

CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 9
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Report of:	Executive Director People and Communities	
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WORK & TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE MOVING ON FROM CARE

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S	
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<p>It is recommended that Corporate Parenting Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the content of the Report 2. Raise any queries with the lead officers 3. Make any recommendations 	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report is submitted to Corporate Parenting Committee as part of the scheduled work for 2018 and as requested by the Chair.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the committee on progress on the Work & Training Opportunities for Young people moving on from care.
- 2.2 This report is for Corporate Parenting Committee to consider under its Terms of Reference No. 2.4.4.6 Promote the development of participation and ensure that the view of children and young people are regularly heard through the Corporate Parenting Committee to improve educational, health and social outcomes to raise aspiration and attainments.
- 2.3 This links into all areas of the 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 This report is to update on the progress of supporting young people in care or care leavers towards sustainable education, training and employment, offering opportunity for career pathways.

- 4.1.1 There are two areas on which to report on.
- i. PCC commitment to work based routes and apprenticeships within PCC
 - ii. The current study of situation of Children in Care (CIC) and Care Leavers.

PCC commitment to work based routes and apprenticeships within PCC

PCC HR department are working with the Virtual school and City College Peterborough to identify opportunities. These include the following, which have also been recorded as a priority in PCC Ofsted Action Plan for CIC and Care Leavers. These actions are shown below:

Priority 16: To develop apprenticeships and other work-based routes for young people leaving care						
PCC to have produced an Apprenticeship strategy with actions to prioritise care leavers.	4 th October	Produced		4 th October		
Strategy and governance framework to be approved by CMT	10 th October	Approved		10 th October		
To ringfence new level 2 and 3 apprenticeships for care leavers which will support the councils corporate parenting responsibilities and the local offer for care leavers requirements		Numbers that take up an apprenticeship				
City College Peterborough to offer traineeships, study programmes and internships as part of their offer		Blue book				
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In addition to this PCC HR are in the process of launching a Care Leaver Covenant in line with the Children and Social Work Act 2017 to compliment the local offer. This is a nationally commissioned service through Spectra.

4.1.2 The current study situation of Children in Care (CIC) and Care Leavers.

The below gives the breakdown of where Peterborough children in care and care leavers are studying. There are some significant good news stories and worthy of mentioning are that we have 3 young care leavers currently starting at University, bringing the total to 11 which is the highest Peterborough has ever had. this reflects the aspiration and encouragement from the service as a whole.

The figures are reported below in three categories:

- Children in Care (aged between 16-18)
- Young people just left care
- Care leavers (18 plus)

4.1.2.1 **Children in Care**

Currently there are a number of young people that are in care already studying or training at post-16 (16-18-year olds). The breakdown is below:

91 young people in care of which 15 are NEET (5 of these have been either been withdrawn or excluded from colleges. 1 is expecting a baby) and 3 are unknowns who are new to care, of the remaining:

- 6 are studying at City College vocational training with opportunities for work experience.
- 29 are at Peterborough Regional College
- 6 are at Peterborough 6th form (of which 4 mainstream and 2 special schools)
- 27 are at out of area colleges
- 2 are at out of area 6th form college
- 1 is at alternative provision out of area
- 2 are in custody receiving education

4.2.1.2 **Young people just left care.**

12 have just left care (Year 13 - not included in the above) of which 1 is NEET and the breakdown of the remainder is shown below:

- 1 is studying at City College Peterborough vocational training with opportunities for work experience.
- 4 are at Peterborough Regional College
- 3 are at Peterborough 6th forms (of which 2 mainstream and 1 special schools)
- 2 are at out of area college
- 1 is in alternative provision out of area

4.2.1.3 **Care leavers**

The cohort of care leavers, that are year 14 (Post 18) is 60 out of these:

- 2 care leavers are studying at City College Peterborough programmes that include work experience opportunities
- 19 are studying a range of vocational subjects at Peterborough Regional College (including a supported internship)
- 2 are at De Montfort University
- 1 is at University of Sheffield
- 17 are at other positive destinations
- 2 are studying apprenticeships

This leaves 3 NEET and 14 not known in terms of their post 18 destinations.

5. **CONSULTATION**

5.1 Councillor Lynn Ayres Corporate Parenting Champion

6. **ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT**

6.1 Although there are some examples above of positive destinations and impact, there are still some areas to develop, these can be progressed by implementation of the following actions:

- Identification of the NEETs and/or Unknown from the data for both areas (16-18 LAC and 18 plus Care Leaver)
- Work with the young people to identify their career aspirations
- Work with PCC HR to identify opportunities
- Work with providers to source appropriate bespoke programmes
- Case Study positive outcomes
- Develop further the local offer

7. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1 To improve service provision to ensure to give our Looked after children and care leavers the best opportunity to develop their long term career pathways

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 8.1 Alternative options are: to do nothing and allow recruitment of apprenticeship for LAC or Care Leavers to happen organically.

This is a risky option as apprenticeships are on the decline nationally and without this form of intervention it is envisioned that the young people would not be able to access an offer that would support them into sustainable training and career pathways.

9. IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

- 9.1 *None*

Legal Implications

- 9.2 There are no direct legal implications as the report is to provide information as to how Children's Services intend to support care leavers, as required by legislation relating to care leavers.

Equalities Implications

- 9.3 This will allow progress towards supporting a vulnerable groups to long term sustainable education, training and work

Other Implications

- 9.4 This will provide additional support for young people in care or care leavers towards sustainable education, training and employment, and offering opportunity for career pathways.

10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

11. APPENDICES

None.