

Corporate Parenting Board

2 December 2013

Report of the Assistant Director, Adults, Children and Education

Moving into Adulthood for Care Leavers

Summary

1. The focus in this report is upon progress in relation to care leavers and the Moving into Adulthood strand of the Looked After Children's Strategy 2012-15

Background

2. The Corporate Parenting has endorsed the local Care Leavers Charter in October 2013. Services for care leavers are critical to the young people's movement into suitable and secure accommodation, in which the young people are able to progress in education, training and employment. There has been significant progress in the coordination and collaboration between the Pathway Team, which takes a lead in work with care leavers and all of the other council staff, who can promote and support a positive pathway into adulthood.

Consultation

3. The work of each of the officers reporting to the board is undertaken with consultation with service users e.g. looked after children and care leavers foster carers, adopters,. Feedback from Show Me That I Matter and I Matter Too (representatives of all looked after children) York Area Foster Carers Association, is regularly sought and incorporated into the service development.

Options

4. There are no options for decision, as the information provided is intended to progress information sharing with the Board about the experience of looked after children.

Analysis

5. The Looked After Children's Strategy 2012-15 outlined the expectations for York's care leavers. A progress report into the key aspects is included at appendix A.

Council Plan

6. The Corporate Parenting Board will be ensuring that the work of partners for looked after children contributes to the aims of
 - The Children and Young People's Plan
 - Building strong communities
 - Protecting vulnerable people

Through the positive outcomes for looked after children , the aim is for them to be able to benefit from and contribute to

- Get York moving
- Create jobs and grow the economy
- Protect the environment

7. Implications

- **Financial:** Not applicable
- **Human Resources:** Not applicable
- **Equalities:** Not applicable
- **Legal:** Not applicable
- **Crime and Disorder:** Not applicable
- **Information Technology:** Not applicable
- **Property:** Not applicable
- **Other:** Not applicable

Risk Management

8. Not applicable

Recommendations

9. It is recommended that the Board notes the progress report relating to care leavers moving into adulthood.

Reasons

10. To ensure that all those involved with children and young people are collaborating to consolidate the arrangements for care leavers and to improve in accordance with the Looked After Children's Strategy 2012-15.

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Specialist Implications Officer(s):Not applicable

Wards Affected:

All

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Annexes:

Annex A - Progress into Moving into Adulthood for care leavers