

# Notice of Corporate Parenting Panel Meeting

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**Monday 5 June 2017 at 5:00pm**

**Royal Hampshire Committee Room, Town  
Hall, Bournemouth**

**Panel Members:**

**Elected Members:**

Councillor Nicola Greene	Cabinet Member with portfolio for Education and Children's Services - Chair
Councillor Bobbie Dove	Member of Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Panel – Vice-Chair
Councillor Rae Stollard	Member Champion for Children and Young People
Councillor Michael Weinhonig	Member of Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel
Councillor Blair Crawford	Member of Fostering/Adoption Panel
Councillor Lynda Price	Member of Fostering/Adoption Panel

**Non-Elected Members:**

Sue Ross	Service Director, Children's Social Care
Lisa Male	Looked After Children Participation Worker
And	CLICK Members

Minimum number of elected members required to attend – quorum – 3  
members

Note to elected members: All members serving on this Panel are required to  
have a valid Disclosure and Barring Service check. Please bear this in mind if  
you are considering substituting for this Panel. Please contact Democratic  
Services at an early stage for advice if you are unsure about this.

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# Agenda

## Items for discussion with the Press and Public Excluded\*

\*NOTE: In relation to the items of business appearing below, the Panel is asked to consider the following resolution: -

That under section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 in part I of schedule 12A of the Act and that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs such interest in disclosing the information.

NOTE: Timings are approximate and subsequent agenda items may run later than scheduled depending on the number of public items received.

### 1. MEMBERSHIP OF PANEL

The Democratic Services Officer will report on the membership of the Panel with any apologies for absence.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are asked to declare in accordance with Procedure Rule 5:

- a. any disclosable pecuniary interests in any item under consideration at the meeting as required by the Localism Act 2011;
- b. any memberships of outside bodies where such membership involves a position of control or significant influence on the organisation concerned;

Members are also asked to state fully the nature of the interest(s). If any member has a query on any particular matter, please contact the Deputy Head of Democracy in advance of the meeting.

5.00pm – 5.05pm

### 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING AND ACTIONS – circulated at '3'.

- a. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 27 February 2017.

- b. To consider the outstanding actions arising from previous meetings

5.05pm – 5.10pm

#### **4. ITEMS CIRCULATED TO MEMBERS FOR INFORMATION**

The following items have been circulated by email to members for information.

- **Performance data** – Lead Officer
- **Number of Social Workers for Children in Care** – Lead Officer

If Members have any comments or questions on these items please could these be emailed to the Democratic Services Officer at the details above by Friday 2 June.

Members will be asked to confirm whether further work is required on these items and the agreed method for this to take place.

5.10pm – 5.15pm

#### **5. CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE RESTRUCTURE UPDATE**

To receive a verbal update on progress made in implementing a "pod" system and projected impact on caseloads across the workforce.

5.15pm – 5.30pm

#### **6. CLICK PRESENTATION**

To receive a presentation from CLICK members on the key issues and experiences of looked after children and care leavers in relation to the theme.

5.30pm – 6.40pm

#### **7. SUFFICIENCY**

To discuss Bournemouth's commissioning strategy for placements in and out of the borough and planning for demand and provision over the next 3 years.

6.40pm – 7.00pm

#### **8. DEVELOPMENT OF IN-HOUSE SUPPORTED LODGINGS**

To discuss the work currently underway to develop in-house supported lodgings and sufficiency for Separated Children Seeking Accommodation.

## **9. WORK PROGRAMME**

To consider the forward work programme of the panel with a view to agreeing priorities and confirming dates for forthcoming items. Circulated at '9'.

## **10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

To consider any other business of which prior notice has been received and by special circumstances, which shall be specified in the minutes, the Chair is of the opinion that the items should be considered as a matter of urgency.

### **DESCRIPTION OF EXEMPT INFORMATION**

Paragraph 1 – Information relating to any individual

Paragraph 2 – Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual

**Corporate Parenting  
Panel  
27 February 2017**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councillor Nicola Greene (Deputy Leader) - Chair; Councillor Bobbie Dove - Vice-Chair; Councillors Blair Crawford and Michael Weinhonig.

**NON-ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Lisa Male                                      Participation Worker, Children's Social Care  
CLICK Members

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Mike Felstead                                (Lead Officer, Corporate Parenting Panel) Service Manager -  
Quality Assurance and Safeguarding  
Rachel Gravett                                (Lead Officer, In-House Fostering Task and Finish Group)  
Children's Commissioner, Community Learning and  
Commissioning  
Suzie Levett                                    Virtual School Headteacher, Children and Young People  
Tracey Tomlin                                 Post-16 Looked After Children and Care Leaver Lead,  
Children and Young People  
Leval Haughton-James                      Post-16 Education Caseworker, Children and Young People

**FROM THE DORSET CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP:**

Penny Earney                                 Designated Nurse, Looked After Children

**FROM BOURNEMOUTH UNIVERSITY:**

Dr Vanessa Heaslip                         Faculty of Health and Social Sciences

The meeting started at pm and finished at 17:03pm.

The meeting was adjourned from pm until 19:12pm.

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

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Please note that the next meeting of the Corporate Parenting Panel is scheduled to take place on the 5 June 2017.

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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Agenda Item / Report No.	Minute No.	Matter Considered	Decisions Made
Item 1	1	<p><b>MEMBERSHIP OF THE PANEL</b></p> <p>The Panel were informed that no apologies were received.</p> <p>The Panel was informed that Mike Felstead, Service Manager, Quality Assurance and Safeguarding was confirmed as the Lead Officer for the Corporate Parenting Panel.</p>	
Item 2	2	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b></p> <p>There were none.</p>	
Item 3	3	<p><b>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 28 NOVEMBER 2017</b></p>	<p>The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.</p>
	4	<p><b>EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC</b></p> <p>That the press and public be excluded for the following items of business under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 as they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.</p>	<p>To exclude the press and public.</p>
Item 4	5	<p><b>HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH UPDATE</b></p> <p>The Designated Nurse for Looked After Children reported on Bournemouth's performance in key areas compared with Poole and Dorset, which included:</p> <p><b>Emotional Health and Wellbeing Nurses for Looked After Children</b> - The Panel was informed that the Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group continued to invest</p>	

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		<p>significant resources into commissioning health and mental health services for children in care and care leavers. As part of this, Bournemouth was the first area nationally to have recruited its own emotional health and wellbeing nurses for looked after children.</p> <p><b>Initial Health Assessments (IHA)</b> - Bournemouth was performing very well, having completed 100% of its IHA's within a target of 20 working days. This meant that the physical and emotional health needs of children entering care were identified, planned for and screened by a specialist nursing team within the first 12 weeks of entering care.</p> <p><b>Review Health Assessments (RHA's)</b> - The Panel acknowledged that the overall performance in Dorset was improving. The Designated Nurse for Looked After Children reported on RHA's which were not completed on time, which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the number of Refusals;</li> <li>• RHA's that were out of the Bournemouth area;</li> <li>• RHA's that were cancelled by a carer; and,</li> <li>• RHA's that were rearranged to another date in the best interest of the child or young person.</li> </ul> <p><b>Emotional Health and Wellbeing (EHWB)</b> - The EHWB pathway was being completed which aimed to promote good EHWB for looked after children and young people by working across agencies. The new role of EHWB nurses within the looked after child health team was to be identified within the pathway to aid communication, responsibilities and functions and referral to and from Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services.</p>	
Item 5	6	<b>IN-HOUSE FOSTERING TASK AND FINISH GROUP</b>	To include an item on the forward plan to

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		<p>The Panel considered a report from a task and finish group which aimed to increase the number of foster carers employed by the authority.</p> <p>The recommendations included a revision of the authority's scheme of fees and charges and the introduction of a dedicated website for foster carers.</p> <p>Members of the Panel asked a number of questions and the discussion included the following key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The market for foster carers was very competitive.</li> <li>• There was no nationally recognised guidance for a scheme of fees and charges for foster carers. The authority therefore conducted its own research of other 'good' authorities in the task and finish group. 'Good authorities' were determined by officers as those known to perform well in this area.</li> <li>• Foster carers and staff within the Fostering Team were consulted on the proposed scheme of fees and charges.</li> <li>• The proposed scheme of fees and charges was to be flexible enough to attract more foster carers.</li> </ul> <p>The Panel endorsed the recommendations within the report and sought to conduct a review of the revised scheme of fees and charges a year after its implementation.</p> <p>The Cabinet Members for Education and Children's Services and Adult Social Care undertook to consult the relevant officers on the recommendation to introduce a dedicated website for foster carers.</p>	<p>consider the effectiveness of the revised scheme of fees and charges a year after its implementation.</p> <p>For the Cabinet Members for Education and Children's Services and Adult Social Care to consult the relevant officers on the recommendation to introduce a dedicated website for foster carers.</p>
Item 6	7	<b>CLICK PRESENTATION</b>	



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		<p>The Panel received a presentation from CLICK Members highlighting the experiences of looked after children and care leavers in relation to education and future planning.</p> <p><b>Missing school -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attendance at school was generally poorer for looked after children.</li> <li>• Attendance at Personal Education Planning (PEP) meetings sometimes disrupted attendance at school, as these were usually held during school hours and didn't always run concurrently with lessons.</li> </ul> <p><b>Bullying -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Looked after children were more likely to be bullied because of their status as a looked after child.</li> <li>• Frequently moving to a different home within the care system made it harder for the child to assimilate with their peers and can lead to bullying.</li> <li>• Not enough support was given to looked after children, as schools often focussed on resolving the dispute and addressing the behaviour of the bully rather than supporting the victim.</li> <li>• Bullying led to lower school attendance or the looked after child leaving the school entirely.</li> </ul> <p><b>Lack of support -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Looked after children didn't always have access to tutors.</li> <li>• Social workers didn't always act on their promises.</li> <li>• Looked after children didn't get enough support for future planning.</li> <li>• The level of support depended on whichever school a looked after child attended.</li> </ul> <p><b>Future planning -</b></p>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Looked after children needed more guidance on future planning than their peers, as they often had no support within a traditional familial environment.</li> <li>• There was a need to provide future planning guidance at an early enough age for a looked after child to make informed decisions about their GCSE's.</li> <li>• There was a lack of clarity about whose responsibility it was for the provision of future planning support e.g. social worker, education worker or foster carer?</li> <li>• CLICK Members expressed a desire to include future planning discussions within PEP meetings.</li> <li>• CLICK Members suggested that there be an annual 'information day' event, where care leavers could support children in care with advice.</li> </ul> <p><b>Personal Education Planning (PEP) meetings -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PEP meetings weren't timed to synchronise with lessons at school. This drew unnecessary attention to looked after children when they had to leave lessons early to attend PEP meetings.</li> <li>• PEP meetings were sometimes a negative experience for looked after children when professionals focussed on the areas for improvement. CLICK Members suggested that PEP meetings should use a "feedback sandwich" method for containing the negative aspects within positive feedback.</li> <li>• There was a lack of an audit trail between PEP meetings to ensure that any actions were followed up before the next meeting.</li> </ul>	
Item 7	8	<p><b>CARE LEAVERS RESEARCH STEERING PROGRAMME</b></p> <p>Dr Vanessa Heaslip of the Faculty of Health and Social Sciences, Bournemouth University explained that a significant sum of funding had been invested in the programme from Fair Access Funds at Bournemouth University. The project is a collaboration between Bournemouth University and Bournemouth, Poole and Dorset</p>	For the Lead Officer to provide feedback to the Fostering Team Manager of the need for future planning

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		<p>Virtual Schools to improve the opportunities for children in care and care leavers to consider their future careers.</p> <p>Although the number of applications and subsequent enrolments to Bournemouth University from looked after children and care leavers was high compared with the rest of the UK, more work needed to be done. The programme partnership had interviewed a range of stakeholders through focus groups across Dorset and sought the views of Panel Members and CLICK.</p> <p>CLICK Members highlighted the need for access to information and support for looked after children for them to make informed decisions about their future. The Panel acknowledged that information resources such as 'Connexions' and the Careers Service would not continue and that the provision of career planning support in schools was not consistent. In light of this, the Panel was informed that the programme partnership intended to work with media students at Bournemouth University to develop an online information resource for looked after children.</p> <p>CLICK Members expressed a desire to engage in a focus group with the programme partnership as part of the development of the programme with stakeholders.</p> <p>The Lead Officer, Corporate Parenting Panel undertook to feedback to the Fostering Team Manager of the need for future planning support to start earlier.</p>	support to start earlier.
Item 8	9	<p><b>PROGRESS AND ATTAINMENT OF PUPILS ATTENDING BOURNEMOUTH VIRTUAL SCHOOL FOR LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN</b></p> <p>The Virtual School Headteacher outlined local and national trends concerned with looked after children in education and highlighted the challenges with Special</p>	For the Virtual School Headteacher to consult CLICK Members on their views further, following the meeting.

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		<p>Educational Needs (SEN), 'Early Years' and the impact of poor school attendance during key academic milestones (e.g. Key Stage 1 or GCSE's).</p> <p>The Panel noted that coming into care during early years was chaotic and any disruption led to big gaps in learning. Additionally, poor school attendance had a major impact on educational outcomes and was particularly damaging during GCSE's.</p> <p>The Virtual School Headteacher acknowledged a number of challenges in relation to evaluating the performance of virtual schools, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The small size of looked after child cohorts reduced the effectiveness of using data analysis to evaluate performance. In particular, SEN outcomes significantly skewed the combined statistics.</li> <li>• Disparities between the different software systems and ways of working in schools made tracking the progress of a child difficult.</li> </ul> <p>The Panel were informed of the ongoing work to improve school attendance and educational outcomes for children in care, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Caseworkers were liaising closely with schools to support children in care, which also meant that the Virtual School was able to track the progress of a looked after child better.</li> <li>• Caseworkers were providing additional support for interview techniques and assistance with résumés.</li> <li>• Training was undertaken at Teacher Training Colleges to improve teachers' understanding of children in care.</li> </ul> <p>CLICK Members asked about the support that was available to children in care who were incompatible with a mainstream educational environment. The Virtual School Headteacher explained that, because children in care were vulnerable, it was not</p>	

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		<p>considered suitable for them to be educated at home. The Panel noted that the Pupil Premium was being used to fund tuition where it was required.</p> <p>The Panel highlighted the importance of communicating directly with governors, schools, social workers, education workers and any other related agencies to prevent duplication.</p> <p>The Virtual School Headteacher undertook to consult CLICK Members on their views further, following the meeting.</p> <p>The Chair of the Corporate Parenting Panel thanked all those in attendance.</p>	

## Action Sheet - Corporate Parenting Panel

## Recommendation:

1. That the Panel consider and update the action points as appropriate

Minute number	Item and Relevant Officer	Action* *Items remain until action completed.	Outcome and Benefit ✓
Actions arising from Panel Meeting: <a href="#">27 February 2017</a>			
6	In-House Fostering Task and Finish Group  Democratic Services Officer	To include an item on the forward plan to consider the effectiveness of the revised scheme of fees and charges a year after its implementation.	Item added to the work programme with a meeting date to be scheduled
		For the Cabinet Members for Education and Children's Services and Adult Social Care to consult the relevant officers on the recommendation to introduce a dedicated website for foster carers.	
8	Care Leavers Research Steering Programme  CPP Lead Officer	For the Lead Officer to provide feedback to the Fostering Team Manager of the need for future planning support to start earlier.	
9	Progress & Attainment of Pupils Attending Bournemouth Virtual School for LAC	For the Virtual School Headteacher to consult CLICK Members on their views further, following the meeting.	

Minute number	Item and Relevant Officer	Action*	Outcome and Benefit ✓
	Virtual School Headteacher	*Items remain until action completed.	
<b>Actions arising from Panel Meeting: <a href="#">28 November 2016</a></b>			
24	Housing provision for looked after children and care leavers	To provide an update to the Panel on the progress of a trial deposit scheme for LAC residing in private rented accommodation.	To help looked after children afford the initial costs of private renting.
	Director for Housing and Communities	To consult with CLICK Members as part of an internal review of the 'Supported Lodgings' service.	To address some of the concerns raised by CLICK Members in relation to supported lodgings.
		To invite the Participation Worker, Children's Social Care and CLICK Members to attend a future meeting of the Housing Operational Group.	
	Housing provision for looked after children and care leavers	To include an item on the Corporate Parenting Panel's work programme for the Panel to consider supported lodgings in greater detail at a future meeting.	Item added to the agenda for the meeting on 5 June 2017.
	Democratic Services		
<b>Actions arising from Panel Meeting: <a href="#">5 September 2016</a></b>			
14	Fostering	To include an item on the work programme for the Panel to consider the high turnover of social workers.	
	Democratic Services		

Minute number	Item and Relevant Officer	Action*	Outcome and Benefit ✓
	<b>Fostering</b>  Service Director, Children's Social Care	*Items remain until action completed.  To conduct a broad report about workforce issues relating to high staff turnover for social workers and its impact on foster care.	





Panel Meeting Date: 5 June 2017

## SUFFICIENCY AND FOSTERING

Item Title	Reason for Item	Lead Officer(s)/Member(s)
CLICK Presentation	To receive a presentation from CLICK members on the key issues and experiences of looked after children and care leavers in relation to the theme.	CLICK Members
Children's Social Care restructure - verbal update	To receive an update on progress made in implementing a "pod" system and projected impact on caseloads across the workforce.	Sue Ross, Service Director, Children's Social Care
Sufficiency	For the Panel to discuss Bournemouth's commissioning strategy for placements in and out of the borough and planning for demand and provision over the next 3 years.	Rachel Gravett - Children's Commissioner, Community Learning and Commissioning
Development of In-House Supported Lodgings	To discuss the work currently underway to develop in-house support lodgings and sufficiency for unaccompanied asylum seeking children.	

Panel Meeting Date: 4 September 2017

## PERMANENCY

Item Title	Reason for Item	Lead Officer(s)/Member(s)
CLICK Presentation	To receive a presentation from CLICK members on the key issues and experiences of looked after children and care leavers in relation to the theme.	CLICK Members
Permanency	To discuss the Council's decision making on permanency and how clearly this is communicated to a child in care.	
Regional Adoption Agency - Verbal Update	To receive an update on the progress of the Regional Adoption Agency.	
Looked After Children Health Annual Report	For the Panel to consider the annual report following its sign-off by the CCG Governing Body and ask questions of the Designated Nurse prior to a presentation on the key themes in September.	Penny Earney - Designated Nurse, Looked After Children.

Panel Meeting Date: 29 November 2017

## HEALTH

Item Title	Reason for Item	Lead Officer(s)/Member(s)
Health and Mental Health Update	For the Panel to receive a verbal update on the provision of health and mental health services from the Designated Nurse, Looked After Children.	Penny Earney - Designated Nurse, Looked After Children.

## HEALTH

Item Title	Reason for Item	Lead Officer(s)/Member(s)
CLICK Presentation	To receive a presentation from CLICK members on the key issues and experiences of looked after children and care leavers in relation to the theme.	CLICK Members
Audit of Key Health and Mental Health Issues	To present on areas identified within the annual report item considered in September.	Penny Earney - Designated Nurse, Looked After Children.

### Annual Items/Items to allocate

Item Title	Reason for Item	Lead Officer(s)/Member(s)
CLICK Audit	CLICK annually survey LAC and Care Leavers and produce an annual report highlighting areas of concern and success.	CLICK members
Participation and outcomes of LAC in education after the age of 16.  Due June	The Panel approved the following recommendation from the Task and Finish Group on Pupil Premium and other Support for 16-18 year olds in Education (9 <sup>th</sup> March 2015): "That the Corporate Parenting Panel put an annual item on the Panel's work plan to review the participation and outcomes of LAC in education after the age of 16, including the numbers of LAC accessing higher education as well as the progress being made on the OFSTED action plan."	Carole Aspden, Service Director - Children and Young People's Services/Sue Ross, Service Director - Children's Social Care.

Item Title	Reason for Item	Lead Officer(s)/Member(s)
Advocacy Annual Report	To receive the annual report on advocacy and for the Panel to be assured that LAC have access to advocacy as and when needed to a high standard.	
Bullying and LAC Due November 2016	The issue of LAC being bullied was raised at the CPP meeting of 30 November 2015. The Panel undertook to write to those involved and review progress a year later.	CLICK
Workforce Structure Review	For the Panel to consider a report on the outcome of the workforce structure review in social care teams by CMT following staff consultation in November 2016.	Sue Ross, Service Director - Children's Social Care.
A Child's Journey in the Care System	To review the experience of children in care and looked after children throughout their journey in the care system, and; to consider the number of different people that a child in care comes into contact with on their journey.	
The Revised Scheme of Fees and Charges for In-House Fostering	For the Panel to review the effectiveness of the newly introduced scheme.	