

## **Children In Care Open to the Youth Offending Service**

### **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the progress of the group of young people who are looked after children and who are subject to Youth Offending Service (YOS) intervention as a result of their offending behaviour. It complements another report that is due to be heard at Corporate Parenting Committee today, which focuses on multi-agency work being devised and implemented to reduce unnecessary criminalisation of young people in care through the CONCORDAT.
- 1.2 The data and information included in this report looks back over a period of time to allow us to track the progress of this group of young people in terms of outcomes, particularly, volume of crime, risk of harm, safety and well-being and developing increased desistance factors that can help reduce risks of future offending behaviour.

### **Summary for Children and Young People.**

- 1.3 There are times when some children in care feel very unhappy and they can show this by doing things such as damaging the place they live in or hurting others, which can lead to them getting arrested by the Police, having to go to Court and then having a worker from the Youth Offending Service who makes sure that they do work with them as part of what we call a Court Order.
- 1.5 We want to make sure that we know children in care are making progress when they work with us and we do this by looking at how many crimes they get involved in before we work with them and how many they get involved in when we are working with them. We also make sure that children in care are less likely to hurt other people or get hurt by other people and we measure this by doing what is called an ASSET Plus assessment. We use the same thing to look at whether we are helping children in care to make things better in their life so that they are less likely to get involved in a crime in the future. This report will tell you what progress we are making.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 To approve the on-going developments in the YOS with regards to managing children in care and the performance data pertaining to this.

## REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To ensure the Corporate Parenting Committee is provided with performance information for children in care to ensure they are kept abreast of developments and progress.

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 Due to the way the information for this report has been constructed, it is contained within an attached document (as appendix 1) to this report.

## OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 There are no other options to be considered.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

<b>Legal officer</b> <b>Financial officer</b> <b>Human Resources officer</b> <b>Estates/Property officer</b> <b>Service Director(s)</b> <b>Other(s)</b>	N/A N/A N/A N/A Suanne Lim.
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<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**Financial and Value for Money**

- 1.1 There are no finance implications

**Legal**

- 2.1 The primary aim of Youth Offending Teams is to prevent offending and re-offending by children and young people as outlined in Section 37 (1) of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. This includes Looked After Children as defined by the Children Act 1989.
- 2.2 The Children and Social Work Act 2017 says that when a child or young person comes into the care of the local authority, or is under 25 and was looked-after by the authority for at least 13 weeks after their 14th birthday, the authority becomes their corporate parent. This means that they should:
- act in the best interests, and promote the physical and mental health and wellbeing, of those children and young people
  - encourage them to express their views, wishes and feelings, and take them into account, while promoting high aspirations and trying to secure the best outcomes for them
  - make sure they have access to services
  - make sure that they are safe, with stable home lives, relationships and education or work
  - Prepare them for adulthood and independent living.

**Personnel**

- 3.1 There are no anticipated personnel implications.

**IT**

- 4.1 There are no IT implications.

**Equalities Impact**

- 5.1 Children in Care and young people involved in offending often face multiple deprivations that can lead to life-long needs that are not met and dependency on statutory services and risk of both child and adult criminalisation. The YOS and Children in Care Service aim to address these issues via their interventions.

## **Health and Safety**

6.1 There are no significant health and safety risks.

## **Environmental Sustainability**

7.1 None arising from this report

## **Property and Asset Management**

8.1 None arising from this report

## **Risk Management**

9.1 None arising from this report

## **Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

10.1 Links to the Corporate plan are through:

- Protecting vulnerable children, young people, adults and older people:
- Making sure that we take action to safeguard vulnerable adults and children that require higher levels of support including; our looked after children and vulnerable adults with learning disabilities. This will involve early intervention and prevention wherever possible.