

## Decisions of the Corporate Parenting Panel on Wednesday, 11 January 2017

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### Decisions

3. **EDUCATION OUTCOMES FOR LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN 2015/16 AND VIRTUAL SCHOOL UPDATE**

Resolved –

- (1) That Document “G” be welcomed.
- (2) That a further report be submitted to the Panel once the published data is received from the Department for Education.

**ACTION:** *Head of the Virtual School*  
*Deputy Director – Education, Employment and Skills*

(Ken Poucher – 01274 439623)

4. **INDEPENDENT REVIEWING OFFICER SERVICE - ANNUAL REPORT**

Resolved –

- (1) That the Corporate Parenting Panel notes:
  - (i) The work undertaken by the Independent Reviewing Officer Service and its ongoing role in providing robust and challenging reviews of all Care Plans.
  - (ii) The improvements achieved over the last twelve months in terms of children’s participation, the continued improvement in timeliness and the successful introduction of a quality assurance process for the service.
  - (iii) The contribution made and value added by the Independent Reviewing Officer Service through the reporting of quality assurance findings to the Strategic Leadership Management Group.
  - (iv) The continuation of good collaborative working arrangements with social work teams and partner agencies in order to achieve the best outcomes for Bradford’s Looked After Children.
  - (v) That the Independent Reviewing Officer Service’s Annual



Report will be submitted to the January meeting of the Panel on an annual basis and will include data for the preceding 20 month period up to the end of November.

- (2) That the Service's Work Plan for 2016/17, as set out in the Annual Report, be endorsed.

**ACTION:** *Deputy Director – Children's Social Care*

(Imran Cheema – 01274 437915)

5. **INDEPENDENT MONITORING AND QUALITY ASSURANCE OF RESIDENTIAL CHILDREN'S HOMES**

Resolved –

That the Deputy Director – Children's Social Care be requested to review the process of Member involvement in Regulation 44 visits to monitor Residential Homes, including establishing the need for Members to have a DBS check prior to undertaking visits, and to submit a report to a future meeting of the Panel.

**ACTION:** *Deputy Director – Children's Social Care  
Regulation 44 Monitoring and Quality Assurance Manager*

6. **REFERRAL FROM CORPORATE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - CHILDREN PLACED IN BRADFORD FROM OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT**

Resolved –

- (1) That the contents of the report be noted.
- (2) That the Panel is reassured that children and young people placed in Bradford from outside the district are treated exactly the same as children from Bradford in terms of safeguarding from child sexual exploitation and going missing and also that appropriate information sharing takes place between Authorities.

**NO ACTION**

7. **WORK PLAN 2016/17**

Resolved –

That the following items be added to the Work Plan:

Regulation 44 Visits Review  
Education Outcomes

**ACTION:** *Deputy Director – Children's Social Care*

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