

Corporate Parenting Panel

28 June 2019

Care Leavers update



Report of Karen Robb, Strategic Manager, Looked After and Permanence, Durham County Council

Electoral division(s) affected:

Countywide

Purpose of the Report

- 1 The purpose of this report is to advise members of the Corporate Parenting Panel that Karen Robb, Strategic Manager Looked After and Permanence will deliver a presentation at the meeting on 28 June, providing an update on the Local Offer for Care Leavers.

Executive summary

- 2 The Local Offer tells young people who have left care about the support that is available to them in County Durham.

Recommendation(s)

- 3 Members of the Corporate Parenting Panel are requested to receive the presentation, and ask any questions at the meeting.

Background

- 4 Section 2 of the Children and Social Work Act 2017 requires each local authority to consult on and publish a local offer for its care leavers.
- 5 The local offer should provide information about all the services and support that is available to care leavers from the local authority (see further information on partner agencies below), including information about both their statutory entitlements as well as any discretionary support that a local authority chooses to provide.
- 6 The local offer should include details of the services and support that may assist care leavers in, or moving to, adulthood and independent living that the local authority provides in relation to:
 - (a) Health and wellbeing
 - (b) Relationships
 - (c) Education and training

- (d) Employment
- (e) Accommodation
- (f) Participation in society

7 To be able to get the support set out in the Local Offer, young people must have been in care for at least 13 weeks (or periods adding up to 13 weeks) which began after age 14 and included some time after their 16th birthday.

Conclusion

8 The Local Offer has been published, and is hosted on Durham County Council website <http://www.durham.gov.uk/careleavers>

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Appendix 1: Implications

Legal Implications

Section 2 of the Children and Social Work Act 2017 requires each local authority to consult on and publish a local offer for its care leavers

Finance

Financial implications have been considered in the development of the Local Offer

Consultation

Consultation on the Local Offer has taken place with Care Leavers and the Children in Care Council

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty

Consideration has been given to E&D implications in the development of the strategy.

Human Rights

Young people's human rights are at the forefront of the development of the Local Offer

Crime and Disorder

No implications

Staffing

No implications

Accommodation

No implications

Risk

No implications

Procurement

No implications

Appendix 2: Care Leavers Local Offer Booklet

Attached as a separate document