DORSET CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES PLAN 2020-23
PRIORITY DELIVERY PLAN

PRIORITY: GOOD CARE PROVISION
PRIORITY LEAD: STUART RIDDLE
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Introduction

This Delivery Plan sets out the arrangements and underpinning actions for the Good Care Provision priority within the Children, Young People and Families Plan. Progress against this Delivery Plan will be reported to the Strategic Alliance Board Children, Young People and Families Plan quarterly monitoring arrangements and Annual Report.

Communication on achievements will be through agreed Dorset Strategic Partnership for Children communication channels.

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1	Undertake better planning for children in need to ensure that they do not enter care in an unplanned way	• Increased management focus on frequency & quality of supervision • Line of Sight & leadership meetings give increased management focus on YP at risk • Improved decision		Sarah-Jane Smedmoor	As defined in Strengthening Services plan?	• No. children entering care • No. children in need in proportion to case load • Frequency & quality of supervision • % referrals to Children's Social Care	

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		making in CHAD is leading to more children getting the right service first time					
2	Establish the use of Family Group Conferences as a restorative and preventive service so that they take place early in the family journey	CSLT decision required on scope – recommendation required from working group		Ed Kopecky, Jack Corrigan, Karen Elliott			
3	Strengthen fostering services ensuring we meet sufficiency needs and provide a robust service for teenagers and children with more complex needs that avoids breakdown and escalation	Social Care Placement Sufficiency programme – Foster Care workstream	Still in discovery phase	John Heron	• Increase foster carer recruitment & retention • Increase foster carers skills & experience to support CYP with more complex needs	• Increased number of in-house foster carers • Increased number of children in care living with foster carers • Reduction in number of foster care breakdowns • Increased number of young people staying with their foster families as they	

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						become care leavers	
		Fostering campaign (regional)	December 2020	John Heron	Recruitment of foster carers	• Increased no. enquiries • No. foster carers recruited	Fostering Team, WREC
		Dorset Fostering campaign	January 2021	John Heron	Recruitment of foster carers	No. foster carers recruited	Fostering Team, WREC
		2 DC Fostering employees seconded to WREC	October 2020	John Heron	Assessments picked up	No. assessments achieved in 18 week timescale	Fostering Team, WREC
		Campaign to recruit foster carers to the Harbour	December 2020	John Heron	Recruitment of foster carers	No. foster carers recruited	Harbour project team, WREC
4	Establish a service based on the No Wrong Door model to support young people in the care system to have more stable placements and to remain or return to foster care where it is appropriate to do so	Social Care Placement Sufficiency programme – Harbour outreach workstream	Service operational by October 2021, building operational by October 2021	Ed Kopecky	Use refurbished site at 45 Dorchester Road to: • Provide outreach service for CYP on the edge of care • Provide contact service • Provide 2/3 bed emergency accommodation	• Increased placement stability • More young people stay with their foster families • Reduction in number of emergency placements	Harbour operational sub-group (multi-agency including DC, Police, CCG, CAMHS, YOS)

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5	Establish a new children's home as part of our overall residential strategy	Social Care Placement Sufficiency programme – 45 Dorchester Road new build workstream	December 2021	Paula Bates (operational lead), Sam Evers (capital lead)	• New 5 bed residential home built in Weymouth • Provide continuity of care, education and health provision for CYP	• Increased availability of specialist residential provision	Children's Homes capital & operational sub-groups
6	Review our residential provision and identify a model of practice and delivery which better meets the needs of young people with complex needs	Social Care Placement Sufficiency programme	Review CIC sufficiency strategy & identify targets for delivery Jan 2021	Stuart Riddle/Ed Kopecky	• CYP in care live closer to their home and community • Increased availability of specialist residential provision in Dorset • More efficient use of practitioners' time due to reduced travel requirements • Improved quality assurance & monitoring of local provision	• Reduction in external out-of-county placements • Reduction of CYP in care living more than 20 miles from home • Reduction in number of unregistered placements • Reduction in practitioners' travel time • Reduction in number of issues with providers	Social Care Placement Sufficiency programme board (multi-agency)
7	Review our young people's supported housing and ensure there is sufficient and good quality supported accommodation in the	Social Care Placement Sufficiency programme – Kirtleton Avenue workstream & retendering of YP		Ed Kopecky (operational lead), Sam Evers (capital lead)	• Provide new residential accommodation & integrated support for young care leavers (Weymouth)	• Reduction in use of private rented accommodation • Increase in local links to	Kirtleton Avenue capital & operational sub-groups Project group (including ACS Commissioning

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	right location to support the most vulnerable young people in their transition to adulthood and independent living	supported accommodation contracts			• Provide supported bedsit accommodation for young people who are disabled (Weymouth)	further education settings and employment opportunities	& Housing) Project group to develop revised spec for YP supported housing
8	Embed our joint protocol between children's services and housing to ensure that young people who are at risk of homelessness receive a robust response that is focussed on the best outcomes for young people	Task & Finish		Louise Drury, Simon Fraiz-Brown	• 16/17 year olds who are homeless are housed in a timely way	• Reduction of young people in B&B accommodation	Locality Teams, Housing, Commissioning
9	Establish a new service that enables for children in care proceedings or subject to a child protection plan to have quality family time and contact	Social Care Placement Sufficiency programme – Harbour outreach workstream	December 2020	Ed Kopecky	• Use refurbished site at 45 Dorchester Road to provide contact service • Re-engineer CRW resource & identify venues for a 'keep in touch' service	• Increased opportunities for observed assessment and contact visits	
10	Develop the therapeutic offer in Dorset so that children and young people who have experienced trauma get the help they need, when they		Work to review joint commissioning arrangements between CCG & DC planned December 2020	Tina Ironside, Miriam Leigh, Louise Drury			

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11	Develop market capacity and both commission and facilitate a comprehensive short break offer which supports families and prevents escalation to care, Education, Health and Care Plans, or inpatient status	Development group	Current Framework running until March 2023 Draft update of the Short Breaks Service Statement by 15/12	Ed Kopecky/Claire Archibald	• Enabling agreement - support can be called-off, purchased in a block, spot basis or by mini-competition	• Increased short breaks availability (ACCORD reports)	Jude Allen DPCC Simon Fraiz-Brown Claire Eveleigh
12	Ensure that all people that work with and are involved in the lives of children in care and care leavers can play a proactive part in Corporate Parenting and doing everything they can to help children and young people to have great outcomes	Training offer	Available now January/February	Matt Chislett, Colline Murphy	• Children's Services L&D offer available to those working with children in care or care leavers (including Foster carers & supported lodgings providers) • E-learning & resources held on The Learning Hub • Pan-Dorset Safeguarding training offer • Research in Practice & CCinform resources &	• Attendance on training courses • Access analytics on online resources	Children's Services social care teams Care Leaving team Foster carers Supported Lodgings team Supported Lodgings providers

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			2021		training • Development of a blended learning programme for Permanence		