36%	68% mainstream 16% special 16% ISP
Y8	59%	35%	66% mainstream 10% special 24% ISP
Y9	59%	28%	74% mainstream 13% special 13% ISP
Y10	62%	43%	62% mainstream 25% special 13% ISP
Y11	44%	28%	77% mainstream 9% special 14% ISP
TOTAL	50%	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 spring 2021

University Explorers	Year 6 CIC had their first taste of university over four Saturdays. Academic sessions included Science, Philosophy, Politics and Theatre Studies.
UniversityGo! Year 7	The cohort had the first two of their sessions, both based at the University of Warwick. They focussed on Theatre and Performance and Life Sciences.



UniversityGo! Year 8	The cohort had two of their sessions. At the University of Warwick they worked with the Media and Creative Studies faculty. At Coventry University they focussed on the Patient Journey.
UniversityGo! Year 9	Policing was the focus at Coventry University, building on skills learned over the past three years of the programme.
UniversityGo!	All cohorts had the chance to participate in a shared experience day. The Alexandra Theatre hosted an immersive experience with the smash hit West End musical, School of Rock. The opportunity to explore how such shows are organised creates aspirations and raises awareness of the world of work and possibilities for our CIC.
UNlty	Student Ambassadors ran an Engineering Masterclass, providing the participants with the 'warts and all' of studying engineering at university.
Mercedes visit	Warwickshire and Coventry CIC attended a taster day at Mercedes HPP. The day was well structured, allowing time for a tour and for talking to graduates about their experiences and journeys to the point of employment. The goody bags were well received too!!
Sports Leadership Course	The four-day, Level 1 course with Sky Blues In The Community provides a nationally recognised qualification. All students also received a match day ticket for the last host game of the season at the Coventry Building Society Arena.

APPENDIX D - School Information

Table D1 – Ofsted grading for schools attended spring 2022

	Outstanding	Good	Requires Improvement	Inadequate	Not inspected
Warwickshire CIC	14.9%	71.6%	7.6%	2.8%	1.9%
National CIC	17%	66%	12%	4%	1.0%
Difference	-2.1%	+5.6%	-4.4%	-1.2%	+0.9%

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 to end of spring term 2022

Year group	Attended %	Authorised Absence %	Unauthorised Absence %	Persistent absence rate %
Reception	91.9	7.7	0.6	4.5
Year 1	92.7	7.3	0.2	4.4
Year 2	92.4	7.3	0.4	4.8
Year 3	94.7	5.3	0.1	1.6
Year 4	93.9	5.9	0.3	2.6
Year 5	94.5	5.4	0.1	2.2
Year 6	96.5	3.3	0.2	0.4
Year 7	94.1	5.2	0.8	2.9
Year 8	90.3	6.3	3.6	7.9
Year 9	81.5	10.8	7.8	16.7
Year 10	85.6	7.9	7.2	11.6
Year 11	82.4	11.0	7.2	15.3

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 spring 2022

	Jan 22	Feb 22	Mar 22
Newly off roll	2	2	1
Put on roll	2	3	4
Total off roll	10	9	5

Table D6 – in-year school moves by key stage spring 2022

	EYFS	KS1	KS2	KS3	KS4	Totals
2019-20						101
2020-21	10	10	18	26	19	83
2021-22	4	13	21	17	9	64
Spr 21	3	1	4	1	4	13
Sum 21	5	4	3	11	3	26
Aut 21	3	8	18	9	4	42
Spr 22	1	5	3	8	5	22

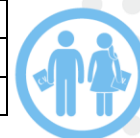


Table D7 – PP+ payments to schools

	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
Spring 2022	£295,000	£699.05	£67,040.66	£3,352.03

Table D8 – Recovery Funding

	Funding requests	Average spend per CIC
Autumn 2021	£20,139	£559.42
Spring 2022	£20,453	£409.06

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Report Title:	Warwickshire Care Leaver Offer		
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Date:	26 th April 2022		
Decisions Required	X	Endorse Recommendations	X For Information

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1.	Recommendations
2.	Purpose of Report
3.	Executive Summary
4.	Conclusions
5.	Environmental Implications
6.	Financial Implications
7.	Analysis
8.	Appendix and background reading

1.	The Recommendations of this report are:
a.	CEO's from District and Borough Councils to comment on the report and are asked to agree the proposed direction of travel with to establish a District & Borough Council Pledge for Care Leavers who live in their area, who have been in care in Warwickshire.
b.	CEO's agree to take forward the report to ensure the five pledges are deliverable for their District/Borough Council and to take this report through their organisation governance process to formally agree the pledge.
c.	If agreed by each District and Borough Council, the pledge will be signed by the Leader of each District/Borough Council and Chief Executive. We recommend the pledge is published on each Councils website. Providing a copy to the County Council who will publish the pledge upon the Warwickshire Care Leaver webpages.
d.	CEO's will delegate to an appropriate senior officer to ensure all elements of the pledge are implemented in their organisation by 31.12.2022 and the appropriate senior officer assures themselves annually that they are meeting all elements of the pledge.
2.	Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To seek agreement from Chief Executive Officers from each of the District and Borough Councils to confirm agreement to a Care Leaver Offer, as required under the Children and Social Work Act 2017. Chief Executive Officers are asked to agree:
- the pledge and commit to the five pledges for Warwickshire Care Leavers.
 - to seek appropriate agreements from elected members by taking the pledge through their governance process.
 - to ensure that officers within each district/borough Council ensure their organisation has completed and fulfilled all elements of the pledge by 31.12.2022, including any financial impact, particularly regarding the leisure passes.

- to ensure continued compliance of the pledge on an annual basis.

3. Executive Summary

- 3.1 Looking after and protecting children and young people is one of the most important jobs that Local Authorities do. Corporate parenting principles are about embedding a positive culture in the Local Authority towards Children in Care and Care Leavers. Being a Corporate Parent means doing everything possible to ensure children and young people have opportunities. We need to be ambitious for our children, supporting them to achieve and provide them with secure, nurturing, and positive experiences.
- 3.2 We have been working with District and Borough Councils in Warwickshire since 2018 regarding Corporate Parenting responsibilities implemented by the Children and Social Work Act 2017 and we know each district and borough are committed to helping our children and young people reach their full potential. District and Borough Councils agreed previously their commitment, but some elements of the offer have not come to full fruition and have not been consistent across each area of the county, which leads to differing offers for care leavers. In addition, none of the district and boroughs have published their own offer for care leavers which is requirement of the 2017 Act.
- 3.3 We have been considering further how, with your support we can together enhance the life chances of our young people. It is imperative that we work collaboratively, working together towards a shared goal of supporting our young people. We believe that we can identify common interests and shared goals, improve the co-ordination, effectiveness and efficiency of services, and increase responsiveness to the needs of young people. Engagement and discussions have occurred between Officers over the last eight months. This has resulted in some successes and some areas that have become slightly stuck. Involvement and support from Chief Executives to take forward and publish a clear offer from district and boroughs would strengthen our collective offer to our young people.
- 3.4 We have together built a simple pledge which sets out five areas that would make a significant difference to Warwickshire Care Leavers. The pledge has been established in consultation with young people and with district, borough and county officers.
- 3.5 The pledge, detailed below (appendix a) focusses on housing, training & employment and health and wellbeing. In brief the pledge seeks to improve outcomes for care experienced young people who have been in the care of Warwickshire County Council. Three areas of focus are:
- **Housing** will reduce the need for young people leaving care at 18 years old having to enter B&B or temporary accommodation and support our House Project scheme which is well regarded at supporting young people to leave care.
 - **Training and employment** opportunities within district and borough councils, seeking a commitment to offering apprenticeships to care experienced young people and provide a guaranteed interview if the young person meets the essential criteria
 - **Health and wellbeing** will provide free access to gym and discounted access to swimming, leisure classes and other activities at leisure centres. This is an area that is particularly beneficial to physical and mental health of young people, particularly as care experienced young people are overrepresented in health inequalities, mental health issues and experiencing loneliness. This area has proven difficult to completely implement previously and support is needed to fund this or work with commissioned providers to ensure the offer is implemented.

- 3.6 No one agency can meet the needs of young people and so we recognise the need for the leaving care team to support this pledge and work with district and boroughs to improve outcomes for young people. The pledge by the District and Borough Councils, if agreed will provide a clear commitment and consistent offer for care experienced young people. The pledge will complement the county offer, which includes elements we are not asking the district and boroughs to cover, such as Council Tax which the County Council have agreed to cover. The publishing of the pledge will demonstrate a clear offer, when this is tested by external bodies, including OFSTED and the National Advisor for Care Leavers during future, quality, impact and outcome inspections and audits. This will ensure we are all compliant with the regulations and requirements of the 2017 Act.

4. Conclusions

- 4.1 Most importantly, the care leaver pledge will improve the experiences of young people accessing housing, employment and their health and wellbeing. We know young people who have been in care are overrepresented with issues such as homelessness, exploitation, poverty, not engaged in employment, training or education, mental health, and physical health issues. The simple pledge of five areas that each district and borough can provide, will help our young people in Warwickshire to improve their outcomes, so they can transition positively into adulthood.

5. Analysis

Background and the journey to date

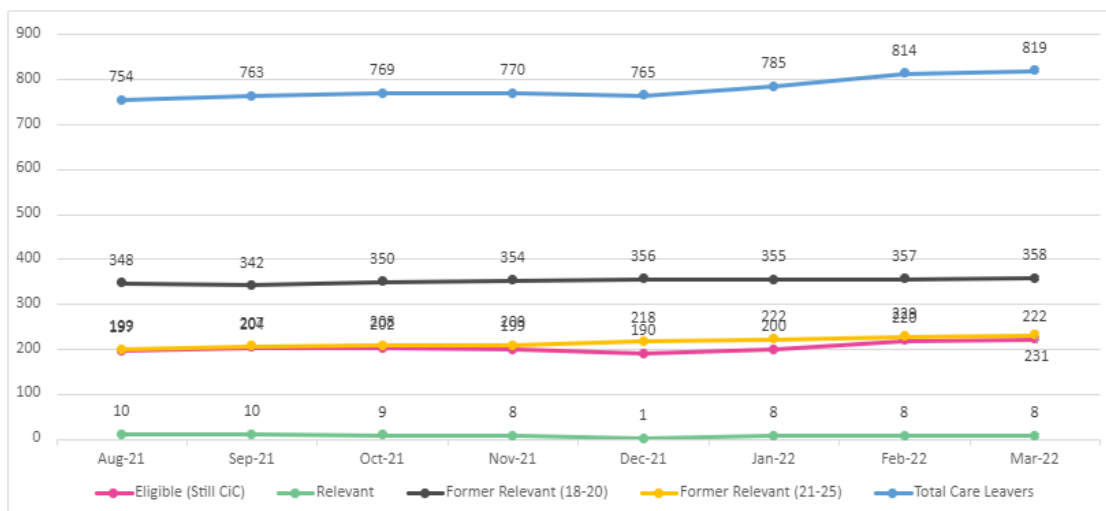
- 5.1 In 2018, Chief Executives in each district and borough agreed to contribute to the care leaver offer by funding leisure passes, with the agreement the county council will fund council tax for care leavers, as expected as a minimal offer by the Department of Education. This has progressed, although with some differences and challenges. More recently, the County Council, through the Corporate Parenting Panel have sought to work with Districts and Boroughs to review and update the offer. Including looking at how we can ensure Districts and Boroughs are supported to publish their offer as required within the Children and Social Work Act 2017. A letter was sent to Chief Executives of each of the Districts and Boroughs on 26.07.2021 setting out the issues detailed in this report. A meeting was held with representatives from each district and borough council on 22.09.21 and a dedicated Corporate Parenting Panel was held on 18.10.2021. Since this time there have been further meetings with the Heads of Housing and separately with Heads/leads for Leisure Services. The Heads of Housing have been very helpful and have agreed the direction of travel and ambition. This opened engagement with other colleagues where there has been limited progress with leisure passes. Assistance from Chief Executives is needed to resolve this and achieve an effective and consistent offer. This report and engagement has led to the development to a more simple pledge which has prioritised particular areas where have clear evidence base of need and we believe are areas that are achievable and proportionate pledges for the District and Borough Council to make to young people leaving care.

Legislation requirements.

- 5.2 The Children and Social Work Act 2017 introduces Corporate Parenting Principles which are intended to change local authority culture so that all staff and departments consider the impact of their work on children and young people for whom the local authority is the corporate parent, as well as on those under 25 who were previously in the care of a local authority.

- 5.3 **The Corporate Parenting Principles state that English local authorities (including county, district, borough and combined authorities) must ‘have regard to the need’ to take certain actions in their work for children in care and care leavers.** These are:
- (a) to act in the best interests, and promote the physical and mental health and well-being, of those children and young people;*
 - (b) to encourage those children and young people to express their views, wishes and feelings;*
 - (c) to take into account the views, wishes and feelings of those children and young people;*
 - (d) to help those children and young people gain access to, and make the best use of, services provided by the local authority and its relevant partners;*
 - (e) to promote high aspirations, and seek to secure the best outcomes, for those children and young people;*
 - (f) for those children and young people to be safe, and for stability in their home lives, relationships and education or work;*
 - (g) to prepare those children and young people for adulthood and independent living.*
- 5.4 English local authorities must publish a ‘Local Offer’ for care leavers, informing care leavers about services they provide under the [Children Act 1989](#), plus anything else they or others offer that ‘may assist care leavers in, or in preparing for, adulthood and independent living’. To date we have included district and borough offer within the whole county offer and we will continue to do this but there is a requirement for the district and boroughs to publish their own offer too. The legislation states that the areas are likely to include services related to health and well-being, relationships, education and training, employment, accommodation and participation in society.
- 5.5 The final element relates to the provision of a Personal Advisor up to the age of 25. This adds a new provision to the Children Act 1989, extending the entitlement to a Personal Advisor (PA) beyond the age of 21 to all care leavers up to 25 years old, whether or not they are in education or training. Local authorities now have a responsibility to make the offer of a PA at least once a year to care leavers, and for them to carry out a needs assessment and to prepare a pathway plan for the care leaver. To date we have found almost all our young people want to engage, in the support until the age of 25 years old. Not all elements of the offer have to be available for all ages and generally we target the offer and extend areas between 21-25 years depending on need, as we wish to encourage young people to become independent and not dependent upon the offer or support. However, there is growing trend with local authorities like North Yorkshire offering life long advice and support to care experienced young people if they require this. Usually from 21 years this is predominantly advice, information and assistance, with access to targeted financial and other support if required.
- 5.6 **Data, volume of young people, their needs and experiences.** The number of young people receiving a care leaving service as at 31st March 2022 has increased slightly to 819. Of the 819 leaving care young people, 239 are currently looked

after (allocated to the Children in Care 14-18 Team) but will be 'Eligible' for a service. In addition on 31st March 2022, there were 231 care leavers receiving a service aged 21-25, but this is predominantly advice, information and assistance when required. The type and level of service is determined by whether children were in care on their 16th birthday and the length of time in care, the different groups are referred to as eligible, relevant and former relevant.



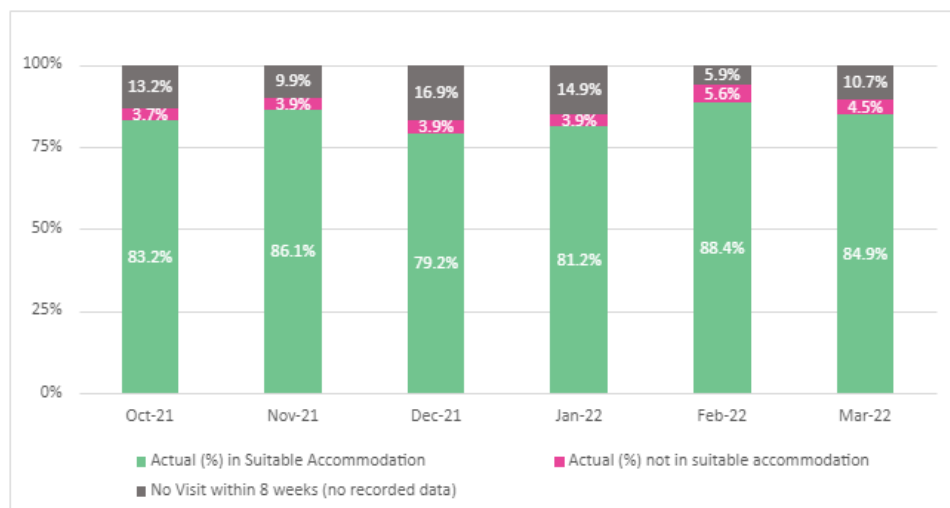
- 5.7 The location of our care experienced young people obviously does change each year but data suggests the majority at 18-25 year olds tend to live outside Warwickshire. The table below breaks down the number young people aged 18-25 accessing care leaving services was 580, with the smallest number living in the county. This information is vital as it shows the commitment needed from each of the district and boroughs varies but shows the impact of prioritising this group is much smaller for the district and borough Councils.

Area that Care Leaver currently lives in	Total Care Leavers at 30th April 2022	% Living in each area
North Warwickshire	16	2.8%
Nuneaton and Bedworth	91	15.7%
Rugby	42	7.2%
Stratford-on-Avon	20	3.4%
Warwick	76	13.1%
Out of County	335	57.8%
Grand Total	580	100%

- 5.8 The government expect local authorities to determine whether care experienced young people live in suitable accommodation. Temporary accommodation, bed & breakfast, being homeless or in prison is not deemed as suitable accommodation. The experience of young people is that when they reach 18 years old, we try to get foster carers to agree to keep children in their care. Increasing numbers of young people stay with their foster carers, this is called "staying put". However, most foster carers do not offer staying put arrangements and we need foster carers to care for other children too. Therefore, we will support young people to look at a range of options, including House Project (detailed below), supported accommodation or apply for their own tenancy. We will make applications in advance of a young person's 18th birthday but it is to common young people on their 18th birthday, leave their home (foster carers) and end up being required to present as homeless to be

prioritised. They then enter temporary accommodation or a B&B until they become a priority or a property is available. The different housing priority policies in each district and borough council then means that the priority given to care leavers can vary across the county. These experiences, particularly the use of B&B's for care experienced young people is widely recognised as not good enough for young people and is one of the reasons why we have in March 2022 4.5% of young people living in unsuitable accommodation.

- 5.9 A lot of focused work by all councils has improved other housing issues. Our House Project is an example of this. The House Project was established by Warwickshire, on behalf of the DfE in 2018. A model that originated from Stoke on Trent. Young people leave care and move to their own accommodation. Prior to this they become part of small community of other young people who prepare and plan their move out of care to maintain their own tenancy. The house project community provide practical and emotional support to young people. As a result, in Warwickshire all young people have been supported to maintain their tenancy to date. All councils in Warwickshire have supported this project and agree it is successful. However, the difficulty is access to suitable accommodation. We have a strategy to source accommodation that includes from private landlords, through our Warwickshire Property Company and a request that each district and borough commit to provide five properties every 12 months to the house project. It is through these schemes we have been able to improve housing for young people but there is more we can do to reduce the number if young people who experience homelessness.



The District and Borough Offer

- 5.10 Through discussions with officers and young people the use of a simple pledge has been established, which mirrors a number other County Councils, where the full offer is published by the County and district/boroughs have a clear commitment to care experienced young people. Details of each area of the pledge and reasons to include this in the pledge are detailed below.

One Warwickshire way to prioritise care experienced young people for housing

- 5.11 As you are aware applicants under the age of 21 years who were in the care of the Local Authority while aged 16/17 years have a priority need for housing. We fully appreciate that there are several other priority groups that also have to be considered and provided with accommodation, however we are keen to ensure that there is a consistent approach across the county when our care experienced young people have a need for housing. We think by working together we could improve our joint approach so that we do not experience a situation where our young people are either homeless or residing in

inappropriate/unsuitable accommodation.

Reduce the need for emergency accommodation at 18 years.

- 5.12 Local systems should not involve care leavers routinely being treated as homeless when care placements come to an end at 18 years. By working together housing authorities and children's services can better ensure that as a corporate parent appropriate accommodation and support is available to care leavers. We are aware and welcome that the Joint Housing Protocol has recently been updated and there are plans to offer training across agencies in respect of this. We wonder if this is a real opportunity for the county council, districts and borough to fully embrace the joint protocol, working together as corporate parents to ensure the needs of our young people are met, enabling them to plan for their future with a sense of security.

Commitment to providing accommodation to the House Project

- 5.13 Since we established and joined the National House Project in 2018, we have had great success in supporting our young people to move into their own properties with peer and professional support. Initially we worked closely with Nuneaton and Bedworth who have supported us by offering properties for several of our young people. This has expanded and we have worked alongside Rugby & Warwick to support young people moving into their accommodation. This proven programme of work and support is an area that we are keen to see develop across the county and we would ask for your support to develop this further by considering the allocation of properties. We would encourage you to visit the house project, hear about the great work that they do and meet the young people who are a part of this. We promise that you will leave feeling inspired and wanting to be a part of something that can help young people meet their full potential.

Commit to providing apprenticeships for care experienced young people, guaranteeing an interview.

- 5.14 We have been very successful in the County Council in promoting apprenticeship opportunities for our care experienced young people. Three care experienced young people who successfully completed apprenticeships with social care have gone on to gain full time employment within the County Council. A further two young people who have nearly completed their apprenticeships with The House Project have secured offers at university for the coming academic year. We are very proud of what our young people have achieved, which has been helped by care leavers having a guarantee of an interview, within Warwickshire County Council. We would respectfully request that this is extended across the districts and borough councils, so that we can continue to support our young people to gain meaningful employment and take the first steps on the career ladder. We have excellent careers officers within the Corporate Parenting Service who can support our young people throughout their apprenticeships, so you won't be alone in offering support.

Commit to fund free gym passes for young people and provide a discount for swimming and other leisure classes.

- 5.15 There have over the years been many discussions with leisure lead officers and the third party leisure provider in each area. It was agreed that concessionary membership rates for care leavers up to the age of 21 would be provided, but these were different in each district/borough.
- Stratford – Everyone Active provide full years membership use of the Fitness Suite, Swimming Pools and group exercise at £199.90 per year. This is required to be paid in full on application.
 - Warwick - Everyone Active provide full years membership use of the Fitness Suite, Swimming Pools and group exercise at £199.90 per year. This is required to be paid in full on application.

- Nuneaton & Bedworth - Everyone Active provide swim pass only at £20 per month, or swim & gym £25.25 (duplicating the student rate).
- Rugby – Better provide package at £26.80 per month (full access to gym, swim, & sauna).
- North Warks Borough Council – Lifetimes provide gym and swim & classes, free of charge for care experienced young people for 12 months.

5.16 A meeting was held in January 2022 with officers responsible for leisure but overall they felt without agreement from Chief Executives they were unable to provide the same service. At this time, funding for these concessionary memberships for 4/5 district and boroughs has been covered by the County Council as we were unable to achieve full free provision as intended in 2018. We can not continue this and fund the Council Tax, which in many other areas is also provided by district and borough Councils. We would ask district and borough Councils to discuss with their leisure provider to cover these costs for Warwickshire care experienced young people.

Levelling Up

5.17 Our approach to the care leaver offer is to address the inequalities experienced by care experienced young people, which fits well with the levelling up agenda. We also seek to support care experienced young people learn to budget and live independently. For example, we reduce funding and support as young people become older. We provide an incentive of £25 for care leavers up to the age of 21 who complete a full year of accessing the gym or leisure centre and this then helps and encourages young people to continue to budget and pay for this themselves. This model is working to relieve the financial burden of living independently at such a young age and helping young people learn new skills to live independently.

Getting ahead of the curve- Should we offer the pledge to all young people or just Warwickshire young people?

5.18 Many district and borough Councils are widening their offer further. For example, there is work being undertaken across the West Midlands to establish a regional offer for care experienced young people. Through this work and examples in other areas some Councils as part of their commitment to care experienced young people are extending their offer and approach to all care experienced young people living in their area, regardless of whether they originated from being in care in Warwickshire or from another local authority. It is likely in the future this may be a requirement, but this is not currently the case. There is no known reliable data on how many care experienced young people live in Warwickshire from other areas.

Publishing each district and borough councils care experienced offer.

5.17 Warwickshire have a reputation for their excellent “Local Offer” for care experienced young people. We are committed to ensuring that young people know their entitlements. It can be easy to assume that they have been made aware of these and along with the Warwickshire County Council “Local Offer” we hope you will share your own care experienced offer for our young people via your website. We have a website and social media pages for care experienced young people and if agreed we will publish the pledge upon these pages.

6. Environmental Implications

6.1 No environmental implications have been identified.

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1** Overall the cost of these proposals is predominantly free but asking that care experienced young people are prioritised by revises policy and processes. However, there is a financial impact, particularly by the leisure passes as this reduces the income for leisure providers. Through contract management or through funding the indication is this will need to be resolved by each district and borough not providing free access to leisure services already.

9. Appendix and other links

You may also find the following links useful ahead of the meeting -

[Care Leavers - Local Offer \(warwickshire.gov.uk\)](http://warwickshire.gov.uk)

[Care Leavers - Local Offer \(Nottinghamshire county council\) - Good Practice Example](#)

[LGA Corporate Parenting Resource Pack](#)

Appendix A – Proposed Draft.

The Warwickshire District & Borough Council Pledge

We understand that being in care and leaving care isn't always easy and that it can bring extra challenges and pressures for children and young people.

If we are going to get it right for you we need to make a real difference to help you do your best and have success in your life.

Our pledge to you includes several things we will do that will help make sure that your time in care and leaving care is a positive experience.

North Warwickshire Borough Council, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, Stratford-upon-Avon District Council, Warwick District Council and Rugby Borough Council, in partnership with Warwickshire County Council all agree, as champions for children in care and care experienced young people pledge to:

- 1. Provide one Warwickshire way to prioritise care experienced young people for housing.**
- 2. Reduce the need for emergency accommodation at 18 years, in partnership with Leaving Care Team.**
- 3. Provide a set quota of social housing accommodation to the House Project on an annual rolling basis.**
- 4. Provide apprenticeships for care experienced young people, guaranteeing an interview.**
- 5. Provide free leisure activities for care experienced young people living within the Borough/District for 12 months.**

Elected Members and Senior Officers within the District and Borough Council will act as your champion. We will.....

- be the best Corporate Parents we can be;
- keep a check on and test to see if the promises in the Pledge are being kept
- take action where we are not doing good enough
- use the Corporate Parenting Panel to improve circumstances for children looked after and care experienced young people
- support Elected Members to lead the way and make life better for children who are looked after in Warwickshire

There is a commitment to fulfil this pledge by 31.12.2022 and sustain the pledge thereafter until further reviews which will be undertaken annually.

Endorsed by Full Council and signed by the Lead Elected Member and Chief Executive Officer.

808
Children in Care

A decrease of
14 Children in Care
since March 2022

Children in Care Placement Type

WCC Foster Carer (inc Family and Friends carers)
335 children (41.5%); which is the same number as at the end of 31st March 2022.

Placed for Adoption
12 children (1.5%) of all CiC at 30 April; an increase of 2 CiC since 31st March 2022

Agency Foster Carer
202 CiC (25.0%); a decrease of 9 children since 31/03/2022

Residential Establishment
84 children (10.4%); which is the same number of CiC placed in residential as at 31/03/2022

No. Children in Care - Monthly trend

	Nov 21	Dec 21	Jan 22	Feb 22	Mar 22	Apr 22
ALL CiC (Including Asylum Seekers)	868	- 13	- 22	- 5	- 6	- 14 808
ALL CiC (Excluding Asylum Seekers)	759	- 12	- 13	- 4	- 2	- 6 722

At 30 April 2022, Warwickshire's Children in Care population decreased by 14 to 808, whilst the no. of CiC excluding asylum seekers also decreased by 6 to 722.

670 CiC target for 2022/23 **670**

Legal Status of Children in Care as at 30 April 2022

54.1% (437) of CiC are on a **Full Care Order**; this is an increase of 1.2% (2 CiC) since 31/3/2022

14.4% (116) of CiC are on an **Interim Care Order**; this is a decrease of 0.7% (8 CiC) since the end of March 2022.

4.0% (32) of CiC are on a **Placement Order**; this is the same number of CiC subject to a PO as at 31/3/2022.

27.6% (223) of CiC are subject to **S20 Accommodation**; this is a decrease of 0.5% (8 children) since 31st March 2022.

Leaving Care Activity Status

As at 30 April 2022, of those Relevant and Former Relevant Care Leavers (aged 16 - 21) ...

87.6% had a contact within the last 8 weeks

81.8% were in suitable accommodation

55.9% were in EET (Employment, Education & Training)

CiC out of county as at 31st March 2022

22.2% (183) 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'

34 children in care were missing (61 missing episodes)

During April 2022 there were **61 episodes** of a child missing or away from their placement without authorisation. This related to **34 individual children** with **11 children** having multiple missing episodes during the month.

Gender

61.8% (499) Male

38.1% (308) Female

1 'Indeterminate'

Ethnicity

1/4 (24.0%) of Children in Care (Including Asylum Seekers) are **Minority Ethnic (194)**;

76.0% (614) are of White ethnicity

Allocated Team

10.6% (86) of Children in Care are Unaccompanied Asylum Seekers

7.5% (61) are allocated to the Children with Disability teams

24.6% (199) are allocated to the CiC 14-18 Years Team

82.1% of Children in Care at 30 April 2022 have had a 'completed' health assessment in the last 12 months

Age breakdown of the 808 children

4.0% (32) 0 years old	15.3% (124) aged 1 - 4	16.2% (131) aged 5 - 9	36.6% (296) aged 10 - 15	27.8% (225) aged 16 - 17
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% of CiC accommodated during the month (who remained accommodated) and who had their IHA within 20 working days (Monthly trend)

Month	%
Oct	24.9%
Nov	0.0%
Jan	27.8%
Feb	36.4%
Mar	39.1%
Apr	TBC

Short Term / Long Term Placement Stability of Children in Care as at 30 April 2022

Category	Warwickshire	National Average (2021)
Short Term	13.2%	9%
Long Term	64.0%	70%

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