

## Notice of a public meeting of

### Corporate Parenting Board

- To:** Councillors K Myers (Chair), Cuthbertson (Vice-Chair), Brooks, Crawshaw, Funnell, Rawlings and Runciman
- Date:** Thursday, 22 November 2018
- Time:** 5.00 pm
- Venue:** The Craven Room - Ground Floor, West Offices (G048)

## AGENDA

### 1. **Declarations of Interest**

At this point, Members are asked to declare:

- any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests,
- any prejudicial interests or
- any disclosable pecuniary interests

which they may have in respect of business on this agenda.

### 2. **Minutes** (Pages 1 - 6)

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 4 September 2018.

### 3. **Public Participation**

At this point in the meeting members of the public who have registered to speak regarding an item on the agenda or an issue within the Board's remit can do so. The deadline for registering is **5pm on Wednesday 21 November 2018.**

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### **Strategic Theme - Health**

In accordance with the Board's work plan, to consider the following reports and updates and receive any updates from Board Members on their agreed areas of interest in relation to these.

- 4. Update on Regional Adoption Agency** (Pages 7 - 8)  
This paper provides an update on One Adoption North and Humber, the regional adoption agency.
- 5. Children in Care Strategic Partnership Strategic Plan: Health Section Update** (Pages 9 - 16)  
This report updates the Corporate Parenting Board on the progress against the 'Health' section of the Children in Care Multiagency Strategic Plan.
- 6. Care Leaver Offer Update** (Pages 17 - 42)  
This paper provides an update on the Local Offer to City of York council's care leavers.
- 7. Work Plan** (Pages 43 - 44)  
To consider the Board's work plan for the 2018-19 municipal year and to receive any updates Members may wish to give on their agreed areas of interest relating to the work of the Board.
- 8. Urgent Business**  
Any other business which the Chair considers urgent under the Local Government Act 1972.

### Board Members Agreed Areas of Interest

- Show Me That I Matter - Councillor Rawlings
- Housing and Pathway Team - Councillor Keith Myers
- Education/Schools - Councillor Brooks
- Virtual Head and School for Children in Care – Councillor Brooks
- Health - Councillor Runciman
- Placement Team, Fostering Service and Short Breaks – Councillor Cuthbertson
- Connexions / Education, Training & Employment - Councillor Funnell

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City of York Council

Committee Minutes

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Meeting	Corporate Parenting Board
Date	4 September 2018
Present	Councillors K Myers (Chair), Cuthbertson (Vice-Chair), Brooks, Crawshaw, Funnell, Rawlings and Runciman

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## **8. Declarations of Interest**

At this point in the meeting Members were invited to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they might have in relation to the business on the agenda or any other general interests they might have within the remit of the Board.

Concerning his declaration of a personal non prejudicial interest at the meeting held on 5 June 2018, Cllr Cuthbertson informed the Board that he was no longer a governor on the Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust.

There were no further declarations of interest.

## **9. Minutes**

Resolved: That;

- i. The minutes of the last meeting of the Corporate Parenting Board held on 5 June 2018 be approved and then signed by the Chair as a correct record.
- ii. That Cllr K Myers be appointed as Chair of the Board and Cllr S Rawlings be appointed as Vice of the Board for the remainder of the 2018/19 municipal year.

## **10. Public Participation**

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak under the council's Public Participation scheme.

## **11. Concordat on Children in Custody (2017)**

The Youth Offending Team Practice Manager outlined the report which provided the Board with an overview of the 'Concordat on Children in Custody' which was published by the Home Office in October 2017. The aim of the Concordat was to clarify the legal and statutory duties of the Police and Local Authorities (LA) and was intended to prevent the unnecessary detention of children in Police cells following charge.

In response to Board Member questions, the Youth Offending Team Practice Manager explained the process for Police and Criminal Evidence (PACE) Transfers and clarified:

- There had been four PACE Transfers in York over the last 12 month recording period and these were all singular events.
- The reason for the PACE Transfer from How Hill Hostel was explained.
- The process when multiple PACE beds were needed at one time.
- The latest figures showing that the overnight detention of children in Police custody had reduced in recent years were based on national figures.

It was then:

Resolved: That the report on the Concordat on Children in Custody be noted.

Reason: To keep the Board updated on the Concordat on Children in Custody.

## **12. Show Me That I Matter Annual Report**

The Head of Early Help and Local Area Teams gave an overview of the Show Me That I Matter (SMTIM) Annual Report 2017/18. The report detailed the issues identified by the Children in Care Council (CiCC), how the issues were being addressed and what issues were to be taken forward. The report also detailed the professionals and partner agencies that

met with the CiCC, the outcomes of their discussions and different projects that the CiCC was involved in.

Members welcomed the report and during discussion suggested that training on SMTIM could be included as part of the Member induction training following the Local Election in May 2018.

In answer to Member questions, it was explained that:

- The £20 cash reward for attending three sessions of the SMTIM and I Still Matter (the name for York's Care Leavers Forum) worked well and was revised a number of years ago in consultation with young people and foster carers.
- With reference to the ratio of more girls than boys taking part in SMTIM, there had been concrete efforts to encourage participation. The need to improve representation from boys was noted. The Head of Early Help and Local Area Teams highlighted the need to view the participation of groups in the wider context of other activities, for example such as the advocacy for care leavers and the U\_Matter Survey.
- Access to advocacy was explained and it was noted that a service statement for advocacy (which was a statutory requirement) had been developed and would highlight the difference between representation and advocacy. It was noted that the number of requests for advocacy had increased.
- Care leavers' access to the discretionary fund for Council Tax was explained and officers noted that care leavers could be supported to access the discretionary fund (which was means tested).
- The feedback from the Youth Council on the Clarence Street building was broadly positive and mainly related to the set up of space in the building.
- The buddying arrangement and contact card system for young people contacting their social workers was explained.
- With reference to some young people finding their supervision levels excessive, it was discussed that this should be viewed in the context of how any other young people would describe their parenting. It was an issue

explored with young people but unlikely to lead to a prescriptive result.

Following Member questions, it was:

Resolved: That the Board be briefed on the Children in Care Council.

Reason: In order to be updated on the Children in Care Council.

### **13. Annual Advocacy Report 2017-18**

The Board considered a report that gave a review of the statistics on the demographic of young people who had requested advocacy. The report also detailed advocacy requests and common themes and reviewed the outcomes of the service. The Head of Early Help and Local Area Teams gave an overview of the report noting that officers were improving their understanding of the evaluation of advocacy. He added that once advocacy came to an end, young people could revisit an area of their advocacy.

Members discussed the report. It was noted that a significant number of young people had failed to answer a questions and Members asked if a financial incentive could be introduced to improve response rates. The Head of Early Help and Local Area Team explained that officers were looking at different ways of evaluating advocacy. It was suggested that officers could investigate further the difference in responses.

Resolved: That Members be briefed on the advocacy casework being carried out with children and young people.

Reason: To keep Members updated on the advocacy casework being carried out with children and young people.

### **14. Placement Stability**

The report provided Members with an update on placement stability for City of York council's children in care. The Group Manager of Achieving Performance noted that placement



stability was examined in the context of the national and regional context. There was a relatively stable cohort of 200 looked after children in York over the last 5 years in the context of an increasing number of looked after children in other authorities. At December 2017 there were 196 children in care – 111 boys and 85 girls. It was explained that there were two placement stability indicators – 3 or more moves in one year; looked after for 2.5 years or more and stability for 2 years of those years.

The Group Manager of Achieving Performance outlined the analysis of placement stability noting the need for more foster households, and that the 10-15 year old cohort was a pressure in York. It was noted that there was a need to understand the figures in the context of individual young people, as placement moves could be proactive and positive as well as resultant from disruption. The need to increase the number of foster placements was also noted.

In response to Member questions, the Group Manager of Achieving Performance confirmed that:

- The number of foster households changed and at present there was a slightly fewer number of foster carers than in previous years.
- Foster carers were assessed and supported in encouraging and supporting children in their care following their assessments.
- Each foster carer had a link worker who was a social worker. The support available for foster carers and the children's social workers was outlined.
- In order to encourage new fostering households the campaign to attract more foster carers had been reviewed and refreshed. The campaign was now targeted. The wider question of recruitment was being examined as part of placement reviews.
- Compared to the national picture, York was good at finding placements for younger children. However finding placements for teenagers and children with additional needs could be harder, which was a reflection of the national picture.

Resolved: That the Board note the update on placement stability for City of York council's children in care.

Reason: To keep the Board updated on placement stability for City of York council's children in care.

## **15. Work Plan**

Members considered the work plan for the 2018/19 municipal year.

Following discussion it was agreed that the work plan would include:

- Virtual Headteacher update (to include pupil level data) at the meeting on 20 March 2019.

Resolved: That the work plan be approved subject to the above amendments/additions.

Reason: To keep the committee's work plan updated.

Cllr K Myers, Chair

[The meeting started at 5.00 pm and finished at 6.20 pm].



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**Corporate Parenting Board****22 November 2018**

Report of Assistant Director, Children's Specialist Services

**Regional Adoption Agency****Summary**

1. This paper provides an update on One Adoption North and Humber, the regional adoption agency. One Adoption North and Humber now provides adoption services to the City of York in a regional model as required by Government Policy that states all Local Authorities should be in a regional adoption agency by 2020.
2. The purpose of regionalisation is to have a system where children are matched with the most suitable adopter as quickly as possible, the recruitment of adopters takes place at an efficient scale to provide a pool of 'adoption ready' adopters large enough and well matched to the needs of children waiting for an adoptive family and that there are enough high quality adoption support services available nationwide.

**Background**

3. One Adoption North and Humber went live in February 2018 after a significant period of planning. The Agency comprises of the adoption services of five Local Authorities, City of York (the host), North Yorkshire County Council, East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Hull City Council and North East Lincolnshire Council. One Adoption North and Humber is responsible for the recruitment of adopters, family finding for children needing an adoptive family and the provision of post adoption support for adopted children across the region.
4. The original Head of Agency, Mary McKelvey retired in July 2018 and Suzie Grove started in this position on the 8 November 2018.

### Council Plan

5. This reports links to the Council Plan - a focus on frontline services - to ensure all residents, particularly the least advantaged, can access reliable services and community facilities.

### Implications

6. The Regional Agency now provides adoption services to the City of York and City of York is the host of the regional agency.

### Risk Management

7. The Regional Board is the mechanism by which the Local Authority will mitigate risk.

### Recommendations

8. Corporate Parenting Board to note this paper and the verbal report.

Reason: To keep Members updated.

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**Date** 12/11/18

**Wards Affected:** List wards or tick box to indicate all

**All**

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**Background Papers:** None



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**Corporate Parenting Board**

**22 November 2018**

## **Children in Care Strategic Partnership Strategic Plan: Health Section Update**

1. **Purpose of the Report:** To update the City of York Corporate Parenting Board regarding the progress against the 'Health' section of the Children in Care Multiagency Strategic Plan.
  
2. **Background:** Statutory Guidance Promoting the Health and Wellbeing of Looked After Children (DfE & DoH, 2015)<sup>1</sup> describes how most children become looked after as a result of abuse and neglect and although they have many of the same health issues as their peers, the extent of these is often greater because of their past experiences (p:8). The guidance goes on to clearly articulate the key responsibilities of the Local Authorities (LA) and the NHS to work together to identify and meet the health needs of children in care.
  
3. **Health section of Children in Care Strategic Plan:**
  - 3.1 Introduction of Health Passports to all children and young people in Care:
    - Children who come into the care of the LA may not return to their birth families but will become permanently part of new foster or adoptive families, or may move into independence without retaining links with birth families. Therefore the transfer of information about a child's health status and history becomes very important (DfE and DoH, 2015, p: 22). The aim of introducing health passports is to support children, young people and their carers understanding of

their current and future health needs. The format of the Health Passports to be used across City of York was agreed in consultation with the 'Show me that I Matter' group. Following some early challenges in introducing the use of the passports a relaunch and staged introduction was agreed in the early part of 2018. This has been supported by use of agreed pathways for distribution as well as information leaflets for children in care, foster carers and social workers. Further work to promote the use of health passports with foster carers across the City took place in October when the Designated Nurse and Named Nurse for HDFT attended the Foster Carers meeting.

### 3.2 Ensuring all children in care are offered a timely and high quality health assessment:

- Local authorities are responsible for making sure a health assessment of physical, emotional and mental health needs is carried out for every child they look after, regardless of where that child lives. CCGs, NHS England and NHS service providers have a duty to comply with requests from local authorities in support of their statutory requirements (DfE & DoH, 2015 p: 15 &16).
- Timeliness: Statutory guidance requires the LA and Health to work together to ensure all children and young people receive an Initial Health Assessments( IHA) within 20 working days of coming into the care. IHAs must be undertaken by a registered medical practitioner and should result in a health plan, which is then available in time for the first statutory review by the Independent Reviewing Officer (IRO) of the child's care plan. During the period of time a child is in care Review Health Assessments (RHAs) should be offered to children and young people every 6 months if they are less than 5 years of age and annually from 5 to 18 years.

Achieving these timescales has proved very challenging for the partnership. Multiple factors have impacted on timeliness including a change of record management system for Children's Social Care, movement of the Healthy Child Service into the Local Authority and availability of paediatric appointments for IHAs. The partnership is working together to agree how to address these challenges and several steps have been taken to try to improve the timeliness:

- Training provided to Social Workers by Looked After Children's Nurses on the processes to follow to request a health assessment.
- Introduction of an escalation process which supports partners to identify and respond to timeliness issues.
- Development of a more streamlined administrative process for allocating Paediatric appointments for IHAs.
- The Designated Nurse, Group Manager for Achieving Permanence and the Manager of Independent Reviewing Officer are meeting and in November to explore how issues relating to timeliness can be identified and addressed at the Looked After Reviews.

Current data relating to timeliness of IHAs and RHAs can be found at Appendix 1

- Quality: A programme of quality assurance of IHA audits is in place. Analysis of the findings and subsequent action plans are presented to the Strategic Partnership for Children in Care. The audits have identified a steady improvement in the quality of assessments and subsequent care planning. All Paediatricians who see CoY children for health assessments are up to date with training on how to undertake a quality assessment.

The Harrogate and District Foundation Trust Looked After Team have worked with the City of York Healthy Child

Service (HCS) to improve the quality of RHAs and care plans. This has included a programme of training to HCS practitioners and ongoing quality assurance audits of assessments and care plans.

3.3 Improving the uptake of Health Assessments for Children and Young People within the context of normality:

- Vale of York CCG, Health Providers and the Local Authority have worked together to develop a number of resources to support children and young people's understanding of the benefits of accessing a health assessments. These resources include information leaflets for children and young people and Social Workers and carers as well as a lego style 'You Tube' clip describing a IHA. The Show Me That I Matter group have been consulted throughout the developments of the resources.
- When young people decline assessments there is a pathway to try to engage them. This includes sending information advising the young and the carer on how to access an assessment should they wish to do so in the future. The Looked After Children's Team also receive a request to try to engage the young people.

3.4 Ensuring children and young people do not have more assessments than is necessary and to ensure best use of all available information to improve the quality of assessments:

- Where a child in care has an Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP) these are accessed by Paediatricians undertaking IHAs. EHCPs are also routinely forwarded to HCS practitioners to ensure relevant information is available when undertaking RHAs.

3.5 Improving the number of children in care registered with a dentist:



- Establishing that a child is registered with a dentist is a fundamental aspect of IHAs and RHAs and subsequent health care planning. The IHA and RHA quality assurance audit processes identify where registration and attendance at a dentist has not been established/ recorded and practitioners are requested to follow up.
- Harrogate District Foundation Trust (HDFT) has developed a new pathway whereby children in care across North Yorkshire and York can access the HDFT Community Dental Service. This service offer is not intended to replace existing dentist registrations, it is aimed at ensuring children in care have access to dental services when there may be difficulties in accessing NHS dentists.
- The Designated Nurse has attended foster carer events to raise awareness and promote the use of this pathway.

3.6 Children in care should be immunised appropriately in order to maximise their health and wellbeing:

- As with Dentist registration, establishing a child's immunisation status is a fundamental aspect of IHAs and RHAs and subsequent health care planning. The IHA and RHA quality assurance audit processes identify issues with immunisation status and liaise with practitioners where this is not addressed as part of the health care plan.

3.7 Children in care should be permanently registered with a GP Practice:

- Improving access to on-going health care is a critical to maximising health outcomes for children in care. The Nurse Consultant for Primary Care (VoY CCG) has consulted with children in care to understand what they see as the key factors influencing their engagement with primary care. The

outcomes of this consultation have been included in training for primary care colleagues across the City. Of particular relevance is ensuring children in care are able to register with a GP practice. This process of registration of children in care will be the subject of audit during 2018-19.

1. [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/413368/Promoting\\_the\\_health\\_and\\_well-being\\_of\\_looked-after\\_children.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/413368/Promoting_the_health_and_well-being_of_looked-after_children.pdf)

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**Abbreviations:**

Dfe – Department for Education

EHCP – Education and Health Care Plan

HCS – Health Child Services

HDFT – Harrogate District Foundation Trust

IHA – Initial Health Assessment

IRO – Independent Reviewing Officer

LA – Local Authority

NHS – National Health Service

RHA – Review Health Assessment

VoY CCG – Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group

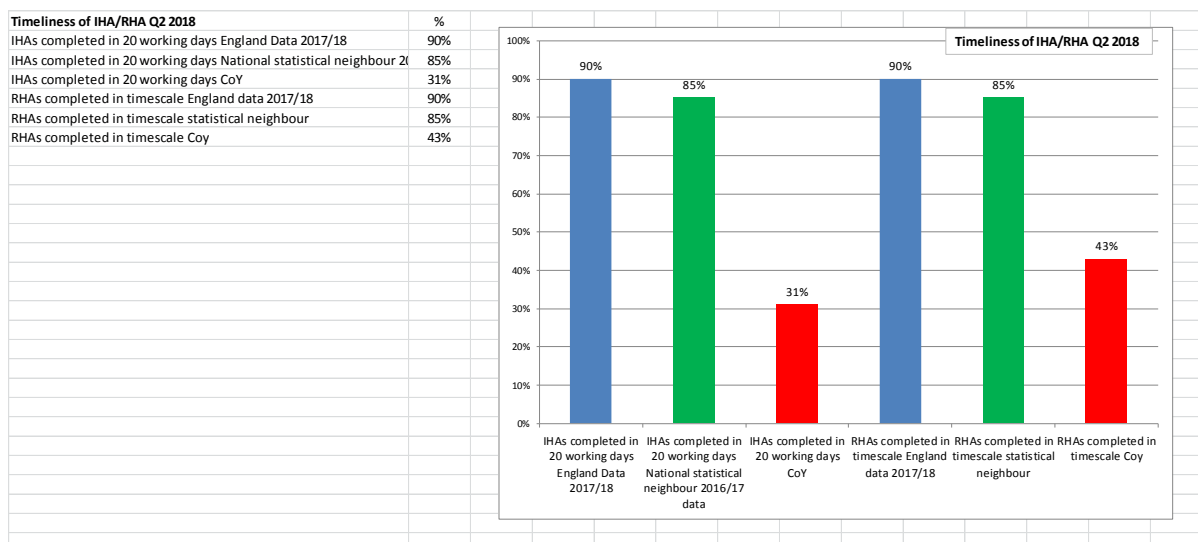
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Appendix 1 - Data on Timeliness of Health Assessments Quarter 2

July – Sept 2018

## Appendix 1

## Data on Timeliness of Health Assessments Quarter 2 July – Sept 2018



### Quarter 2 Delays in IHA analysis

Completed on time	31%
Delay receiving request from social care	50%
Delay in paediatric appointment	8%
Declined IHA	4%
Other	8%

### Quarter 2 Delays in RHA analysis

Completed on time	43%
Delay receiving request from social care	45%
Declined	7%
Error by HDFT LAC Team	3%
Other(Delay from OOA Healthy Child service)	3%

**IHA's successfully completed out of statutory timescale of 20 working days:-**

62% had a wait in excess of an additional 4 weeks (total over 40 working days or approximately 2 months)

The longest wait in quarter 2 for an IHA was 106 working days or approximately 5 months



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## Corporate Parenting Board

22 November 2018

Report of Assistant Director, Children's Specialist Services

### Local Offer

#### Summary

1. This paper provides an update on the Local Offer to City of York council's care leavers.

#### Background

2. The Children and Social Work Act directed that every Local Authority publish their Care Leaver Local Offer. The offer outlines the support and resources available to care leavers.
3. In City of York, our care leaver Local Offer is the way we ensure that our care leavers are supported to be happy and healthy, safe and protected and enabled to transition to independent adult life.
4. Through a process of review and consultation we have enhanced our offer and we meet the statutory requirement, through the Children and Social Work Act 2017, to offer a service to 21 to 25 year old care leavers. Our offer now includes
  - Offering local bus passes to all care leaver up to 21.
  - Decorating trainer and 'first' CYC flats.
  - Offering gold band to care leaver returning from University.
  - Offering to train care leavers as mentors.
  - Offering care leavers aged 21 to 25 access their Setting Up Home Grant if they have not previously used it due to their maturity and circumstances.
5. The Local Offer is intended to be a web based resource. 2 of our care leavers are accessing work experience through involvement in its design. We are working to an end date of 1 December 2018 when the

Local Offer will go live on the City of York Council's website. A paper copy of the Local Offer is Appendix 1.

### **Council Plan**

6. This reports links to the Council Plan - a focus on frontline services - to ensure all residents, particularly the least advantaged, can access reliable services and community facilities.

### **Implications**

7.
  - **Financial** - There are no financial implications.
  - **Human Resources (HR)** - There are no HR implications.
  - **Equalities** - There are no equalities implications.
  - **Legal** - There are no legal implications.
  - **Crime and Disorder** - There are no crime and disorder implications.
  - **Information Technology (IT)** - There are no IT implications.
  - **Property** - There are no property implications.

### **Risk Management**

8. In compliance with the Council's risk management strategy there are no risks associated with the recommendations in this report.

### **Recommendations**

9. The Board are asked to note the content of this report

Reason: To keep Members updated.

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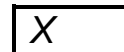
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**Date** 12.11.18

**Wards Affected:** *List wards or tick box to indicate all*

**All**



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**Annexes:**

Annexe 1 – Local Offer

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# **Local Offer: Care leavers**

**2018**

## Introduction

**“We want our children and young people to have everything that good parents want for their children. In other words: to be happy and healthy, safe and protected, and supported each step of the way to adult life”.**

We know that it is a big step to move to living on your own. We want to make sure that you know where and who to go to for advice and help.

The care leaver’s forum ‘I still matter’ (ISM) was consulted and helped design this local offer , we will continue to listen to care leavers views to make sure the services we provide are what you need.

To be able to get the support detailed here, you must have care leaver status with the City of York, this means you will have been in care for at least 13 weeks between the ages of 14 and 16 (including your 16<sup>th</sup> birthday) or for 13 weeks after your 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. If you are unsure whether you have, then ask your social worker or contact the Pathway Team.

This information is available on the City of York Council Web site, ‘I Still matter’ web page or you can email [pathwayteam@york.gov.uk](mailto:pathwayteam@york.gov.uk) to request a copy. You can discuss the local offer with your social worker or pathway worker.

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## **The support we must give you by law**

### **A Pathway Worker**

Following changes introduced through the Children & Social Work Act 2017, you will be able to ask to have support from a pathway worker up to the age of 25 whether you are in education or training or not. This is to try to make sure care leavers receive similar support to young adults who live with their families.

We will try to let you keep the same pathway worker, though this will not always be possible. The amount of support that you receive from your pathway worker will depend on what you want and your circumstances.

### **A Pathway Plan**

Your pathway plan is written by the local authority after consultation with you and important people in your life. Your pathway plan is unique to you, It sets out your needs, your views , your future goals, and exactly what support you will receive from us. We review your pathway plan with you regularly so that it is kept up to date.

### **Leaving care before turning 18**

We will encourage you to stay in care until you are 18. Most young people still live at home with their families at this age.

If you choose to leave care before age 18, we must provide you with suitable accommodation.

### **Support to engage in education, training or employment (ete)**

We want to make sure every young person leaving care has the support to achieve their goals in life.

The law says we must provide you with assistance with expenses linked with employment, education and training. In particular:

- We will provide you with a Higher Education (HE) bursary of at least £2,000 if you go to University.

- We will provide somewhere for you to stay during University holidays (or funding for this if you would prefer to make your own arrangements) if you are in HE or in residential further education.

### **Your right to be heard and taken seriously**

You have a right to be involved in all decisions about your plans for leaving care. You have a right to support from an independent advocate if you are thinking about challenging decisions about the care we give you. You have a right to see the information we keep about you, including the files and records written about you when you were in care.

## **Glossary of main terms**

### **A needs assessment**

A needs assessment identifies the areas of your life where support and resources will help you in your transition to adulthood.

Your social worker will take account of your wishes, feelings & aspirations, and the views of the important people in your life. They will gather the information in a needs assessment which will then inform your pathway plan.

### **A Pathway Plan**

We aim to fully involve you in the development of your pathway plan and will support you to express your wishes and views.

- For your pathway plan to be effective it will be based on the assessment of your needs. It will set out the support you will be offered and the actions required to achieve your goals & aspirations, including contingencies should your circumstances change
- It should cover how we will help you achieve the things you want in life; such as going to college, university or getting the job that you want, choosing where you would like to live, being healthy, and keeping in touch with people that are important to you.

Your pathway plan will be regularly reviewed with you, at least every 6 months. These meetings will check that your goals and milestones are still right and are being met.

## **The Pathway (Leaving Care) Team**

The pathway team offer information, advice and support for you to access, accommodation, education and training, work experience, health services, financial advice, relationship advice and social opportunities. The team work with other agencies to help you achieve your goals and ambitions. The team is made up of, 5 pathway workers, an accommodation officer and an education training and employment officer (ETE) and a manager.

- **The Pathway Team provides a duty service Mon – Fri 1pm – 5 pm , so if your Pathway worker is not available you can ring for support or drop in at the office 136 Acomb Road, York, YO24 4HA . If we are busy leave a message and we will get back to you ASAP.**

## **Social Worker**

Up until you are eighteen, whilst 'looked after' you will have a social worker from the Children in Permanent Placements team. As part of their statutory duties the social worker will be responsible for care planning and arranging child care reviews, which will be chaired by an Independent Reviewing Officer (IRO). Near to your 16<sup>th</sup> Birthday they will assess your needs and develop your 'pathway plan' offering support, advice and guidance . The social worker has lead responsibility for safeguarding.

## **Pathway worker**

A pathway worker will be identified for you after you become 17, so you can build a relationship before they become your allocated worker when you turn 18. Your pathway worker will keep in contact and arrange meetings with you; they will visit you at home and also arrange to meet you in the community. Your pathway worker will provide you with advice, information and guidance to help you make the best choices and decisions. The relationship between you and your pathway worker is important; make the most of the support they can offer.

## **Accommodation officer**

The pathway accommodation officer supports young people in care and care leavers with their accommodation options. The Pathway Accommodation Officer will offer information and advice on range of accommodation options to ensure your future accommodation is appropriate for your individual needs. The pathway accommodation officer can support you and your foster carer to set up a staying put

arrangement and as required make single access point (SAP) referrals to SASH Howe Hill and other accommodation projects.

### **Education, training & employment (ETE) officer**

Whatever your goal or ambition or if you are unsure what you want to do in the future, the pathway ETE officer can provide 1:1 support and guidance to young people in care and care leavers. They have up to date knowledge of local provision, apprenticeships, training providers, colleges and universities. The ETE officers can also offer support to you if you are already in education, employment or training but may be wishing to change career or improve your prospects.

### **Independent Advocate**

Independent advocates can inform you about your rights and help you to be heard in meetings.

As the title indicates they are independent / separate from social services

## Care Leaver Charter

The City of York Care Leaver Charter was written in consultation with care leavers and the 'I Still Matter' group.

### **As a corporate parent;**

#### **To support you**

- We will offer you with a named Pathway Worker until you are 25.
- We will provide you with the information you need, when you need it.
- We will be clear and honest about your options.
- We will help you to make the right decisions for you.
- We will support you with your move to independent life and will be there for you no matter how many times you come back for support

#### **To listen**

- We will take time to listen to you, give you information and advice and make sure you are in contact with the right professionals.
- We will make sure that you are aware of your rights and entitlements.
- If you are unhappy, we will support you to access independent advocacy.

#### **To respect you**

- We will respect your beliefs and culture and support you in whatever path you choose to take.
- We will not judge you.
- We will value and respect your important relationships and support you where possible to maintain these.

#### **To help you plan for your future**

- When you are ready to move into independent living we will do all we can to help you feel safe and secure. We will provide support and encourage your plans.
- We will help you to access education, training and employment including apprenticeships and help you to achieve your goals.
- We will always listen and offer advice and information whatever your age.



## Explanation of Care leaver Status terms

(Eligible, Relevant, Former Relevant, Qualifying).

<b>Eligible</b>
<p><b>You are eligible if:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You are currently looked after aged 16 or 17 and;</li> <li>• You have been looked after for 13 weeks since age 14 and you are still looked after.</li> </ul>
<b>Relevant</b>
<p><b>You are relevant if:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You are no longer looked after by the local authority, you have been eligible and are aged 16 or 17.</li> <li>• Immediately before being detained or in hospital you were eligible or</li> <li>• Lived for a continuous period of 6 months or more with a parent or someone with parental responsibility and where those arrangements broke down.</li> </ul>
<b>Former Relevant</b>
<p><b>You are former relevant if:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You are aged 18 years or above and either been a relevant or eligible child when under 18</li> <li>• If at the age of 21 or before reaching the age of 25 you are in education or training you will remain former relevant until the end of the agreed programme.</li> <li>• You have been either been a relevant or eligible child when under 18 and requested support between the age of 21 and 25.</li> </ul>
<b>Qualifying</b>
<p><b>You are qualifying if:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You are 16, and</li> <li>• You were looked after immediately prior to the making of a special guardianship order which was in force when you reached 18.</li> <li>• If at any time after you reached 16 but while you were still a child was no longer looked after or accommodated or fostered.</li> <li>• You were privately fostered but considered to be a child in need.</li> </ul>

## If you are: Eligible

- Near to your 16<sup>th</sup> Birthday, your social worker will, after discussion with you and other important people in your life complete an assessment of your needs and write your pathway plan.
- Your social worker will be responsible for reviewing your pathway plan until your status as a Child or Young Person in Care (CYPIC) ends.
- You will be allocated a pathway worker from the Leaving Care Team at Age 17 ½ or earlier if your plan is to leave care before 18.
- Your Pathway worker will support you to age 21 or up to 25 if you feel you still require support in certain areas of your life.
- **'Eligible'** status also means that if you and your foster carers are agreeable, we will support you to continue to live with them at 18. This is what we call a 'staying put' arrangement and can be up to age 21. A staying put arrangement allows you time to focus on your education, training or employment and develop independence skills at a gradual pace, whilst having continued support from the people you know and trust. You can talk with your social worker or foster carer about staying put and the pathway accommodation officer can give you more details.

## Relevant

- As a 'Relevant' care leaver you will be supported by a named pathway worker.
- Your pathway worker will be responsible for reviewing and keeping your pathway plan up to date every 6 months or more frequently if required.
- Your pathway worker will support you to age 21 or this can be extended to 25 if you feel you still require support in certain areas of your life.

## Former Relevant

- As a 'Former Relevant' care leaver you will be supported by a named pathway worker.
- Your pathway worker will be responsible for reviewing and keeping your pathway plan up to date every 6 months or more frequently if required.
- Your pathway worker will support you to age 21 or this can be extended to 25 if you feel you still require support in certain areas of your life.

## 21 to 25 Support for Former Relevant

This new duty enables the City of York to respond positively to requests for support from care leavers aged 21-25 who may be continuing to require help in certain areas of their lives whilst they make their transition to adulthood and independent living. It also recognises care leavers growing stability and maturity between the ages of 21 and 25, during which, many care leavers are able to lead successful lives without pathway support and may not need continuing contact with their local authority.

### *Care leavers aged between 21 up to age 25 .*

If you request leaving care support at any point after the age of 21 and up to the age of 25, we will assess your needs and depending on your identified needs;

- develop a pathway plan setting out the support to be provided,
- allocate a named pathway worker. (Although we will try, we cannot guarantee this will be your previous worker)

The amount of support and the frequency of contact that you receive from the pathway worker will depend on your individual circumstances.

### *Care leavers who reach age 21 after April 1<sup>st</sup> 2018.*

- As you approach 21, your pathway worker will discuss support beyond the age of 21 with you. If you do wish support to continue, your pathway plan will be reviewed and updated to reflect your support needs. Support will continue to be provided for as long as it is required, or until you reach age 25. (Although we will try we cannot guarantee this will be your current worker)

The amount of support and the frequency of contact that you receive from your pathway worker will depend on your individual circumstances.

## Qualifying

- Qualifying young people are entitled to an assessment of their needs, to establish whether they require advice and assistance. Where following assessment support is identified as required over a period of time, a pathway plan will be completed to detail the support to be provided.

## What we offer:

**Accommodation:** We will encourage you to stay in care until you are 18. Many young people still live at home with their families at this age. Your social worker, pathway worker and the pathway accommodation officer will help you to plan for future accommodation.

### We offer;

- Staying Put arrangements, if you are *eligible* and *both* agree, you can remain with your foster carer at 18 under a 'staying put' arrangement, which can last up to 21.
- Advice about a range of accommodation options including, taster & trainer flats, supported, semi supported and independent accommodation.
- When assessed as ready 'Gold Band' status on the CYC housing register.
- Practical support to paint / decorate your first CYC flat
- A setting up home grant (SUHG) for essential items and advice on how and where to get the best value for your money.
- Support with moving into and furnishing your new home.
- Support with managing a tenancy, managing your front door, budgeting to ensure your important bills are paid and you avoid rent or council tax arrears.
- If you are not in employment we will support you to apply for universal credit at 18 for housing costs.
- Support if you have a housing crisis or need emergency accommodation.

### Tips from care leavers

Check out your options with your pathway worker. It is important you have the information you need to make choices about your future accommodation.

Prepare for your future, use the opportunity in your placement or staying put arrangement to develop your independence skills.

It's a scary time; use the support available from the Pathway team they know tons about housing stuff and they are really helpful.

Make sure you know how much your rent is and how it is paid. It will be your responsibility whether you are working or in receipt of benefits, it's really important.

Keep to your tenancy agreement. Your first year is an introductory one so remember "you are responsible for your self and the behaviour of your visitors"

"Its your place, be proud of it and be a good neighbour"

**Education, Employment and Training** We want to make sure every young person leaving care has the support they need to achieve their goals in life.

### We offer;

- Careers information and advice.
- To write your CV.
- To prepare for interviews.
- To attend interviews in appropriate clothing.
- Transport costs when travelling to training, school/college, apprenticeships or job interviews.
- Tools, equipment, essential clothing, and books.
- Opportunities to explore work experience, apprenticeships and employment within the council.
- Informing you about voluntary work that we think you may be interested in.
- Information about courses that run at different times of the year; "not all courses start in September".
- Support to apply for FE bursaries. [NB: Care leavers are a priority group for the 16 to 19 Bursary Fund administered by FE colleges, which pays a bursary of up to £1,200 a year to support vulnerable young people to participate in education or if over 19 the discretionary bursary for costs associated with your course].

### Tips from care leavers

"Aspire to more "

If you are unsure what you want to do the ETE officer can help you look at your options. Ask about taster and work experience opportunities

Your Pathway worker or the ETE officer can help you job search.

Make sure you have a good CV and are prepared for interviews

Voluntary work is good experience and good for your CV.

Make sure you attend college, training or your job, not just to learn, but so you receive your bursary or wage !!!.

### For Higher education we offer

- If you plan to go to university we will help you choose the right course and university that matches your talents & interests.
- Support you to attend interviews and open days.
- Advise and support you to apply for tuition fees, loans and bursaries available from Student Finance, the individual HE establishment and Care Leaver trusts.
- Pay university accommodation costs for campus student accommodation or equivalent Student house

### Tips from care leavers

Courses vary at each university so do your research make sure it's the right course for you.

Check out the University visit the city to make sure you will feel ok living there

Most universities have care leaver bursaries that you do not have to pay back so always apply for these!!!!!!!!!!!!

<p>arrangement*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you attend university, a bursary of £2,000 to help with the cost of books and materials spread over the length of your course.</li> <li>• We will support you with travel costs at the start and end of term and offer assistance to transport your belongings to and from University.</li> <li>• The Pathway ETE officer will liaise with tutors &amp; support services over the period of your course to ensure you receive all possible support to successfully complete your degree.</li> <li>• We will on completion of your degree help with the cost of photographs and your cap &amp; gown.</li> <li>• Gold band status on the CYC housing register if returning from your course to live in York.</li> </ul> <p>* We offer financial support for one course of higher education. This will be paid in the same way as National Funding, e.g. the length of the course (plus one extra year if required).</p>	<p><i>Going to university can be scary, especially if you move out of area, so remember you are still entitled to Pathway support; speak to your pathway worker or the ETE officer if you have any worries, concerns or issues about university.</i></p> <p><i>Remember Study hard and enjoy your time at Uni!!!!</i></p> <p><i>Don't be afraid to use the support available for care leavers at uni, ask the ETE officer about it.</i></p>
<p><b>Post Graduate Courses</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A needs assessment, to identify financial support and resources to enable you to undertake post graduate studies.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Tips from care leavers</b></p> <p>Talk with your University and the Pathway ETE officer to fully research the requirements and to ensure it is the right course to support your future aspirations.</p>

**Exceptions:**

- Qualifying young people are entitled to an assessment of their needs, to establish whether they require advice and assistance to maximise their right to national grants, bursaries and student loans. Where, following assessment, support is identified as required over a period of time, a plan will be completed to outline the support to be provided.
- Qualifying young people will not as a right be entitled to higher education financial support such as the student bursary or accommodation fees.

## Money / Finance

We will try to help you financially, in a similar way to how parents would support their own children.

### We offer

- If you are age 16 to age 18 living independently and unemployed we will pay you a weekly allowance equivalent to the Universal Credit payment. (currently £60p/w)
- If you are age 16 to age 18 we will pay your accommodation rent costs if living in a placement agreed by the Pathway Team.
- Support you to access the childrens independent savings account (ISA) set up in your name by the department for education (DFE)
- Provide or inform you about relevant money management courses or one to one support to help you budget your income and prioritise your essential outgoings.
- Support you to gain knowledge about different bank accounts, savings, ISA's, loans and credit cards.
- Support to understand your wage slip when in employment
- Provide a leaving care grant to help you buy essential things when moving into your own home, which the government recommends should be a minimum of £2,000. In York we pay £2,250 which includes the purchase of your first TV licence.
- Pay for the first year's Home contents insurance when a young person moves into their own property.
- Provide a birthday present or gift voucher.

### Tips from care leavers

It's always best to leave care in a planned and supported way, to know where you will live and how much money you will have to support yourself.

Make sure your accommodation is affordable and safe.

It's £200 you can keep adding to it or cash it in. Ask you pathway worker about it.

Keep on top of your bills! Pay the essentials first!!!!

Have a budget plan and stick to it.

It's great to save!!!! But.... so easy to get over drawn and into debt if you don't know enough about bank cards, credit cards or loans.

It's a great sense of pride earning your own income.

White goods (fridge, washer, cooker) and carpets are very expensive. Your pathway worker can support and advise you on how and where to get the best value for your money.

It's important to set up a payment scheme to insure your possessions in the second year.

To celebrate special occasions!!!!

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide a gift or voucher for religious celebrations e.g. Christmas &amp; Eid.</li> <li>• We will support you with 10 driving lessons or to pass your CBT</li> <li>• Participation Work; Young People can be paid for their time when involved in consultation, recruitment interviews, designing publicity materials for CYPIC and care leaver events.</li> <li>• Young people in custody can receive up to £20 per month in the form of a postal order for personal needs and phone credit.</li> </ul>	<p>To celebrate more special occasions!!!!</p> <p>10 driving lessons are a great help in learning to drive but you may need more, so it is important to save in advance as you can often get a reduction if you book / pay for blocks of 5 or more.</p> <p>If you want to be more involved, contact details are on the SMTIM and ISM news letters and web pages. Or just speak to a member of the ISM, your social worker or pathway worker. <b>Get in Touch!!!!</b> Your views are important and really valued.</p> <p>We hope you never need this, but if you do, remember the Pathway team will continue to support you, visit you and plan for your release if you are in custody.</p>
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## Important documents

We can support you to gain important documents & identification.

### We offer

- Your social worker will support you to apply for your National insurance number (NINO).
- Pathway can support you with one passport or travel document
- One provisional driving licence
- One birth certificate
- To open a bank account

### Tips from care leavers

Your National insurance number is very important, and you will be required to produce evidence of it for employment or benefit payments. "Keep it safe".

Passports & driving licences are very expensive Pathway provide one of each "keep them safe".

To open a bank account you need to provide ID.

Keep all your documents; tenancy agreement, bills and letters in a safe place. Keep your ID documents safe

Never give anyone your bank card or PIN.

## Health and wellbeing

We want you to be happy and healthy.

### We offer

- Support you to register with a GP.
- Give information on getting help to pay for prescriptions.
- Support you to register with a dentist
- Support to move from children's to adult mental health services

### Tips from care leavers

If you move area when you leave care you may need to register with a different GP practice.

It is really important to attend your dentist every six months, if you miss your appointments you may have to apply to a new practice for NHS treatment.

Your mental health is important. Pathway can support you to arrange and attend appointments.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information about counselling services that are available locally.</li> <li>• Information on healthy living and where to get advice (including sexual health).</li> <li>• A bus pass</li> <li>• Free Gym membership</li> <li>• If you are a young parent, take an interest in your child/ren and support you to do the best for them.</li> <li>• Give you information about health drop-in centres</li> </ul>	<p>Its important to have know about your physical, emotional and sexual health to keep well and to be safe.</p> <p>Having a bus pass means you are not socially isolated, you can get to visit your family and friends and not have to worry about the weather or getting home at night.</p> <p>Care Leavers up to the age of 25 are entitled to a <b>FREE</b> gym and swim membership which you can use at Energise Leisure Centre and Yearsley Pool</p> <p>If you do not have a dentist or GP there are drop ins where you can get help, advice and emergency treatment.</p>
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## Relationships

As well as support from a pathway worker, we may be able to offer you additional practical and emotional support, such as;

<p><b>We offer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• an advocate; available to care leavers up to the age of 21.</li> <li>• Peer mentor.</li> <li>• Independent visitor</li> </ul>	<p><b>Tips from care leavers</b></p> <p>An advocate can help you to have a voice, understand your rights and to make a complaint if things can't be sorted out any other way.</p> <p>Peer mentors are care experienced young people. They have great knowledge about the options and realities when leaving care.</p> <p>You may already have an independent visitor. They can continue working with you when you leave care.</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Help to maintain or regain contact with people special to you or who cared for you in the past, like former foster carers or social workers.</li> </ul>	<p>Its important to have people you know and trust in you life and to build a good support network. There are many reasons why we lose touch with people, we can help you get back in contact.</p>
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## Being Involved

We want to hear your views, we want you to have the opportunity to enjoy social events and be a part of the great city you live in.

<h3>We offer</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bus pass from the age of 16 to the age of 21.</li> <li>• Participation and consultation meetings.</li> <li>• To invite you to care leaver social events.</li> <li>• To help you participate in positive leisure activities.</li> <li>• Support you to attend and have a voice at meetings about you.</li> <li>• To help you to enrol on the Electoral Register, so you can vote in elections.</li> <li>• Giving you advice and helping you to challenge any discrimination you face.</li> <li>• Inform you about voluntary work that we think you may be interested in.</li> </ul>	<h3>Tips from care leavers</h3> <p>Being involved usually requires having to travel. The provision of a bus means you can get to work, events, meetings, appointments and importantly, get home safely at night (especially in winter) <b>This is great !!!!!</b></p> <p>Your views are important and you can help shape services to best meet the needs of care leavers in York.</p> <p>Social events are great and we get to choose and organise them e.g. summer trips, meals out, cinema, Christmas lunch.</p> <p>At 18 you have a right to vote on how the country is run, "have your say"</p> <p>No one should suffer discrimination for any reason, especially not for being a care leaver.</p> <p>Doing voluntary work is a great way to get to know people and contribute to the community you live in.</p>
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## Who can help: Key contacts

<p><b>Achieving Permanence Social work Team</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Named social worker</b></li> </ul>	<p>West offices Station Rise York YO1 6GA. 01904 551550</p>
<p><b>The Pathway Team</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pathway leaving care team</li> <li>• Pathway Workers</li> <li>• Pathway Accommodation officer</li> <li>• Pathway ETE officer</li> <li>• Peer mentors</li> </ul>	<p><a href="mailto:Pathwayteam@york.gov.uk">Pathwayteam@york.gov.uk</a> 136 Acomb Rd, York YO24 4HA . 01904 555389</p>
<p><b>I Still Matter (ISM )</b> York Care leavers forum</p>	<p><a href="http://www.showmethatimatter.com/i-still-matter.htm">www.showmethatimatter.com/i-still-matter.htm</a></p> <p>Speak with your pathway worker if you would like to attend.</p>
<p><b>Show Me That I Matter (SMTIM)</b> York's children in care council</p>	<p><a href="http://www.showmethatimatter.com/whohelpsyouleavecare">www.showmethatimatter.com/whohelpsyouleavecare</a></p>
<p><b>Advocacy for care leavers</b> Advocacy support is now available for Care Leavers up to the age of 21 from the Speak Up Service</p>	<p><a href="mailto:speakup@york.gov.uk">speakup@york.gov.uk</a> For information please call / text Nikki 07769725174</p>
<p><b>30 Clarence Street</b> 16—25 service including counselling</p>	<p><a href="mailto:fis@york.gov.uk">fis@york.gov.uk</a> 01904 555400 / text 07624802244 The service also runs <b>Drop in sessions at 30 Clarence Street on:</b> Mondays 12:30pm-4:30pm Tuesdays 12:30pm-4:30pm Fridays 11am-3pm</p>
<p><b>The Haven</b> Mental health, out of hours support 16-25</p>	<p><a href="mailto:Haven.mhm@nhs.net">Haven.mhm@nhs.net</a> The service is open from 6pm to 11pm, seven days a week, 365 days a year, including bank holidays, with no formal referral or appointment required</p>
<p><b>York District Hospital (YDH)</b></p>	<p>Urgent care centre at York Hospital based in the emergency department. 8.00am - 10.00pm daily. 01904 726066</p> <p>Out of hours GP service at York Hospital; phone NHS direct 111 for an appointment (this is not a drop in service)</p>

<b>Dentist (NHS)</b> (to locate/register with )	NHS direct 111 or <a href="http://www.nhs.uk">www.nhs.uk</a> <a href="http://nhsdentistlocator.co.uk">nhsdentistlocator.co.uk</a> for local dentists
<b>Emergency Dentist</b>	If you require emergency dental treatment when your dentist is closed, please call NHS Direct on 0845 600 3249.
<b>York Sexual Health Centre</b>	Monkgate Health Centre 31 Monkgate York YO31 7WA <a href="http://yorsexualhealth.org.uk">yorsexualhealth.org.uk</a> or <a href="http://nhs.uk/worhtalkingabout">nhs.uk/worhtalkingabout</a> .
<b>Changing Lives</b> (Drug & alcohol service)	<a href="mailto:york-info@changing-lives.org.uk">york-info@changing-lives.org.uk</a> 01904 464680
<b>York College</b>	<a href="http://www.yorkcollege.ac.uk">www.yorkcollege.ac.uk</a>
<b>Askham Bryan College</b>	<a href="http://www.askham-bryan.ac.uk">www.askham-bryan.ac.uk</a>
<b>York Learning</b>	<a href="mailto:yorklearning@york.gov.uk">yorklearning@york.gov.uk</a>
<b>YH Training, including Military Prep</b>	<a href="http://www.yh-group.co.uk">www.yh-group.co.uk</a>
<b>Apprenticeships</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="mailto:York.apprenticeships@york.gov.uk">York.apprenticeships@york.gov.uk</a></li> <li>• <a href="http://www.gov.uk/apprenticeships-guide">www.gov.uk/apprenticeships-guide</a></li> <li>• <a href="http://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship">www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship</a></li> </ul>
<b>Higher Education</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://www.university.which.co.uk">www.university.which.co.uk</a> (help with choice of University)</li> <li>• <a href="http://www.ucas.com">www.ucas.com</a> (UCAS – info about Universities and how to apply)</li> <li>• <a href="http://www.gov.uk/apply-for-student-finance">www.gov.uk/apply-for-student-finance</a> (info about student finance and how to apply)</li> <li>• <a href="http://www.yorks.j.ac.uk">www.yorks.j.ac.uk</a> (York St John)</li> <li>• <a href="http://www.york.ac.uk">www.york.ac.uk</a> (York Uni)</li> </ul>
<b>Universal credit</b>	<a href="http://www.gov.uk/apply-universal-credit">www.gov.uk/apply-universal-credit</a> 03456000723

<p><b>Citizens Advice (CAB)</b></p> <p>Mon, Tues, Thurs: 9.30-12.00 noo</p>	<p><a href="http://www.yorkcab.org.uk">www.yorkcab.org.uk</a> advice line; 08444111444 Mon - Fri: 9.30-4pm West Offices, Station Rise, York</p>
<p><b>The survival guide</b></p> <p>Young peoples guide to services in York</p>	<p><a href="https://yorksurvivalguide.co.uk">https://yorksurvivalguide.co.uk</a></p> <p>Survival Guide to York—a little book full of things you might need to know or make decisions about</p>
<p><b>Police</b></p>	<p>National Non-Emergency</p> <p>Tel. 101</p>
<p><b>Supporting Victims</b></p> <p>If you have been victim of a crime</p>	<p><a href="http://www.supportingvictims.org">www.supportingvictims.org</a></p> <p><a href="mailto:help@supportingvictims.org">help@supportingvictims.org</a></p> <p>Tel. 01904 669276</p> <p>Out of these times: Tel. 0808 168 9293</p>
<p><b>IDAS</b></p>	<p><a href="http://www.idas.org.uk">www.idas.org.uk</a> <a href="mailto:info@idas.org.uk">info@idas.org.uk</a> Tel. 0300 011 0110 24 hr advice line: Outreach: Mon–Fri: 9.00am–5.00pm Tel. 01904 646036</p>
<p><b>Traveler and Ethnic Minority Support Service</b></p>	<p><a href="mailto:ruth.robson@york.gov.uk">ruth.robson@york.gov.uk</a></p> <p>01904 554335 or: 07881 678062</p>
<p><b>Gov.uk</b></p>	<p><a href="http://www.gov.uk">www.gov.uk</a> information about benefits, crime and justice, student finance, job vacancies, tax and NI, careers advice, voting, employment rights etc</p>
<p><b>York Mind</b></p>	<p><a href="mailto:office@yorkmind.org.uk">office@yorkmind.org.uk</a> 01904 643364</p>
<p><b>Kyra</b> Counselling support for young women</p>	<p><a href="mailto:contact@kyra.org.uk">contact@kyra.org.uk</a> <a href="http://www.kyra.org">www.kyra.org</a> 01904 632332 07587 155678</p>

## Corporate Parenting Board – Workplan 2017-18 and 2018-19

Meeting Date	Strategic Themes	Reports Supporting Strategic Theme	Other Reports
<b>2017-2018</b>			
26 June 2017	Emotional Wellbeing & Mental Health; Wellbeing; Relationships & Identity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emotional wellbeing and mental health of children and young people in care, on the edge of care and care leavers</li> </ul>	
25 Sept 2017	Respect & Involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual Advocacy Report</li> <li>Annual SMTIM Report</li> <li>U Matter Survey 2017</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development Review of Placement Services</li> </ul>
20 Nov 2017	Moving to Adulthood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update on Pathway Service</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Independent Reviewing Officer Annual Report Update</li> </ul>
12 Feb 2018	Any other matters arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children and Social Work Act - Update</li> <li>Update on Placement Review</li> <li>Update on IRO Annual Report</li> </ul>	
16 April 2018	Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Virtual School Update</li> <li>Primary Education data – children in care / Education: Secondary school</li> </ul>	<p>Verbal Update from Principle Social Worker (Childrens)</p> <p>Verbal update regarding Junior ISA for CYPIC</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data children in care.</li> </ul>	
<b>2018 - 2019</b>			
5 June 2018	Emotional Wellbeing & Mental Health; Wellbeing; Relationships & Identity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update on EMH Partnership</li> <li>You Are Not Alone Booklet</li> </ul>	
4 Sept 2018	Respect & Involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual Advocacy Report</li> <li>Annual SMTIM Report</li> <li>U Matter Survey 2017</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concordat</li> <li>Stability of Placements</li> </ul>
22 Nov 2018	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health Including relevant data</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update on Care Leaver Offer</li> <li>Update on Regional Approach to Adoption</li> </ul>
5 Feb 2019	Good Safe Placements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Independent Reviewing Officer Annual Report</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scorecard</li> <li>Update on Placement Review</li> </ul>
20 March 2019	Any other matters arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Virtual Headteacher update (to include pupil level data)</li> </ul>	