

CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 8
20 MARCH 2019	PUBLIC REPORT

Report of:	Corporate Director People and Communities		
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0 - 25 REPORT

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S	
FROM:	Deadline date: N/A
<p>It is recommended that the Corporate Parenting Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notes the content of the report. • Raise any queries they have with the lead officers. 	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

1.1 This report is submitted to Corporate Parenting Committee following the recent request by the Committee for an update report on the 0-25 service redesign, including transition services.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

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1. The purpose of this report is to update Committee on the redesign of the 0-25 service
 2. The update has been requested by Committee
 3. This report provides additional and background information requested by the Committee for its meeting on 20th March 2019;
- 2.2 This report is for Corporate Parenting Committee to consider under all its Terms of Reference No. 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 The content of this report links across all areas of the Child 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 and Care Act 2014, Peterborough has developed a 0-25 disability service which provides a specialist service with both statutory and discretionary responsibilities for disabled children/young people defined as Children in Need, Children in Need of Protection or Children who require Local Authority care and young adults eligible for services under the Care Act. In addition to the social work team the

service has a residential children's service providing short breaks to disabled children under 18, a specialist fostering service and a new outreach service called Peterborough Pathways. All these services have been subject to the 0-25 redesign project over the past two years. This redesign is now almost finished. Additionally The Manor short breaks service has been repurposed as part of the redesign.

- 4.2 The social work team has statutory and discretionary responsibilities for young people transitioning to adulthood who appear to be in need of care and support applying a national eligibility criteria threshold of the Care Act 2014 as well as working with young people/adults with care and support needs to keep them safe from abuse or neglect. The primary function of the the social work team is safeguarding and provision of care and support for children/young people up to the age of 25 with disabilities and their families where the predominant issue presenting is disability.
- 4.3 The 0-25 service is an overarching single service with two team managers. Managers and workers have a lead approach to the service with one leading on 0-18 and the other 14-25 in line with the Care Act guidance. There are approximately 15 staff across the service each holding caseloads of around 20 cases. The service has seen an increase in four staff as part of the redesign.
- 4.4 The Care Act 2014- transition for children to adult care and support 'services at transition are aimed at moving a person into work/adult life in such a way as to promote their independence and so reduce their long term needs for care and support. The team considers the needs of the person, what needs they are likely to have when they (or the child they care for) reach 18, and the outcomes they want to achieve in life.
- 4.5 Currently the service has 24 Looked After children of which 17 are fully looked after and 6 Looked After through Short Breaks. What about the 24th one?In addition to this there are 9 young people who are eligible for Leaving Care services.
- 4.6 The Manor Short Breaks centre ceased as a registered service of overnight care in November 2018. The building continues to be used for the service and is being developed further. The Manor is currently being accessed by Action For Children to provide short breaks to individual children. The building will be further used by children with complex needs and disabilities following the implementation of the new community short breaks offer.
- 4.7 Cherry Lodge Short Breaks Centre provides 18 short break packages. Three shared care packages including one for Cambridgeshire are in place. One young person who is 18 continues to attend whilst a suitable placement is identified.
- 4.8 The Link fostering service supports children with complex needs having overnight short breaks in registered foster placements. Currently 9 are children accessing Link provided by 4 carers. A targeted recruitment campaign is ongoing in the hope of developing the service further.
- 4.9 Outreach has been a long standing service which is being replaced by the developed Peterborough Pathways Service which will focus on providing intense work with children and families and supporting them into alternative provisions. Currently 3 children are receiving outreach support.
- 4.10 Recruitment to new and developed posts are ongoing. The wider redesign of the whole service is now complete pending the recruitment to new posts. The development of the Link fostering service and Cherry Lodge will continue to increase the capacity for Looked After children.

5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1 Consulted with officers at the Corporate Parenting Committee
- 5.2 No other consultations required

6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT

6.1 Ensure there is a robust approach to supporting the experiences of children and young people in the 0-25 service in order to improve their lives.

7. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

7.1 No recommendation made

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

8.1 N/A

9. IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

9.1 None

Legal Implications

9.2 Not directly, but the report provides information about how the service is meeting its statutory duties.

Equalities Implications

9.3 There are no equalities implications arising from this report.

Other Implications

9.4 This report relates to children with additional needs including disability.

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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