

Children's Services Corporate Parenting  
Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Panel  
3 April 2012

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councillor Anne Rey - Chair and Councillor Allister Russell.

**NON-ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ella Christopher	Action for Children
Janice Gilkes	Primary Phase Parent Governor
Ted Taylor	Virtual School Governing Body
Fiona Haughey	Deputy Chief Operating Officer - Bournemouth and Poole Community Health Services

2 CLICK Members

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Gill Bishop	Service Manager, Family Support & Placement Services
Kim Drake	Service Director, Children's Social Care
Hilary Evans	Strategy Leader - Vulnerable Groups, Children's Learning and Engagement
Penny Earney	Looked After Children's Nurse
Lisa Male	Looked After Children Participation Worker



The meeting started at 4.40pm and finished at 6.30 pm.

Note: To see a copy of the public reports that were considered by the Panel at this meeting please visit:

<http://www.bournemouth.gov.uk/CouncilDemocracy/Councillors/BoardsPanels/CorporateParentingPanel.aspx>

Please note that the next meeting of the Corporate Parenting Panel is scheduled to take place at the Littledown Youth Centre at 4.30 pm on Tuesday 3 July 2012.

It is recommended that you check this information with Democratic Services closer to the scheduled date of the next meeting in case the arrangements have been changed.

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Item 1	11	Public	Membership of Panel	<p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Chris Wakefield - Vice-Chair, Councillor Malcolm Davies, Councillor Susan Phillips, Councillor Nicola Greene - Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Education and Children's Services, and Lesley Bond and Helen Hartnell, Foster Carer representatives.</p> <p>The Panel noted that they were inquorate. However, no decisions were to be taken by the Panel at the meeting and members agreed to refer any recommendations to the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Panel.</p> <p>Councillor Blair Crawford had resigned from the Panel, following his appointment as Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care. Councillor Allister Russell was requested to contact the Conservative Party Secretary to arrange for the appointment of a Councillor to the Panel.</p> <p>Councillor Nicola Greene replaced Councillor Barry Goldbart as the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Education and Children's Services.</p>
Item 2	12	Public	Declarations of Interest	There were no declarations made of any personal or prejudicial interests.
Item 3	13	Public	Public Speaking	No requests to speak were received.
Item 4	14	Public	Minutes of the Previous Meeting	<p>The minutes of the meeting held on 10 January 2012 were agreed for signing by the Chair.</p> <p>The Chair congratulated participants of the Young Achievers' Awards which were featured in the local press.</p>
Item 6	15	Public	Corporate Parenting Strategy -	The Panel noted the following suggestions by CLICK members for inclusion in the format of the Corporate Parenting Strategy, in order to

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			<p>Presentation from Lisa Male, Looked After Children Participation Worker, and CLICK members.</p>	<p>make it more digestible for young people:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A basic introductory summary.</li> <li>• A colour coded 'rainbow' diagram explaining the layers of the Council relevant to Corporate Parenting.</li> <li>• A summary of the responsibilities of Corporate Parents.</li> </ul> <p>CLICK members reported on the methods for getting this information to young people, via the Council's website and the CLICK website, which would be launched shortly.</p> <p>The Service Manager FS/PS, commended the quality of the suggestions made by CLICK members and highlighted the opportunity to link up the roles of different business units across the Council in their responsibility as Corporate Parents. A number of suggested amendments were made and noted by the Panel.</p> <p>Whilst the Council had negotiated 40% off leisure services for young people through BH Live, the Panel noted a long term goal of providing free leisure services.</p> <p>In response to a suggestion made by a Community Representative, the CLICK members highlighted their three main priorities for the responsibilities of Corporate Parents:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To make sure every Corporate Parent wants the best outcomes for us.</li> <li>2. To make sure all areas of the Council consider us when making changes to a service they offer.</li> </ol>

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				<p>3. To make sure they make a positive difference to our lives.</p> <p>The Service Manager FS/PS reported that the Corporate Parenting Strategy would be considered by the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 12 April 2012 before consideration by Cabinet for approval in May. The Panel encouraged CLICK members to attend the Cabinet meeting if they were available.</p>
Item 8	16	Public	<p>The Health and Well-Being of Looked After Children - Presentation from Fiona Haughey, Associate Director, Children and Families, Pan Dorset.</p>	<p>The Panel noted the health services provided for looked after children and received an overview in the following areas:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promoting good health.</li> <li>• Health Care Plans.</li> <li>• Family history.</li> <li>• Statutory Health Assessments.</li> <li>• The NHS 'Where's your head at' website.</li> <li>• Local Priorities.</li> </ul> <p>The Panel considered a number of questions relating to the performance of the looked after Children and Young People Health Service and the following was noted:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Health Assessments - are we getting this right? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CLICK members suggested that a more digestible version of the assessment forms would encourage more young people to be actively involved in drafting and reading them.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Are Young People happy being seen in their placement? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The service offer to meet young people wherever they feel comfortable.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CLICK members suggested that the location of the review was less important, as long as young people had the opportunity to be alone with the nurse and to speak freely.</li> <li>• The Panel requested further information on placement changes for a future meeting.</li> </ul> <p>3. Is there scope to consider drop in session to access health advice?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Panel considered drop in sessions a useful way of supporting young people with concerns relating to their health.</li> <li>• CLICK members suggested that hosting a drop in session in a young person's environment, such as a youth centre would be more successful than in a clinic setting.</li> </ul> <p>4. Is the Service Audit tool enough in seeking young people, social workers and carers' views?/Is there another preferred audit approach to getting young peoples' views?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Panel considered that immediate feedback was often more effective than an annual audit.</li> <li>• The Looked After Children Participation Worker highlighted a number of methods where by young peoples' views could be obtained, through postcard questionnaires, tick box exercise and anonymous electronic voting.</li> </ul>
Item 9	17	Public	Meeting Dates 2012	<p>The Panel noted the following meeting dates during 2012:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuesday 3 July</li> <li>• Tuesday 2 October</li> </ul> <p>All meetings were scheduled to take place at Littledown Youth Centre, 4.30 - 6:30pm.</p>

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Item 10	18	Public	Future Business	The Panel were informed of the two items to be discussed at the next meeting of the Corporate Parenting Panel as follows:-  <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. CLICK report on its third annual audit of professional performance against The Promise.</li><li>2. Presentation - Education, Employment and Training for looked after young people and care leavers.</li></ol>