

Meeting the Emotional and Mental Health Needs of Looked after Children

Summary

1. This item provides the Board with a ‘snapshot view’ of the current range of responses to and services available for safeguarding and promoting the emotional and mental health of looked after children and is presented in advance of the substantive Board discussion on the emotional and mental health of looked after children scheduled to take place at their meeting in June.

Background

2. A short paper setting out an overview of the current approach to supporting the emotional and mental health of looked after children is presented. This report describes the range of services responses currently in place and provides a focus for an initial Board discussion. This outcome of this discussion will inform the presentation and recommendations to the June Board where this issue will be a substantive item.

Consultation

3. This presentation shares a snapshot view of the current arrangements with Members. This brief presentation is intended to further equip the Board with information about local context in preparation for a substantive presentation and discussion in June.

Options

4. This item is presented as an initial opportunity for the Board to hear about the range of current services and service responses to safeguarding and promoting the emotional and mental health of looked after children.

Analysis

5. The report presented describes a range of bespoke and sometimes child specific responses to meeting the emotional and mental health needs of looked after children. This snapshot helps to inform the direction of future service development. At this stage, it is helpful to get an initial and early view from the Board about the planned approach to the future development of these arrangements.

Council Plan

6. This work contributes to the Council Plan priorities:
 - a focus on frontline services
 - a council that listens to residents

7. Implications

- **Financial**

A detailed financial analysis will be presented to the Corporate Pare Board when this issue is presented as a substantive item.

- **Human Resources (HR)**

There are no HR implications to consider at this stage

- **Equalities**

There are no equalities implications to consider at this stage

- **Legal**

There are no equalities implications to consider at this stage

- **Crime and Disorder**

There are no crime and disorder implications to consider at this stage

- **Information Technology (IT)**

There are no IT implications to consider at this stage

- **Property**

There are no property implications to consider at this stage

Risk Management

8. There are no risks to consider at this stage.

Recommendations

9. Members are asked to consider and comment on the report.

Reason: To clarify any issues arising in preparation for receiving a detailed service development action at the June meeting.

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Specialist Implications Officer(s) *None*

Wards Affected:

All

For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers:

None

Annexes

Annex 1 Briefing Note