

Corporate Parenting Board

5 February 2019

Placement Finding Commissioning and Support Team Report

Summary

1. The attached report provides an update on the developments and work of the Placement Finding Commissioning and Support Team, supporting strategies to support Good Safe Placements.

Background

2. The Placement Finding Commissioning and Support Team has responsibility for supporting and training approved foster carers, matching placements and for commissioning placements.
3. The report outlines new practice around duty arrangements, clarifies the enhanced training and support offer and provides information about children in care and foster carer numbers.
4. The report highlights the challenge around foster placement sufficiency in York, currently 209 children care and 102 fostering households, 67 of which are mainstream households.
5. Work around improving sufficiency is outlined in two separate reports to Corporate Parenting Board, Placement Review report and Assessing Permanent Carers team report

Consultation

6. The report refers to the Placement Review. City of York Foster Carers have been consulted through the process of the review.

Council Plan

7. 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.

8. Implications

- **Human Resources (HR):** There are no HR implications as Foster Carers are not City of York Council employees
- **Equalities:** None specific to this paper
- **Legal:** None specific to this paper
- **Crime and Disorder:** None specific to this paper
- **Information Technology (IT) :** None specific to this paper
- **Property:** None specific to this paper
- **Risk Management:** The implementation of the Placement Review may be viewed negatively by some foster carers

Recommendations

9. That the Corporate Parenting Board notes the paper.

Reason: To keep the Board updated.

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Annexes

Annex A: Placement Finding Commissioning and Support Team