

Corporate Parenting Board

18 February 2020

Report of the Manager of the Pathway Team.

Pathway Team Update

Summary

1. Update of Pathway Team work in 2019.

Background

2. The Leaving Care Act (2000) requires local authorities to: assess the needs of young people previously looked after; appoint a Personal Advisor for them and to develop and keep under review a pathway plan. This support available to care leavers to age 21.
3. The 2014 Children & Families Act introduced the 'Staying Put' duty. This requires local authorities to support young people from age 18 to remain with their former foster carers up to age 21 where both the young person and the carer want the arrangement to continue – allowing those young people to enjoy continuity in their care arrangements and a more gradual transition to adulthood.
4. The Social Work Act 2017 introduced new duties for local authorities to negotiate and publish a 'Local offer' to care leavers and to extend Personal advisor support up to the age of 25.

Options

5. For Members to note this paper.

Council Plan

6. The work of the pathway Team is in line with the Council's Plan 2016/20 [The Children and Young People's Plan](#)

7. Implications

- Financial - None

- Human Resources (HR) - None
- Equalities – None
- Legal - None
- Crime and Disorder - None
- Information Technology (IT) - None
- Property - None
- Other - None

Risk Management

8. There are no implications or risks involved.

Recommendations

9. For Corporate Parenting Board to note the paper.

Reason: To keep the Board updated.

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Annexes:

Annex A: Pathway Team and Service for Care Leavers Update
Annex B: Care Leavers Offer