

Peterborough City Council Action Plan following OfSTED Inspection of Services to Children in Need of Help and Protection, Children Looked After & Care Leavers

Background

The Council places a high priority on improving outcomes for children and young people. We are committed to supporting families to overcome their difficulties so that fewer children and young people need our services to protect them or come into care. Through effective early intervention, our children's services will support families and prevent problems from escalating. We will work with our partners to continue to implement our transformation plans for Children's Services.

We are pleased that the OfSTED Inspection in April 2015 found that we know ourselves well and that the new management team were already making progress to address the areas for improvement identified within the inspection.

This third update continues to evidence progress in the majority of areas. In general terms, progress has been made in terms of increasing the proportion of permanently employed social workers and reducing turn-over. Caseloads have fallen across the service since the inspection, and timeliness of decision making and assessments is significantly better. Practice is not yet at the consistently high standards that we would wish, but by stabilising the workforce and reducing caseloads, we have put the foundations in place to deliver sustainable improvements in practice quality.

There are some areas where target dates have slipped since the original action plan was developed in November. In most cases this is probably more a reflection of the ambitious nature or complexity of those targets rather than of any lack of action or commitment by managers and staff.

Any remedial actions required where any areas where dates have slipped or where planned actions have not yet started are clearly set out with target dates for completion. Progress against the plan is monitored through the Children's Social Care senior management team. Overall accountability is to Creating Opportunities and Tackling Inequalities Scrutiny Committee and the Corporate Parenting Panel.

The plan is set out so that for each action, the RAG rating of overall progress as of November 2015 can be compared with our assessment of our position in March 2016 and now July 2016.

OFSTED SAID WE MUST:	Ensure that all child in need plans, child protection plans, looked after children plans, pathway plans, and personal education plans are outcome focused, easy to understand and include specific and measurable objectives.	Recommendation 6
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Position as of 1st November 2015		RAG
Outcome Required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All plans clearly state what needs to happen, who needs to undertake the work and when it will happen, and describe the expected outcome. Contingencies are also described; Any patterns of risky behaviours are addressed by specific risk assessments which inform an appropriately detailed risk management plan. 	Red
Impact for Children:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plans for children and young people progress more effectively because all those working with them are clear of their responsibilities and accountabilities; Clear plans support positive engagement by families and this engagement makes it more likely that outcomes for children are improved in a sustainable way; Children and young people are protected where plans fail to deliver the required outcomes; Risks facing young people engaged in behaviours that may place them at risk of significant harm are reduced through a proportionate and focused response. 	

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Actions Completed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team Manager development programme established, supporting team managers to help workers to develop outcome focused and easy to understand plans; Practice workshops on developing and monitoring outcome focused plans delivered to a wide range of 	Green

	<p>practitioners established;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programme of risk assessments for all young people aged 13 and above completed; • New permanency planning process established for to run alongside legal planning meetings to ensure that contingencies are always in place; • New unborn baby protocol in place to ensure that pre-birth assessments are completed in a timely way; • Independent chairs have begun to run focus groups with children in care and children subject to child protection plans, with feedback on views feeding back to team managers and social workers; • Parent's group established by independent chairs to seek views relating to child protection processes; • Work underway to expand parent groups to include children in need. 	
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Impact for Children:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plans for children and young people progress more effectively because all those working with them are clear of their responsibilities and accountabilities; • Clear plans support positive engagement by families and this engagement makes it more likely that outcomes for children are improved in a sustainable way; • Children and young people are protected where plans fail to deliver the required outcomes; • Risks facing young people engaged in behaviours that may place them at risk of significant harm are reduced through a proportionate and focused response. 	
Actions Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of Quality Assurance service across People and Communities completed, although delays in this process has impacted on establishing routine feedback loops with young people and parents; • Heads of service in each area review plans across their service areas with team managers ensuring that drift is avoided; • Evidence from the June case file audit on voice of the child found much clearer evidence of voice of the child influencing planning and review. 	

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Actions Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBC 	

Future/Uncompleted Actions:

What Needs to Happen?	Why?	What will the difference be?	Lead	Due by	RAG
Case Audit Target: 85% of plans are outcome focused and include SMART targets.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This will ensure that improvements in practice in this area are embedded across the service. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plans for children will be less likely to drift, leading to improved outcomes; Throughput will increase, contributing to reduced caseloads. 	Alison Bennett – audit programme; Nicola Curley – practice standards	Dec 2016 – unchanged	
Independent Chairs quality assure all plans, modelling good practice and escalating any recurring issues with line managers to support improved practice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To establish an expectation that this is a bedrock of good practice that will be addressed in all decision making forums affecting children and young people; Effective and understandable plans will lead to greater involvement by children, young people and families. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All involved in the development and reviewing of plans are clear about their roles, responsibilities and accountabilities; Appropriate action is taken to address any failings by an individual or agency in not adhering to plans; Plans progress for children, resulting in improved outcomes. 	Alison Bennett	May 2016	

What Needs to Happen?	Why?	What will the difference be?	Lead	Due by	RAG
Development of user involvement processes to include specific engagement with children and young people around effectiveness of plans in meeting their needs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This process will enable us to review the effectiveness of our approach to development of plans in delivering improved outcomes for children and young people. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plans become more child-centred and described in ways that are understood by and relevant to the wishes, feelings and needs of children and young people; Practice will continue to improve in relation to developing relevant and effective plans. 	Jenny Weeden & Alison Bennett	September [slipped from June 2016]	
Development of user involvement processes to include specific engagement with families around effectiveness of plans in meeting their needs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Families will have a better understanding of the changes they are being asked to make, and of the responsibilities and accountabilities of agencies supporting them to help them to achieve success. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Services supporting families continue to improve; Engagement of families improves, leading to improved outcomes for children and young people. 	Alison Bennett	September [Slipped from June 2016]	

Remedial/Recovery Actions

For any RED rated areas or areas where dates have slipped from original targets in future/uncompleted actions table above, specify any remedial actions required:

Outstanding Action	Remedial Actions Required	Person Responsible & to be completed by	Date Completed
Case Audit Target: 85% of plans are outcome focused and include SMART targets.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most recent case file audit established that the quality of care planning across the service continues to require improvement if this is to be good, although there is much better evidence of the voice of the child informing plans; Further practice workshops to be held over summer 2016 to reinforce quality of SMART Plans; Most recent audit identified that 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alison Bennett and Nicola Curley to review actions taken to date in order to establish better quality care planning consistently across the service by end August 2016; 	

	<p>there are improvements possible to the form used within Liquid Logic that would support better quality case planning</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alison Bennett to work with Performance Team to implement improvements to care planning process within LL by September 2016 	
<p>Development of user involvement processes to include specific engagement with families around effectiveness of plans in meeting their needs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This has slipped slightly owing to delays in HR processes relating to Quality Assurance re-structure but will be in place by the next action plan review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alison Bennet by end August 2016 	

OFSTED SAID WE MUST:	Ensure that the new Child Sexual Exploitation risk assessment tool is used consistently and that information about children missing from home, school and care and/or at risk of child sexual exploitation is well coordinated, analysed and acted upon.	Recommendation 8
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Position as of 1st November 2015		RAG
Outcome Required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risks of children and young people becoming victims of Child Sexual Exploitation are reduced; • Risks facing children and young people vulnerable to CSE are identified through thorough risk assessments that lead to a coordinated response. Risks are regularly reviewed, and actions continue to be taken to reduce risks. 	Red
Impact for Children:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fewer children and young people in Peterborough are victims of Child Sexual Exploitation; • Children and young people who are vulnerable to CSE are identified and action taken to safeguard them; • Children and young people who are victims of CSE are identified more quickly and action taken to protect them; • Children and young people know where they can seek help when they are worried about either themselves or their friends being at risk of Child Sexual Exploitation. 	

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Impact for Children:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a reduced likelihood of children and young people in Peterborough are victims of Child Sexual Exploitation; • Children and young people who are vulnerable to CSE are identified and action taken to safeguard them; • Children and young people who are victims of CSE are identified more quickly and action taken to protect them; • Children and young people know where they can seek help when they are worried about either themselves or their friends being at risk of Child Sexual Exploitation. 	
Actions Completed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where any child or young person is identified as vulnerable to CSE, a strategy discussion takes place, a risk assessment completed and the young person is flagged as at risk on LL; • The lead Head of Service reviews the CSE list weekly to ensure this accurately reflects those at risk of CSE and that 	Green

	<p>appropriate assessments are in place;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An initial risk assessment screening tool has been introduced and is completed for all children and young people aged 13 and above and open to CSC, informing team managers of high risk cases within their teams and on actions necessary; • Information is shared between relevant professionals [schools, police and CSC] about children and young people who have been missing from home, school and/or care and links are made so that the whole picture of risk to a child or young person is known; • New monthly CSE and missing multi-agency meetings have been set up to ensure that risks and any emerging areas of need are identified with the first of these to be held in April 2016. 	
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Actions Completed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-agency meetings are embedded and working closely with Cambridgeshire • 91% of cases sampled had an appropriate CSE assessment in place • Good links have been built between children going missing from school with a member of staff now sitting in the MASH • Clearer intelligence is gathered on those going missing who are at risk of CSE • Cohort numbers are being reviewed to ensure information is up to date and shared across agencies • 	

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Actions Completed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . 	

Future/Uncompleted Actions:

What Needs to Happen?	Why?	What will the difference be?	Lead	Due by	RAG
Revised practitioner workshops to be held to support QSW and alternative qualified workers to recognise potential vulnerabilities to CSE and to assess risks using the risk assessment tool.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To embed this area of practice across the service; To ensure that risks to children and young people are identified and action taken for them to reduce; To ensure that a clear picture of the levels of risk in the City is provided, enabling actions to be taken to disrupt the activities of and arrest perpetrators. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children and young people vulnerable to CSE will be identified; Action is taken to reduce risks; Action is taken to disrupt the activities of perpetrators; Perpetrators are identified and prosecuted. 	Nicola Curley & Jenny Goodes	November 2015	Green
Audit Target: Case file audits identify that potential risk of CSE is identified and responded to in at least 85% of relevant case files.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This will enable us to assess the extent to which the service is improving as a result of practice workshops and training. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children and young people who are vulnerable to CSE are identified and the level of risk is identified. 	Alison Bennet [audits]; Jenny Goodes – practice	September 2016 [slipped from June 2016]	Yellow
Audit Target: Case file audits identify that in at least 90% of cases where CSE has been identified as a potential risk, the appropriate risk assessment has been completed and that the outcome of this assessment has influenced the plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This will enable us to assess the extent to which the service is improving as a result of practice workshops and training. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children and young people benefit from clear assessments of risks and action plans that are specific to the risks identified. 	Alison Bennet [audits]; Jenny Goodes – practice	June 2016 positive progress beforehand	Green
Audit Target: In at least 80% of case file audits where CSE is	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This will enable us to assess the extent to which the service is 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children and young people benefit from clear assessments 	Alison Bennet [audits]; Jenny	Sept 2016 positive	Yellow

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identified as a risk, plans are in place that identify the risk and include measurable targets to reduce risks. These plans are regularly reviewed and amended as necessary.	improving as a result of practice workshops and training	of risks and action plans that are specific to the risks identified, and that plans are reviewed to ensure that the risks are reduced.	Goodes – practice	progress beforehand	
The Council's data systems are updated so that they are able to provide a single view of the child or young person, drawing together any risks associated with areas of life including home and school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information about children and young people is held in more than one system, necessitating the use of spreadsheets to map relevant information, meaning that there is the potential for information to be missed and risks not identified. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information about children and young people in different areas of life – school and home for example – is drawn together, enabling individual children and young people vulnerable to CSE to be identified more effectively. 	Tina Hornsby	December 2016 – unchanged	

Remedial/Recovery Actions

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Outstanding Action	Remedial Actions Required	Person Responsible & to be completed by	Date Completed
Audit Target: Case file audits identify that potential risk of CSE is identified and responded to in at least 85% of relevant case files.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mock Joint Targeted Area Inspection was to have taken place by June 2016 but has had to be re-scheduled – once this takes place we will have a clearer understanding of progress in relation to this objective 	Alison Bennett by end September 2016	

OFSTED SAID WE MUST:	Ensure that every child who goes missing from home or care is offered a return home interview and that the information obtained is used effectively to safeguard those children and young people and aggregated to identify themes and trends in the City.	Recommendation 9
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Position as of 1st November 2015		RAG
Outcome Required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All children and young people who go missing from home or care are offered return interviews; Where these are declined, parents or carers are offered the opportunity to discuss any issues they may have or be concerned about; Information from return interviews is collated and any patterns that may indicate changing or emerging areas of risks mapped. 	Yellow
Impact for Children:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children and young people who may be vulnerable as a result of going missing from home or care are offered the opportunity to discuss any concerns that they have that may be contributing to their going missing; Children and young people who have been missing from home or care are offered the opportunity to discuss any harm they may have experienced while missing; Issues of concern are addressed and fewer children and young people are at risk of significant harm because of going missing from home or school. 	

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Actions Completed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A service is commissioned from Barnardos for conducting all missing from home interviews, with a worker situated within the MASH; Children and young people who go missing from care are offered independent return interviews by the advocacy organisation, National Youth Advisory Service [NYAS]; Both providers provide reports of any themes emerging from return interviews; 	Green

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A missing audit completed in January 2016 indicated that return interviews are offered to parents and carers where young people refuse to participate and that there is significant improvement in data recording, the evidence of the voice of the child and more joined up scrutiny by police and CSC following missing episodes; • Missing is now a focus for the Safer Peterborough Partnership, and performance in this area will be scrutinised through this route. 	
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Actions Completed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From a dip sample undertaken there is evidence that Return Interviews are being undertaken and if young person is not willing to engage then parents are offered opportunity to discuss missing episode. • Out of the 39 Return Interviews completed in May 51% (20) were completed within 72 hours. • Information obtained from Return Interviews is shared with police and patterns and trends are reviewed at the monthly Missing and CSE Operational Group 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issues of concern are addressed and fewer children and young people are at risk of significant harm because of going missing from home or school. 	
Actions Completed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	

Future/Uncompleted Actions:

What Needs to Happen?	Why?	What will the difference be?	Lead	Due by	RAG
Case Audit Outcome: At least 85% of case files sampled in audits evidence that return interviews have taken place within 72 hours.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This audit will enable us to ensure that practice standards are being complied with. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children and young people at risk as a result of going missing are seen as quickly as possible, enabling actions to be taken to reduce risks without delay. 	Alison Bennett for audit Jenny Goodes for practice	September 2016 positive progress beforehand	
Case Audit Outcome: At least 85% of case files sampled in audits evidence that where children in care have gone missing, a risk assessment has been completed and this addresses risks to the child or young person and/or to others.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This audit will enable us to ensure that information from return interviews and other sources is drawn together to inform the development of risk assessments that reflects the individual circumstances of the child or young person. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Risks facing children and young people who go missing are identified, enabling action to be taken for these to be mitigated. 	Alison Bennett for audit Jenny Goodes for practice	September 2016 positive progress beforehand	
Case Audit Outcome: In at least 85% of case files where children in care have gone missing, the care plan has been updated to address how associated risks are to be mitigated and how progress is to be measured.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children in care are particularly vulnerable when they go missing and care plans must identify risks and seek to mitigate these. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children and young people in care who are at risk as a result of going missing are supported by effective plans that reduce those risks. 	Alison Bennett for audit Bev Paris for practice	September 2016 positive progress beforehand	
Case Audit Outcome: Where there are any indications that patterns of missing from home or care or any other vulnerabilities indicate possible risk of CSE, the appropriate risk assessment is	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Links are made between risks caused by children and young people who go missing and additional vulnerability that this may lead to in respect of risks of CSE. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children and young people are at reduced risks of vulnerability to CSE. 	Alison Bennett audit and Heads of Service for Practice	July 2016 positive progress beforehand	

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completed and actions taken to mitigate risk.					

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Audits around effectiveness of response to young people at risk because of going missing were intended to take place as part of the mock Joint Targeted Area Inspection which had to be re-scheduled, meaning audits also require re-scheduling. Other sources of information evidence that risk assessments are being used much more comprehensively, however, and CSE/Missing strategic group has helped to ensure links made between vulnerabilities related to missing and to CSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Audit to be re-scheduled and completed prior to next Action Plan update 	Alison Bennett – by end September 2016	
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OFSTED SAID WE MUST:	Ensure that foster carers' files are of a consistently high standard and include all of the required documentation.	Recommendation 10
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Position as of 1st November 2015		RAG
Outcome Required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All foster carer files comply with at least the requirements of the Fostering National Minimum Standards and include all information required. 	
Impact for Children:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children and young people are placed with foster carers who have been thoroughly assessed, reducing risks that they might otherwise be exposed to; Foster carers are reviewed regularly in order to ensure that they have the skills needed to provide a high quality of care to children and young people, resulting in improved outcomes for children in care. 	
Actions Completed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information has been provided to all supervising social workers to remind them of minimum information requirements for foster carer files; An audit of the quality of fostering files has been completed since the inspection and an action plan is in place; The QA team has initiated a case file audit where at least 6 foster carers' files are audited to ensure compliance. 	

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Actions Completed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information has been provided to all supervising social workers to remind them of minimum information requirements for foster carer files; An audit of the quality of fostering files has been completed since the inspection and an action plan put in place that has been completed; The QA team has initiated a case file audit where at least 6 foster carers' files are audited to ensure compliance, however the subsequent discovery that not all case sampling was completed by team manager means that we cannot yet be confident that all case files are fully compliant. 	

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Actions Completed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Head of Service has reviewed 90% of foster carer files and recorded management oversight on all. Changes to Liquid logic will improve compliance with minimum standards; New team manager in fostering completing regular case audits. 	

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Actions Completed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	

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What Needs to Happen?	Why?	What will the difference be?	Lead	Due by	RAG
Fostering Action Plan to be completed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The audit of foster carer files identified some compliance issues and the action plan enables us to be sure that remedial actions have taken place. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All foster carers have all necessary checks completed; annual reviews have been undertaken enabling training and development needs to be identified; These steps will ensure that children are as well matched with carers as possible and receive safe and high quality care. 	Simon Green	March 2016	
Fostering Team Manager to sample fostering files on a monthly basis and take any remedial action necessary.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular management oversight is essential to ensure that practice standards are maintained. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children and young people in care benefit from a fostering service that operates to high practice standards 	Fostering Team Manager	December 2015 – now on-going	
Compliance is assured by the findings of the monthly case file audits completed by QA service.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional audit programme confirms compliance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above. 	Alison Bennett for QA & Simon Green for practice	March 2016 & 6 monthly thereafter	
Ensure new Liquid Logic functionality fully implemented by all staff and managers [new action June 2016]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This will help to ensure that files are maintained in accordance with statutory requirements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The quality of foster placements is regularly reviewed and outcomes for children promoted and safeguarded 	Simon Green	September 2016	

Remedial/Recovery Actions

For any RED rated areas or areas where dates have slipped from original targets in future/uncompleted actions table above, specify any remedial actions required:

Outstanding Action	Remedial Actions Required	Person Responsible & to be completed by	Date Completed
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	

OFSTED SAID WE MUST:	Ensure that initial health assessments are routinely completed within 28 days of a child or young person becoming looked after and that health assessments and care plans take full account of children's emotional health and wellbeing.	Recommendation 11
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Position as of 1st November 2015		RAG
Outcome Required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial health assessments are completed within 28 days for at least 95% of children and young people newly looked after and remaining in care for at least a month; Themes and commonly identified needs relating to children's physical, emotional or mental health are drawn together and used to inform training and development programmes and the commissioning cycle, so that emerging needs can be better met. 	Red
Impact for Children:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any physical or emotional or mental health issues are identified promptly and services and/or treatment offered in order that these children are supported to return to positive physical, emotional or mental health and wellbeing. 	

Position as of 1st March 2016		RAG
Outcome Required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial health assessments are completed within 28 days for at least 95% of children and young people newly looked after and remaining in care for at least a month; Themes and commonly identified needs relating to children's physical, emotional or mental health are drawn together and used to inform training and development programmes and the commissioning cycle, so that emerging needs can be better met. 	Yellow
Impact for Children:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any physical or emotional or mental health issues are identified promptly and services and/or treatment offered in order that these children are supported to return to positive physical, emotional or mental health and wellbeing. 	
Actions Completed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new system is in place to address issue of poor communication between Children's Service and the health team responsible for children in care which is having a sustained and significant impact with typically in excess of 85% of assessments completed in any one month; Negotiations to re-establish the SDQ and to use this to inform annual health reviews for children in care aged 7-17 have been completed and SDQ assessments are now being completed; Most children and young people eligible will have had an SDQ completed by mid-2016. 	Green

Position as of 1 st July 2016		RAG
Outcome Required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial health assessments are completed within 28 days for at least 95% of children and young people newly looked after and remaining in care for at least a month; Themes and commonly identified needs relating to children's physical, emotional or mental health are drawn together and used to inform training and development programmes and the commissioning cycle, so that emerging needs can be better met. 	Yellow
Impact for Children:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any physical or emotional or mental health issues are identified promptly and services and/or treatment offered in order that these children are supported to return to positive physical, emotional or mental health and wellbeing. 	Green
Actions Completed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	Green

Position as of 1 st November 2016		RAG
Outcome Required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial health assessments are completed within 28 days for at least 95% of children and young people newly looked after and remaining in care for at least a month; Themes and commonly identified needs relating to children's physical, emotional or mental health are drawn together and used to inform training and development programmes and the commissioning cycle, so that emerging needs can be better met. 	
Impact for Children:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any physical or emotional or mental health issues are identified promptly and services and/or treatment offered in order that these children are supported to return to positive physical, emotional or mental health and wellbeing. 	
Actions Completed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	

Future/Uncompleted Actions:

What Needs to Happen?	Why?	What will the difference be?	Lead	Due by	RAG
Information from Health Assessments and SDQs inform care plans for children and young people in care, as reported by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children and young people in care are particularly vulnerable to poorer physical and emotional health issues, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children and young people benefit from a holistic assessment of their needs, which inform care plans and so 	Alison Bennett	May 2016	Green

What Needs to Happen?	Why?	What will the difference be?	Lead	Due by	RAG
Independent chairs [IROs].	making it important that additional needs are identified and inform children's plans.	improve short and long term outcomes.			
Information from health assessments and SDQs inform Personal Education Plans, as reported by Independent chairs [IROs].	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical and emotional health needs can have an impact on children's quality of learning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Personal education plans include specific measures to provide additional support to learning informed by the individual circumstances of the child or young person; Educational outcomes for children in care improve. 	Bev Paris & Dee Glover	October 2016 [slipped from June 2016]	
Information about the physical health and mental and emotional health needs of children and young people informs training and development plans for staff and carers through the Children in Care Board.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workers and carers are supported to meet the needs of children and young people in care as identified through health assessments – for example, attachment disorders, and needs arising from FASD and ASD. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workers working with children and young people are better able to understand the implications of health needs; Carers caring for children and young people are better equipped to meet needs. 	Claire Gregory for workforce; Simon Green for carers	From October 2016 and onwards	
Information about the physical health and mental and emotional health needs of children and young people informs commissioning priorities through the Children in Care Board, reporting to the Children and Families' Commissioning Board.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Services commissioned and provided respond to changing needs of care population; The effectiveness of services in addressing needs and improving outcomes is continuously monitored. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children and young people in care benefit from a range of support that is effective in meeting their needs and improving outcomes. 	Nicola Curley & Lou Williams	March 2016 and onwards	

Remedial/Recovery Actions

For any RED rated areas or where dates have slipped from original targets in future/uncompleted actions table above, specify remedial actions required:

Outstanding Action	Remedial Actions Required	Person Responsible & to be completed by	Date Completed
Information from health assessments and SDQs inform Personal Education Plans, as reported by Independent chairs [IROs].	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The start date from when SDQs would begin to be completed slipped owing to capacity issues; these have been addressed and are now taking place but delay in implementation has restricted amount of information from assessments that is available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Claire Gregory for workforce and Simon Green for carers – from October 2016 	
Information about the physical health and mental and emotional health needs of children and young people informs training and development plans for staff and carers through the Children in Care Board.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The start date from when SDQs would begin to be completed slipped owing to capacity issues; these have been addressed and are now taking place but delay in implementation has restricted amount of information from assessments that is available 	Nicola Curley and Bev Piper – On-going	

OFSTED SAID WE	Ensure that there is a more robust approach to Corporate Parenting and that elected Members and	Recommendation
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MUST:	senior managers listen to, and act on, the experiences of children and young people in order to improve their lives.	12
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Position as of 1st November 2015		RAG
Outcome Required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corporate Parenting Panel and elected Members more generally have a deeper understanding of the issues facing children and young people in care, enabling them to act as advocates and challenge officers from the local authority and key partner agencies to deliver real improvements in outcomes for children and young people in care. 	Yellow
Impact for Children:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children and young people in care have more opportunities to engage with Members, enabling them to communicate their views and so influence decisions made about the service on which they rely. 	Red

Position as of 1st March 2016		RAG
Outcome Required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corporate Parenting Panel and elected Members more generally have a deeper understanding of the issues facing children and young people in care, enabling them to act as advocates and challenge officers from the local authority and key partner agencies to deliver real improvements in outcomes for children and young people in care. 	Yellow
Impact for Children:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children and young people in care have more opportunities to engage with Members, enabling them to communicate their views and so influence decisions made about the service on which they rely. 	Red
Actions Completed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children in Care Board established and will support Members to provide scrutiny on key issues affecting children and young people, looking at timeliness and quality issues; A review of the participation strategy for children and young people in care has been commissioned; This review identified that additional capacity was required and additional £30K funding agreed by Corporate Management Team for this has been identified; Additional post being recruited from April 2016. 	Green

Position as of 1 st July 2016		RAG
Outcome Required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corporate Parenting Panel and elected Members more generally have a deeper understanding of the issues facing children and young people in care, enabling them to act as advocates and challenge officers from the local authority and key partner agencies to deliver real improvements in outcomes for children and young people in care. 	Yellow
Impact for Children:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children and young people in care have more opportunities to engage with Members, enabling them to communicate their views and so influence decisions made about the service on which they rely. 	
Actions Completed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children in Care and Care Leavers Strategy 2016 – 2019 completed; Revised pledge to children and young people in care completed; Participation Strategy completed; Additional Participation Officer to focus on children in care recruited; Review of status of Corporate Parenting Panel with Council to decide on whether this becomes a formal Committee at Council Meeting on 13th July 2016 Training and support programme for members on Corporate Parenting Panel/Committee commissioned from LGA for delivery in Autumn 2016 	Green

Position as of 1 st November 2016		RAG
Outcome Required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corporate Parenting Panel and elected Members more generally have a deeper understanding of the issues facing children and young people in care, enabling them to act as advocates and challenge officers from the local authority and key partner agencies to deliver real improvements in outcomes for children and young people in care. 	
Impact for Children:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children and young people in care have more opportunities to engage with Members, enabling them to communicate their views and so influence decisions made about the service on which they rely. 	
Actions Completed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	

Future/Uncompleted Actions:

What Needs to Happen?	Why?	What will the difference be?	Lead	Due by	RAG
Officers to support Corporate Parenting Panel to develop themes for scrutiny and challenge.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members depend on an open and transparent approach from the service in order to be effective champions for children in care. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members are supported to champion the best interests of children and young people in care; Services to children and young people in care improve as a result of the targeted support of Members. 	Nicola Curley & Arif Dar	April 16 but development offer from LGA not due until Autumn 2016	<div style="background-color: green; width: 100%; height: 100%;"></div> <div style="background-color: yellow; width: 100%; height: 100%;"></div>
Child in care pledge to be reviewed in order to ensure that it is easily understandable and relevant to the needs and experiences of children and young people in care.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The current pledge is very long and may not be effective in supporting targeted approaches that improve services for children and young people in care. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Child in Care pledge is more relevant to the needs of children in care and is therefore a more effective tool in driving improvements to services. 	Matt Oliver & Arif Dar	May 16 [slipped from March 2016]	<div style="background-color: green; width: 100%; height: 100%;"></div>
Assessment of capacity required to secure effective engagement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We need to ensure that there is sufficient capacity to support the Children in Care Council to advocate for children in care. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members are in a better position to understand the experiences of children in care and children in care are better able to influence decision making, with the result that services improve. 	Matt Oliver	March 2016	<div style="background-color: green; width: 100%; height: 100%;"></div>
Participation Strategy to be revised and updated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure it provides the framework required in order that Members and officers are able to improve services based on learning from children and young people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children and young people have more and more varied opportunities to engage in development of services and meet Members and senior officers 	Matt Oliver	May 16 [slipped from April 16]	<div style="background-color: green; width: 100%; height: 100%;"></div>
New website to be launched, including any associated social media platforms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offering more opportunities and ways of communicating to children in care will improve levels of engagement; Developing new channels of communication will enable children and young people to participate who may otherwise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children and young people have more ways to communicate and engage with Members and others and are in a better position to influence decisions; Services development is informed by the experience of 	Jenny Weeden	This action to be reviewed – see below	<div style="background-color: green; width: 100%; height: 100%;"></div>

What Needs to Happen?	Why?	What will the difference be?	Lead	Due by	RAG
	experience barriers – those placed some distance from Peterborough, for example.	children and young people in care.			
The QA service to analyse and report on how the voice of children and young people in care has influenced the decision making process.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidencing the impact of the above changes will encourage staff and children and young people to continue positive engagement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More children and young people in care engage with Members and senior officers; Services improve as a result. 	Alison Bennett	June 2016	

Remedial/Recovery Actions

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Outstanding Action	Remedial Actions Required	Person Responsible & to be completed by	Date Completed
New website to be launched, including any associated social media platforms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action to be reviewed by new head of service for LAC in partnership with participation officer as more recent discussions with young people suggest that an App would be more used than a website.... Websites are now seen as somewhat old technology by young people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bev Paris to liaise with Matt Oliver/Jenny Weedon and new participation officer by October 2016 	

OFSTED SAID WE	Further develop the role of the Children in Care Council [CiCC] to help make this happen.	Recommendation
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Position as of 1 st November 2015		RAG
Outcome Required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A fully functioning Children in Care Council is established that is able to inform and influence decisions made by the Council that affect the progress of children and young people in care. 	Red
Impact for Children:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children and young people in care are represented by a Council that reflects the diversity of their backgrounds, experiences and needs; Children and young people who participate within the CiCC develop new skills, abilities and confidence; All children and young people in care benefit from an active CiCC that is effective in advocating for them and ensuring that decisions made about services reflect their views, experiences and wishes; Overall services to children and young people improve as a result of this participation, securing better outcomes as a result. 	
Actions Completed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	Green

Position as of 1 st March 2016		RAG
Outcome Required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A fully functioning Children in Care Council is established that is able to inform and influence decisions made by the Council that affect the progress of children and young people in care. 	Red
Impact for Children:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children and young people in care are represented by a Council that reflects the diversity of their backgrounds, experiences and needs; Children and young people who participate within the CiCC develop new skills, abilities and confidence; All children and young people in care benefit from an active CiCC that is effective in advocating for them and ensuring that decisions made about services reflect their views, experiences and wishes; Overall services to children and young people improve as a result of this participation, securing better outcomes as a result. 	
Actions Completed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A review of the current participation strategy has commissioned; This review has identified the need for additional capacity and funding has been identified for recruitment of a new participation officer role for which recruitment will commence in April 2016; Additional capacity has been identified to support the Quality Assurance service to seek the views of children and young people in care and will be in place by May 2016; The Cabinet Adviser has taken a lead role in understanding the views and experiences of children and young people in care and care leavers. 	Green

Position as of 1 st July 2016		RAG
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Outcome Required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A fully functioning Children in Care Council is established that is able to inform and influence decisions made by the Council that affect the progress of children and young people in care. 	
Impact for Children:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children and young people in care are represented by a Council that reflects the diversity of their backgrounds, experiences and needs; • Children and young people who participate within the CiCC develop new skills, abilities and confidence; • All children and young people in care benefit from an active CiCC that is effective in advocating for them and ensuring that decisions made about services reflect their views, experiences and wishes; • Overall services to children and young people improve as a result of this participation, securing better outcomes as a result. 	
Actions Completed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Participation officer appointed to support the CiCC • Participation strategy completed with specific focus on CiC 	

Position as of 1st November 2016		RAG
Outcome Required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A fully functioning Children in Care Council is established that is able to inform and influence decisions made by the Council that affect the progress of children and young people in care. 	
Impact for Children:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children and young people in care are represented by a Council that reflects the diversity of their backgrounds, experiences and needs; • Children and young people who participate within the CiCC develop new skills, abilities and confidence; • All children and young people in care benefit from an active CiCC that is effective in advocating for them and ensuring that decisions made about services reflect their views, experiences and wishes; • Overall services to children and young people improve as a result of this participation, securing better outcomes as a result. 	
Actions Completed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	

Future/Uncompleted Actions:

What Needs to Happen?	Why?	What will the difference be?	Lead	Due by	RAG
The review of the participation strategy to include views of children and young people and to be completed and findings implemented.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We need to ensure that there is sufficient capacity to support the Children in Care Council to advocate for children in care. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members are in a better position to understand the experiences of children in care and children in care are better able to influence decision making, with the result that services improve. 	Matt Oliver	May 16 [Slipped from March 2016]	
The new website and social media platforms to be developed in partnership with the CiCC.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offering more opportunities and ways of communicating to children in care will improve levels of engagement; Developing new channels of communication will enable children and young people to participate who may otherwise experience barriers – those placed some distance from Peterborough, for example. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children and young people have more ways to communicate and engage with Members and others and are in a better position to influence decisions; Services development is informed by the experience of children and young people in care. 	Jenny Weeden	Action needs to be reviewed – see below	
The QA service to analyse and report on how the voice of children and young people in care has influenced the decision making process.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidencing the impact of the above changes will encourage staff and children and young people to continue positive engagement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More children and young people in care engage with Members and senior officers; Services improve as a result. 	Alison Bennett	June 2016	

Remedial/Recovery Actions

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New website to be launched, including any associated social media platforms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action to be reviewed by new head of service for LAC in partnership with participation officer as more recent discussions with young people suggest that an App would be more used than a website.... Websites are now seen as somewhat old technology by young people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bev Paris to liaise with Matt Oliver/Jenny Weedon and new participation officer by October 2016 	
The QA service to analyse and report on how the voice of children and young people in care has influenced the decision making process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An audit has been completed but the scope was not sufficiently broad to capture this element and so will be repeated prior to next action plan update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alison Bennett: audit to be completed before end September 2016 	

OFSTED SAID WE MUST:	Ensure that the Virtual School has sufficient capacity to monitor and improve education outcomes for looked after children, including those in post 16 education.	Recommendation 14
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Position as of 1st November 2015		RAG
Outcome Required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Virtual School has sufficient capacity to ensure that children and young people are supported to achieve their full potential in school and post 16 learning 	Red
Impact for Children:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educational outcomes for children and young people in care are improved; The gap in achievement between children in care and all children and young people is narrowed; Fewer young people leaving care are Not in Employment, Education or Training [NEET]; The virtual school helps to secure apprenticeships for young people in care and leaving care. 	
Actions Completed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Assistant Director for Education has commenced a review of the Virtual School, including consideration of the resources needed to achieve the above; The Children in Care Board will support the operation of the Virtual School and improve quality of personal Education Plans. 	

Position as of 1st March 2016		RAG
Outcome Required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Virtual School has sufficient capacity to ensure that children and young people are supported to achieve their full potential in school and post 16 learning 	Yellow
Impact for Children:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educational outcomes for children and young people in care are improved; The gap in achievement between children in care and all children and young people is narrowed; Fewer young people leaving care are Not in Employment, Education or Training [NEET]; The virtual school helps to secure apprenticeships for young people in care and leaving care. 	
Actions Completed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Assistant Director for Education has commenced a review of the Virtual School, including consideration of the resources needed to achieve the above; The Children in Care Board will support the operation of the Virtual School and improve quality of personal Education Plans; E-PePs implemented and measures in-place to enable reporting of quality of ePePs as well as whether completed; Implemented interim measures to ensure Pupil Premium attached to outcomes in PePs, pending full review by Assistant Director; Pupil achievement gap at Peterborough and national levels at key stage 2 in L4+ combined subjects has reduced significantly between 2014 and 2015 [-40 to -13]; Pupil achievement gap at Peterborough level at key stage 4 in 5+ A-C GCSEs has reduced significantly between 2014 and 2015 [-35 to -17]; 	

Position as of 1 st July 2016		RAG
Outcome Required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Virtual School has sufficient capacity to ensure that children and young people are supported to achieve their full potential in school and post 16 learning 	
Impact for Children:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educational outcomes for children and young people in care are improved; The gap in achievement between children in care and all children and young people is narrowed; Fewer young people leaving care are Not in Employment, Education or Training [NEET]; The virtual school helps to secure apprenticeships for young people in care and leaving care. 	
Actions Completed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An outline plan regarding the future structure of the Virtual School has been produced. This, if enacted, will result in an expansion of staffing and enable greater capacity to both support and monitor; There is a draft job description and person specification for the role of Post-16 adviser, and recruitment to this post is to commence shortly; There is effective monitoring of pupil progress via contact with designated teachers and through ePEP, although this is more difficult with schools which are outside of Peterborough; Monitoring activity suggests that the impact of the KS1 literacy project has been good – outcomes are awaited; It is impossible at this stage to be able to predict the outcomes in relation to narrowing the gap due to the extensive changes made to the assessment process at both KS2 and KS4; Information regarding NEET will be available during the autumn term. However, the proportion of children in care who are at risk of becoming NEET is lower than it has been in previous years, and advisory work is being undertaken with the small number who fall into this category; The funding of schools via Pupil Premium Grant is now dependent upon receipt of an acceptable ePEP, and the targets within are now more easily and effectively monitored as outcomes. 	

Position as of 1 st November 2016		RAG
Outcome Required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Virtual School has sufficient capacity to ensure that children and young people are supported to achieve their full potential in school and post 16 learning 	
Impact for Children:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educational outcomes for children and young people in care are improved; The gap in achievement between children in care and all children and young people is narrowed; Fewer young people leaving care are Not in Employment, Education or Training [NEET]; The virtual school helps to secure apprenticeships for young people in care and leaving care. 	
Actions Completed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	

Future/Uncompleted Actions:

What Needs to Happen?	Why?	What will the difference be?	Lead	Due by	RAG
The Assistant Director for Education to complete a review of the Virtual School.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In order to develop a targeted action plan that includes consideration of any need for additional capacity/skills mix. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased capacity within the Virtual School will support improved educational outcomes. 	Terry Reynolds	Feb 2016	
This review to explore capacity issues and to ensure that activities of the virtual school are focused on where they can have most impact.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> While there may be a need for additional capacity, resources are limited and the activities of the Virtual School need to be focused where they have greatest impact – for example in ensuring that initial PEP meetings are effective. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children and young people in care benefit from targeted support that is effective in improving outcomes. 	Terry Reynolds & Dee Glover	March 2016	
This review to explore use of Pupil Premium Plus in supporting improved outcomes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This funding should be clearly linked to needs identified within PEPs so that children and young people in care are supported to achieve improved learning outcomes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where children and young people in care have additional learning needs, they are provided with effective support which improves learning outcomes; Use of resources in this way is regularly reviewed to ensure continuing benefit to children and young people in care. 	Terry Reynolds & Dee Glover	Feb 2016	
The Virtual School needs to have embedded its support to young people in post 16 education in accordance with their wishes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Young people’s learning should extend beyond 16; Young people in care may have particular support needs post 16 as earlier learning may have been disrupted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Young people benefit from effective support to improve their learning outcomes beyond 16. 	Terry Reynolds & Dee Glover	September 2016 [slipped from Feb 2016]	
E-PEPS to be fully implemented.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> E-PEPs enable the more effective gathering of information about the needs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Better information about the needs and progress of children in care supports improved 	Terry Reynolds & Dee Glover	Jan 2016	

What Needs to Happen?	Why?	What will the difference be?	Lead	Due by	RAG
	and progress of children and young people in care	learning outcomes			

Remedial/Recovery Actions

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Although most actions have now been completed, there is not yet evidence to show that the impact of these changes is feeding through into demonstrable impact for children and young people as changes will take time to have impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued monitoring by service director and head of service 	Terry Reynolds and Gary Perkins – on-going	
The Virtual School needs to have embedded its support to young people in post 16 education in accordance with their wishes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recruitment process to be completed 	Terry Reynolds and Gary Perkins by September 2016	

OFSTED SAID WE MUST:	Ensure birth relatives of children who are being adopted can access counselling and support without excessive delay.	Recommendation 15
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Position as of 1st November 2015		RAG
Outcome Required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All birth relatives are able to access counselling and support without excessive delay 	
Impact for Children:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Birth families are supported to manage the feelings associated with adoption, and this is likely to benefit their own children 	
Actions Completed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A review of systems and processes enabling birth relatives undertaken since the inspection has not identified any birth relatives facing significant delays. 	

Position as of 1st March 2016		RAG
Outcome Required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All birth relatives are able to access counselling and support without excessive delay. 	
Impact for Children:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Birth families are supported to manage the feelings associated with adoption, and this is likely to benefit their own children. 	
Actions Completed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed. 	

What Needs to Happen?	Why?	What will the difference be?	Lead	Due by	RAG
Actions completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	N/A		

Remedial/Recovery Actions

For any RED rated areas in future/uncompleted actions table above, and any targets where trajectory of improvement indicates will not be met, specify any remedial actions required:

Outstanding Action	Remedial Actions Required	Person Responsible & to be completed by	Date Completed
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 		
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OFSTED SAID WE MUST:	Ensure that, at the point at which they stop being looked after, all care leavers have access to comprehensive, accessible information about their health histories.	Recommendation 16
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Position as of 1st November 2015		RAG
Outcome Required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Systems are in place to ensure that at the point of leaving care, all care leavers have access to accessible and comprehensive information about their health histories. 	Red
Impact for Children:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Care leavers are aware of any relevant health histories, enabling them to access better quality medical care in later life for themselves and ensure that their own children's health care is also informed by any relevant familial factors, improving health outcomes for themselves and their families. 	
Actions Completed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	Green

Position as of 1st March 2016		RAG
Outcome Required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Systems are in place to ensure that at the point of leaving care, all care leavers have access to accessible and comprehensive information about their health histories. 	Yellow
Impact for Children:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Care leavers are aware of any relevant health histories, enabling them to access better quality medical care in later life for themselves and ensure that their own children's health care is also informed by any relevant familial factors, improving health outcomes for themselves and their families. 	
Actions Completed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designated Nurse has reviewed priorities for the LAC health team and has ensured that capacity is available to take this forward; Care leavers have been engaged and have done some preparatory work around their expectations for the Health Passport, and will contribute to the planned task and finish group. 	Green

Position as of 1st July 2016		RAG
Outcome Required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Systems are in place to ensure that at the point of leaving care, all care leavers have access to accessible and comprehensive information about their health histories. 	Green
Impact for Children:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Care leavers are aware of any relevant health histories, enabling them to access better quality medical care in later life for themselves and ensure that their own children's health care is also informed by any relevant familial factors, improving health outcomes for themselves and their families. 	
Actions Completed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health passport has been designed and agreed in consultation with the Care Leavers' Group; Leaving Care pack has been completed in consultation with Care Leavers' Group 	

Future/Uncompleted Actions:

What Needs to Happen?	Why?	What will the difference be?	Lead	Due by	RAG
Leaving care pack to be reviewed by a task and finish group in partnership with care leavers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There will be some elements of the current pack that are effective, and we need to retain these. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuity of practice with positive impact will be maintained. 	Head of Service Children in Care	March 16	
Revised leaving care pack to be developed by task and finish group in partnership with care leavers, to include a health passport.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The pack needs to be reformed in order that it provides information needed by care leavers in an accessible format. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Care leavers have information about their health histories as well as other relevant information about their personal histories. 	Arif Darr	End June 16 [slipped from May 16]	
New process for ensuring that a comprehensive health passport forms part of revised care leaver pack implemented and established	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To establish the practice across the service and ensure that all children and young people have this information at the point they leave care. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above. 	Arif Dar	End June 2016 [slipped from May 2016]	

Remedial/Recovery Actions

For any RED rated areas or areas where dates have slipped from original targets in future/uncompleted actions table above, specify any remedial actions required:

Outstanding Action	Remedial Actions Required	Person Responsible & to be completed by	Date Completed
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 		

OFSTED SAID WE MUST:	Strengthen Care Leavers' engagement in their pathway plans, and their awareness of their rights and entitlements.	Recommendation 17
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Position as of 1st November 2015		RAG
Outcome Required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For all care leavers to participate in the development of their pathway plans, and to be fully informed of their rights and entitlements 	
Impact for Children:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Care leavers are more involved and in control of plans that affect them, enabling them to have greater ownership in the support they need to achieve independence; Care leavers are aware of their rights and entitlements and are in a better position to proactively seek support and assistance before issues become more complex and embedded; Care leavers feel more in control of their transition to adulthood. 	

Position as of 1st March 2016		RAG
Outcome Required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For all care leavers to participate in the development of their pathway plans, and to be fully informed of their rights and entitlements 	
Impact for Children:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Care leavers are more involved and in control of plans that affect them, enabling them to have greater ownership in the support they need to achieve independence; Care leavers are aware of their rights and entitlements and are in a better position to proactively seek support and assistance before issues become more complex and embedded; Care leavers feel more in control of their transition to adulthood. 	
Actions Completed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional Head of Service capacity in Children Looked After and Leaving Care services in order to improve practice standards; Review of CLA and Leaving Care Service structure to improve focus on care leavers through development of a dedicated sub team to ensure needs of care leavers aged 18 and above are met; Review of capacity within participation services including analysis of whether additional capacity is required to enable effective participation by children in care and care leavers; External website developer commissioned to develop a website for children and young people in care to be asked to explore a dedicated area for care leavers, which can provide advice, guidance and signpost care leavers to support as needed; Practice workshops held with all relevant team managers and practitioners to ensure awareness of information to be given to care leavers as they reach 16 years of age providing information on rights and entitlements; All care leavers provided with further information at least 3 months before age of 18 including details of useful websites, contact information and national and local sources of information on entitlements and rights. 	

Position as of 1 st July 2016		RAG
Outcome Required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For all care leavers to participate in the development of their pathway plans, and to be fully informed of their rights and entitlements 	
Impact for Children:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Care leavers are more involved and in control of plans that affect them, enabling them to have greater ownership in the support they need to achieve independence; Care leavers are aware of their rights and entitlements and are in a better position to proactively seek support and assistance before issues become more complex and embedded; Care leavers feel more in control of their transition to adulthood. 	
Actions Completed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leaving care information pack for care leavers has been developed in partnership with the Care Leavers' Group 	

Position as of 1 st November 2016		RAG
Outcome Required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For all care leavers to participate in the development of their pathway plans, and to be fully informed of their rights and entitlements 	
Impact for Children:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Care leavers are more involved and in control of plans that affect them, enabling them to have greater ownership in the support they need to achieve independence; Care leavers are aware of their rights and entitlements and are in a better position to proactively seek support and assistance before issues become more complex and embedded; Care leavers feel more in control of their transition to adulthood. 	
Actions Completed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	

Future/Uncompleted Actions:

What Needs to Happen?	Why?	What will the difference be?	Lead	Due by	RAG
Case File Audit Target: for case file audits to evidence effective participation in development of pathway plans gradually increasing to 85% by Dec 2016.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pathway plans developed in partnership with young people will be more relevant to their needs; Young people will have a greater sense of control over their transition to adulthood. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where young people are more involved in planning and decision making, outcomes are likely to be improved as aims and objects are in line with their wishes and feelings. 	Bev Paris	Steadily improving trend required, with compliance by Dec 2016	
Task and Finish group established	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We need to ensure that 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Care leavers will be better 	Arif Dar	Feb 2016	

What Needs to Happen?	Why?	What will the difference be?	Lead	Due by	RAG
to work in partnership with care leavers to review current leaving care pack.	information provided to care leavers is relevant and accessible.	informed of rights and entitlements and will be in a better position to seek support early should they encounter any difficulties.			
Ensure leaving care pack provides accessible information about rights and entitlements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We need to ensure that information provided to care leavers is relevant and accessible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Care leavers will be better informed of rights and entitlements and will be in a better position to seek support early should they encounter any difficulties. 	Arif Dar	June 2016	
Website developed in partnership with external provider to include section for care leavers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A dedicated area of the website can be used to help to ensure that care leavers are able to access advice and support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Young people are better informed about issues of importance to them and are able to identify sources of support and advice. 	Jenny Weedon	Action requires review	

Remedial/Recovery Actions

For any RED rated areas or areas where dates have slipped from original targets in future/uncompleted actions table above, specify any remedial actions required:

Outstanding Action	Remedial Actions Required	Person Responsible & to be completed by	Date Completed
New website to be launched, including any associated social media platforms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action to be reviewed by new head of service for LAC in partnership with participation officer as more recent discussions with young people suggest that an App would be more used than a website.... Websites are now seen as somewhat old technology by young people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bev Paris to liaise with Matt Oliver/Jenny Weedon and new participation officer by October 2016 	

OFSTED SAID WE MUST:	Make greater use of apprenticeships to increase opportunities for care leavers.	Recommendation 18
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Position as of 1st November 2015		RAG
Outcome Required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Care leavers are supported to access a range of learning, training and employment opportunities in accordance with their needs and aspirations. 	Red
Impact for Children:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Young people leaving care have more choices available to them as they continue learning and training post 16 and post 18; Young people leaving care receive the support they need in order to successfully manage the eventual transition into employment; Fewer young people leaving care are at risk of spending periods when they are not in education, employment or training. 	

Position as of 1st March 2016		RAG
Outcome Required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Care leavers are supported to access a range of learning, training and employment opportunities in accordance with their needs and aspirations. 	Yellow
Impact for Children:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Young people leaving care have more choices available to them as they continue learning and training post 16 and post 18; Young people leaving care receive the support they need in order to successfully manage the eventual transition into employment; Fewer young people leaving care are at risk of spending periods when they are not in education, employment or training. 	Red
Actions Completed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreement that the local authority will provide financial support to care leavers taking apprenticeships to ensure that they are not financially disadvantaged compared with accessing benefits or collage bursaries; Partnership established between Peterborough City College to help raise the profile of apprenticeships among young people in care and care leavers; Partnerships with corporate partners to explore offering apprenticeships to care leavers; Corporate Parenting Panel priorities include delivery of apprenticeships for care leavers; NEET team has dedicated care leaver champion; Training identified for Personal Advisers in relation to supporting care leavers into employment; Work is taking place within key partner agencies including Cross Keys and AMEY to identify bespoke care leaver employment training packages; Three young people accessing supported workforce training through AMEY; 	Green

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All apprenticeship vacancies circulated to relevant teams in CSC; • Arrangements in place for any young people for whom apprenticeship is the primary Education, Employment and Training Plan to be monitored via weekly performance management report 	
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Position as of 1 st July 2016		RAG
Outcome Required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Care leavers are supported to access a range of learning, training and employment opportunities in accordance with their needs and aspirations. 	
Impact for Children:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people leaving care have more choices available to them as they continue learning and training post 16 and post 18; • Young people leaving care receive the support they need in order to successfully manage the eventual transition into employment; • Fewer young people leaving care are at risk of spending periods when they are not in education, employment or training. 	
Actions Completed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New information packs to provide information for young people in care about staying on in education post 16 have been developed or are in development; • New performance group has been established to explore range of post 16 and adult skills learning and reporting to Children and Families Joint Commissioning Board; • Virtual school has formed closer relationship with NEET team to improve information and support to young people at risk of becoming NEET as care leavers; • New appointment to virtual school agreed from September 2106 to enhance capacity and provide additional support to post 16's; • Post 16 education is now agreed as a priority theme for the Council as a whole. 	

Position as of 1 st November 2016		RAG
Outcome Required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Care leavers are supported to access a range of learning, training and employment opportunities in accordance with their needs and aspirations. 	
Impact for Children:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people leaving care have more choices available to them as they continue learning and training post 16 and post 18; • Young people leaving care receive the support they need in order to successfully manage the eventual transition into employment; • Fewer young people leaving care are at risk of spending periods when they are not in education, employment or training. 	
Actions Completed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	

Future/Uncompleted Actions [note these are revised actions compared to previous action plan]:

What Needs to Happen?	Why?	What will the difference be?	Lead	Due by	RAG
New strategic group to identify work plan and priorities to promote post 16 learning including apprenticeships for care leavers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In order to set objectives for post 16 career options for care leavers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More care leavers supported in appropriate apprenticeships which they successfully complete. 	Alison Sunley & Pat Carrington	October 2016	
Specific key performance indicators relating to care leavers and post 16 opportunities including apprenticeships agreed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Targets help to ensure that appropriate focus is maintained on performance and assists with monitoring progress. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More care leavers supported in appropriate apprenticeships which they successfully complete. 	Alison Sunley & Pat Carrington	October 2016	
Ensure that PEPs for older children and young people include consideration of the appropriateness of apprenticeships as part of overall planning and target setting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children and young people need time and support in order to consider their options and what careers may best suit them. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children and young people are better prepared to make decisions about their futures, and have more information about the choices available to them. 	Alison Sunley & Dee Glover	November 2016	

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Remedial/Recovery Actions

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Outstanding Action	Remedial Actions Required	Person Responsible & to be completed by	Date Completed
e-PEPs for older young people to include consideration of the appropriateness of apprenticeships as part of overall planning and target setting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This action will be completed following appointment of new post within Virtual School to enhance post 16 capacity 		