

Corporate Parenting Group

Report to Full Council

25 March 2015

1) Corporate Parenting Group Membership:

Councillor Paul McLain – Cabinet Member for Children and Young People
Councillor Lesley Williams – Gloucestershire County Council Representative
Councillor Chris Coleman – Gloucestershire County Council Representative
Mike Dawson – Chief Executive: Tewkesbury Borough Council
Jon Cryer – University of Gloucestershire
Clare Hankey – Pastoral Deputy Head Teacher of Beaufort Secondary School
Jane Fentem – Headteacher at Christ Church Primary School, Cheltenham
DS Simon Atkinson – Gloucestershire Police Constabulary
Paula Whittaker – NHS (Clinical Commissioning Group)
Sue Oulsnam – Gloucestershire Care Services NHS Trust
Pauline Edwards – Gloucestershire Care Services NHS Trust

2) Data relating to Children in Care and Care Leavers in Gloucestershire

- a) There has been a slight increase in the number of children in care and care leavers since last reported to council on 18 February 2015.
- b) As of 28 February 2015, **514** children and care leavers were living in care, an increase of 18.
- c) The age profiles* of the children and care leavers were: -

Aged under 12 months	28	(+ 1)
Aged 1 to 4 years	76	(+ 5)
Aged 5 to 9 years	118	(+11)
Aged 10 to 15 years	175	(+1)
Aged 16 +	117	(no change)

*The variations in age profile (since last reported) are shown in brackets

- d) **90 per cent** of children in care were placed in family based type placements, with the highest proportion of children, (66.75 per cent), placed within the council's in house fostering service.
- e) **54** children in care were placed outside the county, (in the majority of cases this is seen as a **positive choice** and in line with the child's care plan).
- f) **30.5 per cent** (18 children) of the 'out of area cohort' were placed with foster carers approved by Gloucestershire County Council.
- g) **60.5** per cent of children in care have been in care for over a year.

3) Corporate Parenting Group Report to the Children and Families Scrutiny Committee - 5 March 2015 (Appendix A).

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Cabinet Member for Children and Young People and Strategic Commissioning