



CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL

FRIDAY, 30 JULY 2021

11.00 AM COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, LEWES

MEMBERSHIP - Councillors Bob Bowdler, Johnny Denis, Kathryn Field, Sorrell Marlow-Eastwood, Matthew Milligan, Colin Swansborough and Sam Adeniji

A G E N D A

1 Election of Chair

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 30 April 2021 (*Pages 3 - 8*)

3 Apologies for absence

4 Disclosure of Interests

Disclosure by all members present of personal interests in matters on the agenda, the nature of any interest and whether the member regards the interest as prejudicial under the terms of the Code of Conduct.

5 Urgent items

Notification of items which the Chair considers to be urgent and proposes to take at the end of the appropriate part of the agenda. Any members who wish to raise urgent items are asked, wherever possible, to notify the Chair before the start of the meeting. In so doing, they must state the special circumstances which they consider justify the matter being considered urgently.

6 East Sussex Fostering Services Annual Progress Report 2020/21 (*Pages 9 - 24*)

Report by the Director of Children's Services

7 Looked After Children (LAC) Statistics (*Pages 25 - 28*)

Report by Director of Children's Services.

8 Exclusion of Press and Public

To consider excluding the public and press from the meeting for the next two agenda items on the grounds that if the public and press were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as specified in Category 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), namely information relating to any individual.

9 Ofsted Inspection report for Hazel Lodge (*Pages 29 - 36*)

10 Children's Home Regulations 2015, Regulation 44: Inspection reports

10a Acorns at Dorset Road (*Pages 37 - 110*)

10b Brodrick House (*Pages 111 - 206*)

- 10c Hazel Lodge (*Pages 207 - 304*)
- 10d Homefield Cottage (*Pages 305 - 360*)
- 10e Lansdowne Secure Unit (*Pages 361 - 470*)
- 10f The Bungalow, Sorrel Drive (*Pages 471 - 524*)
- 11 Any other exempt items considered urgent by the Chair.
- 12 Any other non-exempt items considered urgent by the Chair.

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Agenda Item 2

CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Corporate Parenting Panel held at Committee Room, County Hall, Lewes on 30 April 2021.

PRESENT	Councillors Chris Dowling, Kathryn Field, Jim Sheppard, Sylvia Tidy (Chair) and Francis Whetstone
ALSO PRESENT	Liz Rugg – Assistant Director, Early Help and Social Care
	Teresa Lavelle-Hill – Head of LAC Services
	Nicola Scott – Operations Manager, Residential LAC Services
	Scott Lipa – Practice Manager, Placement Support Service
	Beverley Moores – Strategic Lead Children’s Disability Social Care ISEND
	Emma Phillips – Senior Residential Care Worker
	Dawn Siddens – Designated Nurse for LAC
	Shirin White – Registered Homes Manager, Acorns
	Charlotte de Retuerto – Registered Homes Manager, The Bungalow, Sorrel Drive
	Georgia Carty – Residential Homes Manager, Hazel Lodge
	Ian Williams – Registered Homes Manager, Lansdowne Secure Unit
	Roy Noble – Deputy Homes Manager, Homefield Cottage
	Gabriella Vine – Member of the Children in Care Council
	Liberty Gibbons – Member of the Children in Care Council
	Meshelle Carmody – Children in Care Council Coordinator and Placement Support Worker
	Aaron Sams – Democratic Services Officer

76 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 29 JANUARY 2021

76.1 RESOLVED: to agree as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 29 January 2021.

77 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

77.1 Apologies were received from Councillor Charles Clark and Councillor Colin Swansborough.

78 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

78.1 There were none.

79 URGENT ITEMS

79.1 There were none.

80 CHILDREN IN CARE COUNCIL (CiCC) ANNUAL REPORT - 2020 - 2021

80.1 The Panel considered the Annual Report of the Children in Care Council (CiCC) and welcomed two members of the CiCC to the meeting to present the report and update the Panel on the work of the CiCC.

80.2 The Panel heard about the following areas of the CiCC's work:

- **Mental health of young people:** The Panel heard that the issue of young people's mental health was voted as a key priority in the UK's Youth Parliament *Make your Mark* survey in 2020. The CiCC also recognise the importance of this issue and will continue to work towards ensuring mental health support is treated as a priority in East Sussex. As a result, since June 2020 a CiCC member has been working alongside the East Sussex Youth Cabinet and East Sussex Community Voice (ESCV) to support Mental Health in Schools Teams (MHST), with the work focused on reviewing the current provision of mental health support in schools and how it could be improved.
- **Education of children in care:** The Panel were informed of the ongoing work undertaken by the CiCC to support the education of children and young people in care. This role includes working closely with social workers and the Virtual School to share the personal educational experiences of children in care. As a result of this work, the Panel heard, for example, that the CiCC have raised concerns regarding the status of children in care being unintentionally flagged in lessons when they have needed to leave class to attend a meeting.
- **Online Safety and Social Media:** The Panel heard that the CiCC are developing a Digital Safety Training course to be available later in 2021 for children and young people in Care. The course has been developed in response to the ongoing negative mental health impacts reported by young people due to social media use. The CiCC therefore are hopeful that its training course will help young people use the internet safely and regulate the time they spend online.
- **Buddy scheme:** During the Covid-19 lockdown restrictions the CiCC started a buddy scheme project to ensure that children in care had a 'buddy' that they could have regular online contact with. The Panel heard that this initially small project has now developed into a larger piece of work, with a system being deployed for buddying up children that are entering into care for the first time with those that have more experience of life in care.
- **Family contact during Covid-19:** The CiCC updated the Panel on the measures which have been put in place to allow for children in care to have contact with their birth families during the Covid-19 restrictions. The contact moved online during this period and the response to this has been mixed; with some families finding that it allowed for more regular contact as the travel aspect was removed, and some finding it more difficult to connect and engage when the contact

was virtual. The Panel heard that as Covid restrictions are eased the ways in which contact is provided will be reviewed.

80.3 In response to the information provided to it the Panel discussed the following key items:

- Members asked for more information regarding the issue of children being taken out of lessons to attend meetings, and the unwanted attention this may focus on the child. The Panel asked whether the identification lanyards worn by the Social Workers that take the children out of the lessons could be temporarily removed to avoid being noticed by other children within the class. Liz Rugg, Assistant Director for Early Help and Social Care informed the Panel that this would be an effective and simple change and that she will ensure that this information is passed onto Social Workers
- Members asked for further detail about the Buddy Scheme and its overall reception from the children and young people involved. In response the Panel were informed that children and young people in care have found the scheme extremely valuable as it has allowed them to have regular contact with others in similar circumstances. It has also helped with the mental health of those in care as they have a regular outlet to discuss issues and how they are feeling. Scott Lipa, Practice Manager for the Placement Support Service, also updated the Panel on the positive impact of the Buddy Scheme and informed them that this project has been so well received that this coming summer the project will be expanded and developed into a more formal piece of work.
- The Panel discussed the mental health support available for children and young people in care during the Covid-19 pandemic and asked whether the young people felt that they were being supported. The CiCC representatives informed the Panel that despite some 'in person' services being unavailable during the lockdown restrictions, those in care have felt supported. The Panel heard that being able to access services and communicate with friends and family online has had many benefits and whilst not always ideal, it had helped support the mental and emotional wellbeing of individuals.
- The Panel discussed and welcomed the Youth Inspect & Advise Group (YIAG) project. This project will see four schools in East Sussex undergo a young person-led inspection of mental and emotional health provision, with the young people themselves providing an assessment of the services available. In response to a query raised by the Panel, Scott Lipa, Practice Manager for the Placement Support Service Informed Members that the inspections carried out thus far have been virtual. However, the goal is for this project to take place in person as long as this can be achieved in line with Public Health guidance relating to Covid-19. Mr Lipa also confirmed to the Panel that they will be provided with an update on this project at future meetings.

80.4 The Panel gave thanks to the CiCC and commended their positive work in representing and supporting those in care.

80.5 RESOLVED: to note the report.

81 LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN (LAC) STATISTICS

81.1 The Panel considered a report by the Director of Children's Services which provided an update on Looked After Children (LAC) statistics.

81.2 Liz Rugg, Assistant Director for Early Help and Social Care updated the Panel on the latest data regarding LAC in East Sussex. The Panel heard that in the past quarter there has been an increase in the number of children in care, with 612 children at the end of March compared to a figure of 607 at the end of December. The Panel heard that the ongoing impact

of Covid-19 continues to place significant additional pressure on foster carers. Although in support of this vital group, a decision was taken to offer the Covid-19 vaccination to ESCC foster carers so as to increase safety and ensure placements were still available for children.

81.3 The Panel discussed the difficulty in finding secure placements for children that have experienced high levels of trauma and therefore can pose challenging behavioural issues. Liz Rugg assured the Panel that every effort is made to find the most suitable secure accommodation for these children, but that there is unfortunately a national shortage of placements. The Panel were also informed that there is a need for the Council to create bespoke care packages around the most challenging children, and that this can include the adaption of existing buildings to accommodate them and the use of agency staff.

81.4 RESOLVED: to note the report.

82 ANY OTHER NON-EXEMPT ITEMS CONSIDERED URGENT BY THE CHAIR.

82.1 There were none.

83 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

83.1 RESOLVED to exclude the public and press from the meeting for items 9 and 10 on the agenda (see minutes 26 and 27) on the grounds that if the public and press were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as specified in category 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), namely information relating to any individual. It was considered that the public interest in maintaining the exception outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

84 CHILDREN'S HOME REGULATIONS 2015, REGULATION 44: INSPECTION REPORTS

84.1 The Panel considered Regulation 44 Reports for the following Children's Homes:

- Acorns
- Brodrick House
- Hazel Lodge
- Homefield Cottage
- Lansdowne Secure Unit
- The Bungalow

84.2 The Panel discussed a range of issues, including: building improvements at the homes, staff wellbeing, the educational developments of the children and the ongoing day to day activity within the homes.

84.3 The Panel also asked about the ongoing impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the Children's Homes. The Registered Homes Managers provided the Panel with detailed information on how issues caused by the pandemic have been mitigated, but it was noted that many children have struggled with mental health and behavioural issues due to the pandemic. The Panel were informed however that with restrictions easing and with front line staff being offered vaccinations there is an overall sense of optimism and return to normality at the homes.

84.4 The Panel gave thanks to the Registered Homes Managers and their colleagues for their excellent service and support to the children and young people in the Council's Care.

84.5 RESOLVED: to note the reports

85 ANY OTHER EXEMPT ITEMS CONSIDERED URGENT BY THE CHAIR.

85.1 There were none.

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Report to: Corporate Parenting Panel
Date: 30th July 2021
By: Director of Children's Services
Title of report: East Sussex Fostering Services Annual Progress Report 2020/21
Purpose of report: To outline the performance of the Fostering Service

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Corporate Parenting Panel is recommended to comment on and note the report

1 Background and supporting information

1.2 The East Sussex Fostering Services Annual Progress Report 2020/21 is attached as Appendix 1.

1.3. The report sets out the work of the East Sussex Fostering Services in 2020/21.

2 Recommendations

2.1 The Corporate Parenting Panel is recommended to comment on and note the report.

STUART GALLIMORE
Director of Children's Services

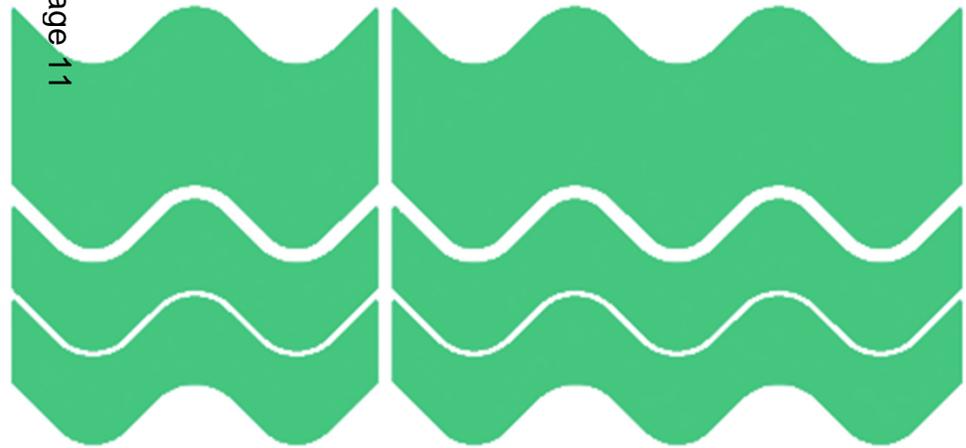
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Appendices

Appendix 1 - East Sussex Fostering Services Annual Progress Report 2020/21

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East Sussex Fostering Services
Annual Progress Report
2020/21

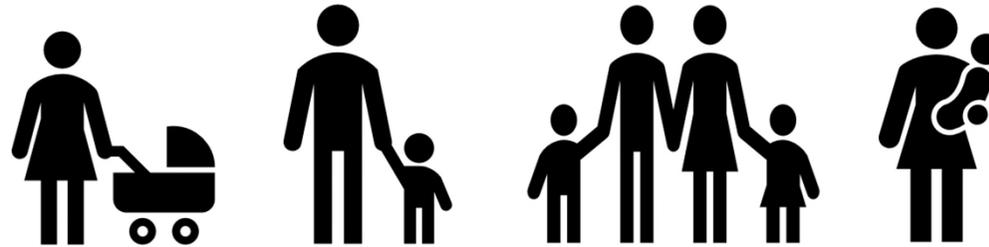
Adrian Sewell, Operations Manager

Appendix 1

Fostering Duty

351 placements were made during 2020/21!
79% of these placements were in house

The data provided is a snapshot as of 31st March 2021.



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Within the past year, the Fostering Duty Service has continued to place children with our foster carers, despite the pandemic and the associated risks of Covid 19.

Given that the majority of respite placements were “on hold” during the pandemic, the **351** placements made included an unprecedented amount of short term and emergency placements.

- ❖ **51 Bridging placements**
- ❖ **461 Placement matches**
(110 ultimately not required)
- ❖ **358 Completed referrals**

Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children were placed with Foster Carers and Semi Independent Providers who had the experience and skills to meet the diverse needs of these children.

High Intensive Supported Accommodation

Supported accommodation for older young people has been coordinated since March 2020 by the Fostering Service. Access to the service has been via Placement Duty.

45 Young people have been placed and matched in supported accommodation since the process has been coordinated by the Fostering Duty Service.

Statistics	2019-20	2020-2021
Matching referrals completed	553	461
Agency placements	77	74
In-house placements	381	277
Not required	95	110

Fostering Recruitment and Retention

The data provided is a final snapshot as of 31st March 2021

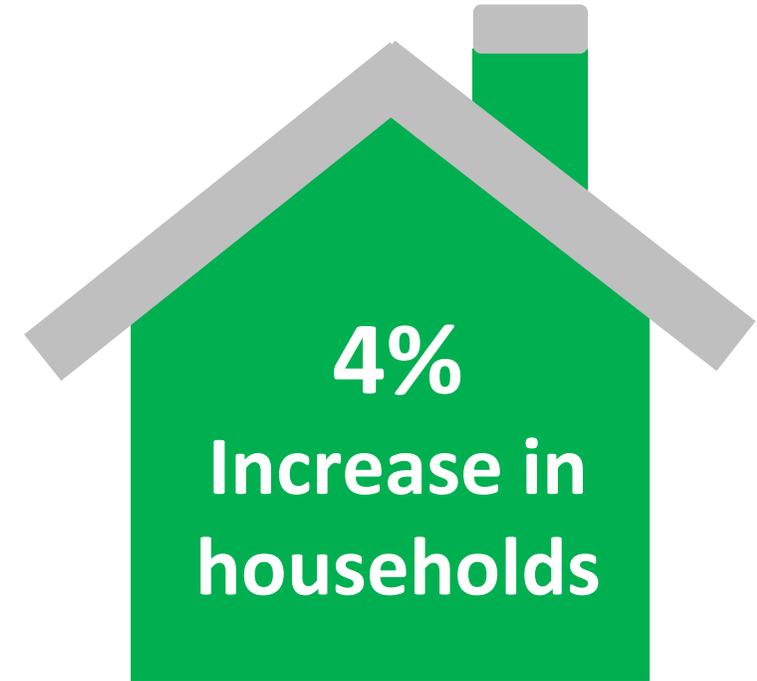
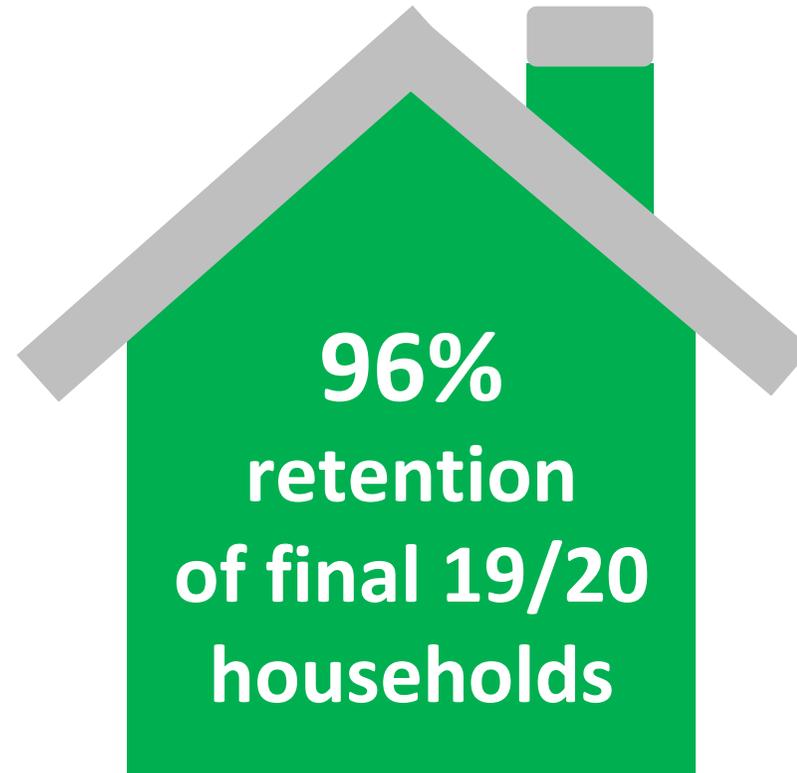
On par with 18/19, 19/20, **20** new fostering household approvals.

41 additional placements were created by approvals, exemptions and variations.

In recognition to the challenges Foster Carers faced during the Covid lockdown a one-off payment was paid to all of our Fostering and Supported Lodgings households.

Retention	Households	
	2020-2021	2019-2020
Approvals ended - Retirement	0	1
Approvals deregistered by Fostering Service	0	1
Approvals ended – change in circumstances	5	8
Approvals ended – other reasons	5	10
Total approvals ended	10	20

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Fostering Assessment, Recruitment, and Retention

Fostering Assessment, Recruitment and Retention During Covid-19

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The Fostering Service continues to recognise the needs of our Looked After Children and Unaccompanied Asylum Seeker Children from different ethnic and diverse backgrounds. Going forward, 2021-22 will see a re-focus of the recruitment of foster carers and providers who can reflect and support the diverse needs of these children.

At all times during the COVID-19 pandemic, the team has continued working with applicants, adjusting practices as guidance changed, whilst maintaining high standards. The team remained positive, proactive and creative to ensure assessments continued.

- The team met with applicants via video calls, in their gardens and in offices when home visits were not possible. However, every applicant received at least **1** face to face visit in their home during the Covid period.
- Promotion of ESCC Fostering Service's Recruitment continued with use of radio, roundabout and social media (Facebook, twitter and google advertising). Vinnie the van was moved around Eastbourne to be used for advertising.

Recruitment	Households		
	2020-2021	2019-2020	2018-2019
Enquiries	227	268	266
Screening calls	92	114	118
Initial visits	42	71	70
Skills to foster training (STF)	37	21	29
Applications for assessment	53	35	35
Closed	7	7	3
Withdrew	13	6	11
Total allocated but did not progress	20	13	14
Approvals	20	22	21
Placements	30	39	36
Conversion rate Enquiry to approval	9%	8.2%	7.9%
Conversion rate Screening call to approval	22%	19.2%	17.8%
Conversion rate Initial visit to approval	48%	31%	30%

Fostering Assessment, Recruitment & Retention

The data provided is a final snapshot as of 31st March 2021

The **20** new approvals do not reflect that a further **10** approval's due for completion have been rescheduled to 2021/22 due to Covid.

3 Connected (Family and Friends) Foster Carer Approvals

(all outside East Sussex)

Work continued with potential applicants caring for connected children. The team also offered consultation to a further **19** carer households on the appropriateness of becoming Special Guardians or approved Local Authority Foster Carers for their children.

2 Fostering households transferred to East Sussex

The team consulted to a further **21** households considering transferring to ESCC: **3** closed (due to safeguarding information), **1** application is currently progressing and a handful are still considering the advantage of transferring to East Sussex Fostering Service.

The **2** completed transfers created **1** additional placement and a saving of **£40,000 per year** respectively (an East Sussex young person was already in placement).

Foster Carer Training 2020/21

- **796 Foster Carers accessed virtual training courses (June 2020 to March 21). An increase on 19/20's figure of 566.**
- **Regulated qualifications framework Level 3 Diploma and all mandatory foundation courses were maintained. This included an online Paediatric First Aid Course.**
- **The training offer was adapted to reflect challenges for Foster Carers during the pandemic. New courses were introduced: The Resilient Foster Carer; Introduction to Meditation; Fostering All Ages; Managing Your Child's Anxiety**
- **New webinars were introduced: Parenting the traumatised child; De-Escalation; Hungry Heart; A-Z Therapeutic Parenting and Strategies on Managing Adolescent Behaviour**



Virtual Support Groups

Monthly Adolescent Support Groups

Quarterly “Men Who Foster” and
“Ladies Who Foster” Support Groups

Virtual “Coffee and Catch up” Support Group
(monthly)

Young People Who Foster Council - Monthly
Meetings, Newsletters, Online Activities and
Competitions.



Supported Lodgings

Supported Lodgings remains an integral part of the Fostering Service, with Supported Lodgings Providers providing accommodation for our Looked After Children, Care Leavers and Homeless young people aged 16-21.

8 “Hybrid” providers (approved as Supported Lodgings and registered Foster Carers) providing stability and continuing care from the age of 14.

- **7** new households approved offering **8** placements.
- **55** approved providers currently offer **82** beds.
- **1** household resigned

36 young people were placed in Supported Lodgings during 2020/21:

- **13** homeless (from locality teams)
- **2** Unaccompanied Asylum Seeker Children
- **21** Looked After Children.

Placement Support Service

During the Covid 19 pandemic the team adjusted regularly to ensure that the most vulnerable children and placements continued to receive direct face to face placement support.

- “Face to face” support packages were maintained throughout the pandemic on a risk assessed basis.
- Partnership working allowed PSS to utilise a wider range of ESCC buildings so that safe premises could be used and enjoyed by children.
- The service maintained / continue to support young people in children’s homes and on the “edge of care”.
- Support to “Shielding” households was maintained virtually. Cards, letters, and pictures to colour, were posted / delivered to the doorstep of households.

Placement Support Service during Covid-19

Placement Support Service

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Despite all the challenges and difficulties during the Pandemic, the commitment and sensitivity of the placement support workers has been outstanding'

131
support
packages
delivered

- Placement Support - **84** support packages
- Special Placement Scheme - **5** support packages
- Mother & Baby – **2** support packages
- Through Care Team - **35** support packages
- Attachment - **1** support package
- Edge of care - **3** support packages
- Agency - **1** support package

Placement support has always been a lifeline and the level of support they gave to me and D was truly exceptional, I couldn't have continued without it'.

'Our PSW's are very caring people when P was in hospital, they called many times to offer their help and have a chat, thank you'

Children In Care Council (CICC)

The CICC operated creatively during the pandemic ensuring young people's voices have continued to be heard.

- The CICC has ensured that the voice of the looked after child is heard in projects being delivered through schools, youth service and agencies working with young people.
- A CICC young person led a project inspecting the mental health provision provided to students in schools in East Sussex.
- Page 21 Members of the CICC remained in touch with younger children in care during lockdown, to help them feel less isolated - this small project will be developed into an official buddy scheme.
- Continued attendance at Placement Support holiday activities. 13 issues raised by children in care were taken forward by the CICC with relevant professionals.
- Zoom call with Anne Longfield the Children's Commissioner for England, with discussion around the impact of lockdown on their mental health, education and what support they were receiving.
- Input into training for professionals working with young people. Themes include: the role of the CICC and the work they are doing, the impact of loss and separation, and the impact of the use of inappropriate language can have on children in care.



the children in care council

Priorities for 2021/22

	Embed anti-racist and anti-discriminatory practice throughout the service	
Targeted and general recruitment of Foster Carers		Continued retention of Foster Carers
	Maintain and continue to quality assure provision for semi independent and supported accommodation	

Glossary (ESCC Fostering Service) - Part 1 of 2

Fostering Duty - Team who oversee placement finding for looked after children and young people.

Assessment, Recruitment and Retention Team (ART) – Responsible team for advertising and recruitment of ESCC Foster Carers (enquiries to approval) and retention.

Assessing Social Worker (ASW) -

Children In Care Council (CICC) – A group of East Sussex looked after young people aged between 13 and 18. They meet up regularly to have their say on issues that matter to young people in care.

Connected Foster Carer – Carers approved for specific child, often a family member.

Edge of Care – Proactive work with vulnerable families to prevent children and young people becoming looked after.

High Intensive Supported Accommodation (HI) - Supported accommodation for older young people (16+).

Glossary (ESCC Fostering Service) - Part 1 of 2

Placement Support Service (PSS) – Service that provide packages of support to placements through a combination of both individual and group work to encourage young people to develop positive trusting relationships/attachments.

Special Guardianship Order (SGO) - Permanence option. Foster Carers can apply to be Special Guardians of their Foster Children after 1 year.

Special Placement Scheme (SPS) – Service that offer long-term Foster placements to particularly hard to place, troubled Young people who can benefit from a therapeutic parenting style.

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Supported Lodgings – Placements for young people aged 16 and above who are homeless or living in care.

Through Care Team (TCT) -responsible for supporting young people across the county while they prepare to leave care and after they leave.

UASC – Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children.

Young People Who Foster Council (YPWF) – Birth children of Foster Carers.

Committee:	Corporate Parenting Panel
Date:	30 July 2021
Title of Report:	Looked After Children (LAC) Statistics
By:	Director of Children's Services
Purpose of Report:	To update the Panel on changes in the last quarter

Recommendations: **The Corporate Parenting Panel is recommended to comment on and note the report.**

1. Background and supporting information

1.1 Services for Looked After Children (LAC) are predominantly funded from the Children's Services base budget with some additional smaller funding streams supporting specific activity e.g. Virtual School activity from the Pupil Premium Grant.

1.2 Data is drawn as a snapshot on the last day of the month and inevitably there will be some changes subsequently as data is cleansed. However, the past quarter has seen an increase in the numbers of children and on the last day of June there were 622 children in care, up from 612 in March. It remains extremely busy with ongoing pressure on the Fostering Duty system to find placements as new children come in and placements for existing children disrupt and they need to be moved, often at short notice.

1.3 The ongoing context of Covid-19 and schools having to send children home has continued to place significant additional pressure on many households, including on ESCC carers, agency foster carers and on placements with family members. Both internal and external placement options for children have continued to be limited and, in particular, availability of external fostering agency placements are still in very short supply, which has again meant that some children who would previously have been placed with agency foster carers because in-house fostering capacity is full have had to be placed within a residential setting. Internal ESCC foster carers continue to work incredibly hard to welcome children wherever possible and to keep existing children living with them.

1.4 A total of 363 children were in foster care at the end of June, with 279 living with ESCC carers and a further 84 of those children with agency carers, up 1 over the quarter. In addition, we have 72 young people in supported housing options, homes or hostels, a rise of 7 over the quarter. 21 children were placed for adoption, 2 further children being placed with foster carers who are also approved adopters under the Fostering for Adoption pathway.

1.5 At the end of the quarter the number of children with kinship foster carers stood at 63.

1.6 The number of children living at home with their parents whilst remaining subject to a legal order to ESCC stood at 29. Planning for placements of this sort is always monitored rigorously in order to mitigate any risk factors and agreement to begin or end a placement with parents is given at a senior level, unless it is court mandated when realistically ESCC has no choice in the matter.

1.7 At the end of June, 60 children were living in residential children's homes, up 2 over the quarter. Staff continue to make every effort to place children in our in-house homes before they seek agreement from a senior manager for an agency placement and robust negotiations on both quality and price are a feature of every external placement search. As set out above, the use of residential placements is linked to the availability or not of in-house or agency fostering options.

1.8 At the end of June 2 ESCC children remain secured, one at Lansdowne and the other in Leeds, 1 having experienced sexual exploitation and the other having been transferred from Brodrick

Road following a lengthy period of very violent and sexualised behaviour. Exit planning is ongoing for both but it will be very challenging to find suitable placements for either children.

1.9 At the end of the quarter there was 1 child remanded to custody who is therefore accorded LAC status by virtue of the remand.

1.10 The numbers of Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking (UASC) young people fell to 49 at the end of June, down 10 over the quarter as young people already in our care turned 18 and so moved out of these numbers.

1.11 The numbers of children subject to Child Arrangement/Residence Orders have stayed steady at 342 and Special Guardianship Orders have decreased by 1 to 452.

1.12 There were no complaints from a LAC in the last quarter.

2. Conclusion and recommendations

2.1 Pressure on the system continues, driven by complexity and costs for children and by the context of the Covid-19 pandemic which is making placements very scarce.

2.2 The Panel are recommended to comment on and note the report.

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Appendices

Appendix 1 – LAC Summary between 01/07/2020 – 30/06/2021

Children's Services LAC Summary between 01/07/2020 and 30/06/2021

Placement Type	Jul 20	Aug 20	Sep 20	Oct 20	Nov 20	Dec 20	Jan 21	Feb 21	Mar 21	Apr 21	May 21	Jun 21
A3 - Placed for adoption with consent (under section 19 of the 2002 Act) with current foster carer					1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
A4 - Placed for adoption with consent (under section 19 of the 2002 Act) not with current foster carer	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
A5 - Placed for adoption with placement order (under section 21 of the 2002 Act) with current foster carer	5	5	2	1	2	2	3	3	3	2	2	2
A6 - Placed for adoption with placement order (under section 21 of the 2002 Act) not with current foster carer	15	15	14	16	16	16	17	19	18	18	17	17
H5 - Residential accommodation	43	45	50	52	56	62	62	63	58	57	56	60
K1 - Secure unit	3	2	4	4	4	3	3	2	2	2	2	2
K2 - Homes and Hostels	58	60	62	64	63	63	66	67	66	69	69	72
P1 - Placed with own parents	18	25	26	26	24	28	29	24	22	21	26	29
P2 - Independent living	3	3	4	4	3	4	4	5	6	6	5	4
R1 - Residential care home			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
R2 - NHS/Health Trust	1	4	3					1				
R3 - Family centre or mother and baby unit								1	1	1	1	1
R4 - Young Offender Institution or prison	1	1							1	1		
S1 - All Residential schools	2	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
U1 - Foster placement with relative or friend- long term fostering	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	11	11	11	10
U3 - Foster placement with relative or friend- not long term or FFA	48	53	56	57	55	54	53	59	55	52	57	53
U4 - Placement with other foster carer- long term fostering	76	76	75	74	71	65	63	61	187	186	184	183
U5 - Placement with other foster carer who is also an approved adopter- FFA	5	5	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2
U6 - Placement with other foster carer - not long term or FFA	290	286	288	291	296	295	301	294	172	178	173	180
Total	574	589	600	604	605	607	615	613	612	614	613	622

Immigration Status	Jul 20	Aug 20	Sep 20	Oct 20	Nov 20	Dec 20	Jan 21	Feb 21	Mar 21	Apr 21	May 21	Jun 21
Asylum Seeker	9	9	11	11	11	13	12	10	10	3	1	2
British Citizen	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3
Discretionary Leave to Remain in the UK to 18 (DLR)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Humanitarian Protection applied for under ECHR	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Indefinite Leave to Remain in the UK (ILR)	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
Refugee Status	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Child	27	27	32	34	36	40	42	42	42	42	41	39

Legal Status	Jul 20	Aug 20	Sep 20	Oct 20	Nov 20	Dec 20	Jan 21	Feb 21	Mar 21	Apr 21	May 21	Jun 21
Child Arrangements Order/ResidenceOrder S8(1)CA'89	337	337	337	341	341	342	342	342	342	342	342	342
Special Guardianship Order S14A CA 89	453	452	454	453	454	454	454	453	453	452	452	452

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