

Corporate Parenting Board

4 September 2018

Report of the Assistant Director of Children's Services

Annual Advocacy Report 2017-18

Summary

1. The aim of this report is to share with the Corporate Parenting Board the 2017-18 Annual Advocacy Report, which provides a review of the statistics on the demographic of young people who have requested advocacy, details advocacy requests /common themes and reviews the outcomes of the service.

Background

2. The Children's Rights and Advocacy Services (known as Speak Up) provides advocacy for children and young people who are in or leaving care, on a child protection plan or wanting to make a complaint against the council, in line with the Local Authority's statutory duty.

Consultation

3. See Annex A.

Options

4. See Annex A.

Analysis

5. See Annex A.

Council Plan

6. See Annex A.

Implications

7. Financial

There are no financial implications to consider.

- **Human Resources (HR)**

There are no HR implications to consider.

- **Equalities**

There are no issues relating to equalities to consider.

- **Legal**

There are no legal implications to consider.

- **Crime and Disorder**

There are no issues relating to crime and disorder.

- **Information Technology (IT)**

There are no IT implications.

- **Property**

There are no issues relating to property.

- **Other**

No other known implications.

Risk Management

8. There are no risks to consider.

Recommendations

9. Members are not being asked to endorse any recommendations but to be briefed on the advocacy casework that is carried out with children and young people.

Reason: To keep Members updated.

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Specialist Implications Officer(s) : None

Wards Affected: List wards or tick box to indicate all

All

For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers:

None

Annexes

Annex A – 2017-18 Annual Advocacy Report