

CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 8
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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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notes the content of the report, and • 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

2.4.4.2 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.

- 2.3 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	N/A
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4. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 4.1 In line with the SEND Reforms under the Children and Families Act 2014, Peterborough's 0-25 Disability Service 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 Team works across two service areas with one focussing on transition of young people aged 14 to 18 and another on children aged 0-18. Both teams work closely under the Children and Families Act and The Care Act.
- 4.4 The Care Act promotes the transition of children to adult care and support services. The service 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.
- 4.5 This service provides children and families with a range of short breaks and overnight short breaks. The service promotes short breaks and follows the suggested guidance as set out in the Short Breaks: Statutory Guidance March 2010 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.

4.6 **KEY ISSUES**

- 4.6.1 This report relates to the education of young people within the 0-25 service who are Looked After. Children and young people in the service are looked after under two broad frameworks. There are those who are in full time care and those who are Looked After by nature of their short breaks. These would be children who have more than 75 overnights per year. It is of note that there are other children and young people in care within the wider children’s social care service who are also subject to SEND processes.
- 4.6.2 There are currently 35 young people who are in care or are care leavers within the 0-25 service; 13 fully looked after children/young people, 12 care leavers across the service and 8 children looked after through short breaks. 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. The vast majority of the children and young people are in specialist schools and provisions or attending specialist provision within colleges.
- 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 education, learning and employment. Young people are supported through the pathway plan and the Personal education plans in ensuring their education needs are fully met and these are followed through in the EHCP plans.
- 4.6.5 Many of the children and young people within the 0-25 service have complex 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. Education contribute to specialist placements for a

number of the Looked After children.

- 4.6.7 Work is ongoing with Education with regard to working more effectively in meeting the needs of children and young people with complex needs. Education is considered in all transition work and planning, and needs are met through effective progression from schools and education services.

5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1 N/A

6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT

- 6.1 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 There are no financial implications, as the report is for information only.

Legal Implications

- 9.2 There are no direct legal implications, as the report is for information only. References are made to legislation as necessary by way of explanation.

Equalities Implications

- 9.3 None

Other Implications

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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