

CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 6
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Report of:	Corporate Director People and Communities	
Cabinet Member(s) responsible:	Councillor Sam Smith, Cabinet Member for Children's Services.	
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0 – 25 SERVICE REPORT

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM: Assistant Director Children's Social Care	Deadline date:
<p>It is recommended that the Corporate Parenting Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notes the content of the report, and 2. Raise any queries they have with the lead officers. 	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report is submitted to Corporate Parenting Committee following a request by the committee chair.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

- 2.1 This report has been requested by Corporate Parenting Committee to update in respect of health for children and young people with disabilities who are looked after by Peterborough City Council or are Care Leavers and identified as having Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND).
- 2.2 This report is for Corporate Parenting Committee to consider under its Terms of Reference
- 2.4.3.2 To receive statutory reports in relation to the adoption, fostering, commissioning, looked after children services and children's homes with a view to recommending any changes.
- 2.4 This report links in with all aspects of the Children in Care Pledge.

3. TIMESCALES

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	
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4. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

4.1 In line with the SEND Reforms under the Children and Families Act, Peterborough has developed a 0-25 Disability Service which provides a specialist service with both statutory and discretionary responsibilities for disabled children and young people defined as Children in Need, Children in Need of Protection or Children who require Local Authority care. The team also has statutory and discretionary responsibilities for young people transitioning to adulthood, applying a national eligibility criteria threshold defined by the Care Act 2014.

4.2 The legal definition of disability in this context stems from Section 17(11) of the Children Act 1989, where a child "is disabled if he is blind, deaf or dumb, or suffers from mental disorder of any kind or is substantially and permanently handicapped by illness, injury or congenital deformity or such other disability as may be prescribed".

4.3 The Care Act promotes the transition of children to adult care and support services. The Team aims to move a young person into work/adult life in such a way as to promote his or her independence and so reduce his or her long term needs for care and support. The team considers the needs of the person, what needs he or she is likely to have when he or she reaches 18, and the outcomes he or she want to achieve in life.

4.4 The Children With Disabilities (CWD) Service was originally based in Children's Social Care, but moved into Adult Social Care in August 2014 and was amalgamated with the Adult Transitions Team to form the 0-25 service.

4.5 This service also encompasses children who are provided with overnight short breaks. The approach is consistent with that suggested in the Statutory Guidance issued in March 2010 (Short Breaks: Statutory Guidance) on how to promote and safeguard the welfare of disabled children using short breaks. Some of these young people will be classified as Looked After because of the number of overnights they receive in a year; however their health needs will be supported and managed by their parent.

4.6 KEY ISSUES

4.6.1 This report relates to the health of the young people within the 0-25 service. It is of note that there are other children and young people in care within the wider children's social care service that are also subject to SEND processes.

4.6.2 There are currently 43 young people who are in care or are care leavers within the 0-25 service; 19 fully looked after children/young people and 24 care leavers across the service. Children looked after through short breaks are not included in these figures. All of the children and young people in the 0-25 service are subject to Education Health and Care plans (EHC plans).

4.6.3 All the children and young people Looked After by Peterborough within the 0-25 service have an identified physical or learning disability. Through the child's health assessment and plan, health needs are identified and addressed. Children's health plans and needs are reviewed via the child care review process. Children and young people are supported in accessing universal health services and specialist health care as identified. Children's optical and dental health needs are also monitored and checked regularly through the child care reviews.

4.6.4 With regard to young people leaving care, all young people have an identified personal advisor who offers advice, support and guidance to them including in areas of health. Young people are supported in being registered with a GP, dentist and optician and ensure that they are supported in accessing primary health care. All young people will have transition plans and pathway plans, each of which will have identified any individual health issues.

4.6.5 Many of the children and young people within the 0-25 service have complex health needs and disabilities. Some the children and young people may have learning and/or physical disabilities with some with Autistic Spectrum conditions. There are also some Children in Care with life

limiting conditions.

4.6.6 Complex packages of care and support are provided to Children in Care and care leavers. These packages of care address health, social care and education needs. Some packages are joint funded with other agencies. Health contribute to the funding of a number of packages across the service where continuing care and continuing health assessments have been completed on particular children. For example, Health are fully funding one care leaver's support package. One young person is currently an inpatient in hospital on mental health grounds. One child is also an inpatient in hospital currently.

4.6.7 Work is ongoing with health with regard to working more effectively in meeting the needs of children and young people with complex needs. Health support is considered in all transition work and planning, and needs are met through effective progression from children's health services to adult health services.

5. CONSULTATION

5.1 N/A

6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT

6.1 None specific as report is for information update.

7. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

7.1 N/A

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

8.1 N/A

9. IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

9.1 N/A

Legal Implications

9.2 N/A

Equalities Implications

9.3 N/A

10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

10.1 None

11. APPENDICES

11.1 None

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