



**CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD**  
**TUESDAY, 9 APRIL 2024 AT 10.00 AM**  
**CIVIC CENTRE, REDCAR. TS10 1TD**

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**CIRCULATION**

Councillors K King (Chair), M Ovens (Vice-Chair), L Belshaw, C Cawley, C Curr, U Earl, C Hannaway, L Pallister, D Powlay, C Pugh, B Suther and L White.

Executive Director for Children and Families

Assistant Director – Early Help & Social Care

Assistant Director – Education and skills

The Press [except for Confidential item(s)]

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## **CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD**

A meeting of the Corporate Parenting Board was held on Wednesday, 21 February 2024 at the Tuned In, Majuba Road, Redcar, TS10 5BJ.

**PRESENT** Councillor K King (Chair)  
Councillors C Cawley, U Earl, D Powlay,  
B Suthers and C Pugh.

**OFFICIALS** N Luxford, K Boulton, V McLeod, J Johnson,  
F Oliver, A Hames, R Rodgers and D Malone.

**IN ATTENDANCE** P Dolphin, M Janes

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Ovens (Vice-Chair), C Curr, C Hannaway, L Pallister and L White.

29 **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 DECEMBER AND TO NOTE THE ATTENDANCE MATRIX FROM THE LAST MEETING**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 December be confirmed.

30 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

31 **HAVE YOUR SAY GROUP**

The participation lead from The Junction presented a presentation to members showing their involvement with the CioC.

The Junction have been working in partnership with Redcar and Cleveland since November 2023 and provide a vital role to ensure the child's voice is heard. Since the beginning of the partnership The Junction have successfully held recruitment events, baking competitions and Art and craft workshops. There are currently plans to have music workshops.

Around 30 young people have got involved with the Have Your Say Group which meets fortnightly at Guisborough Youth Club. The group focuses on social interaction, changing the stigma of being in care and to help young people. The Junction shape what they do through the children's voices.

The participation lead spoke about the language which is used by the Children and Families Directorate that the children in our care want to see

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changed. The Assistant Director of Early help advised she would work on a survey to address this and include the children from the Have Your Say group.

Action: To arrange future Corporate Parenting Board in line with Have Your say meetings.

Action: To invite an Independent Review Officer to a future meeting.

**32 CHILDREN IN OUR CARE QUARTERLY BRIEFING**

The Assistant Director of Early Help summarised the report which was distributed to members.

**33 ANY OTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR CERTIFIES AS URGENT**

None



Measure	Current Performance Feb 24	Number	Previous Value Q2 23/24 Sep 23	Target	Direction of travel	Benchmark Comparator	Benchmark National
Rate of children in our care per 10,000	146.5	399	149.3	-	↗	<a href="#">108.10</a>	<a href="#">69.80</a>
Number of children in our care	399	-	406	-	↗	N/A	N/A
% of all fostered children placed with in-house foster carers (excl IFA)	67.8	118 / 399	70.8	65.0	↘	N/A	N/A
% of all fostered children placed in IFA (exc in house and F&F)	32.2	56 / 399	29.2	35.0	↓	N/A	N/A
% of all CIOC placed with approved family & friends/connected carers	19.8	79 / 399	19.0	-	↗	N/A	N/A
% of all CIOC in regulated residential setting (needing care) excluding Semi-Independent	9.0	36 / 399	8.1	9.5	↓	N/A	N/A
% of all children in our care placed in borough	59.4	237 / 399	57.6	65.0	↗	N/A	N/A
% of all children in our care placed out of borough	40.6	162 / 399	42.1	35.0	↗	N/A	N/A
% of CIOC with 3 or more placements	11.5	46 / 399	9.4	9.5	↓	<a href="#">9.10</a>	<a href="#">9.80</a>
% of CIOC for at least 2.5 years in the same placement for 2 years	73.9	83 / 117	75.0	71.0	↘	<a href="#">70.90</a>	<a href="#">71.00</a>
Number of children becoming CIOC (cumulative - same period last year)	180	-	195	-	↑	N/A	N/A
Number of children ceasing to be CIOC (cumulative - same period last year)	185	-	139	-	↑	N/A	N/A
% of CIOC with completed Dental Checks (CIOC over 1)	80	207 / 258	81	84.5	↘	84.50	70.20
% of all CIOC immunisations up to date (CIOC over 1)	35	103 / 399	38	80.0	↓	N/A	N/A
% of PEPs completed within timescale (Early Years)	100	18 / 18	92	100.0	↑	N/A	N/A
% of PEPs completed within timescale (statutory age)	95	251 / 265	91	100.0	↗	N/A	N/A
% of PEPs completed within timescale (Post 16)	97	62 / 64	91	100.0	↑	N/A	N/A
First PEP initiated within 10 days (Early Years)	100	3 / 3	0	100.0	↑	N/A	N/A
First PEP initiated within 10 days (Statutory Age)	100	2 / 2	100	100.0	→	N/A	N/A
First PEP initiated within 10 days (Post 16)	100	1 / 1	100	100.0	→	N/A	N/A
Number of CIOC Suspensions	193	-	90	-	↓	N/A	N/A
Number of CIOC pupils with Suspensions	32	-	27	-	↓	N/A	N/A
Number of days lost due to CIOC Suspensions	294.5	-	150	-	↓	N/A	N/A

% of School Aged CIOC who are persistent absentees	28	74 / 267	20	-	↓	N/A	N/A
Number of CIOC missing	16	-	15	-	↓	N/A	N/A
Number of CIOC missing episodes	24	-	58	-	↑	N/A	N/A
Number of CIOC that are VEMT	9	-	7	-	↓	N/A	N/A
% of Care Leavers (aged 18-20) that LA is in touch with	97.90	138 / 141	96.90	95.0	↗	N/A	N/A
% of Care Leavers with a Pathway Plan	100	190 / 191	98	100.0	↗	N/A	N/A
% of Care Leavers in suitable accommodation	93	178 / 191	90	90.0	↗	<a href="#">91.20</a>	<a href="#">88.00</a>
% of Care Leavers in Education, Employment or Training	49	94 / 191	54	55.0	↓	<a href="#">55.00</a>	<a href="#">55.40</a>

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**Report to Corporate Parenting Board  
North East North Cumbria Integrated Care Board  
Redcar and Cleveland  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**1.0 Purpose of the report**

1.01 The purpose of this report is to:

- Demonstrate our duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in care (CIC).
- To assure the corporate parenting board that health services to children in care are provided without undue delay or geographical prejudice.
- To demonstrate the aim of the Looked After Health team is for sustained improvement in the health and wellbeing of children in care and those leaving care.
- To assure the child's voice around health issues are included wherever possible.
- Report on compliance to statutory targets from the Looked After Health Team for Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust (HDFT).

The data included is for Q3 October, November, and December 2023.

**2.0 Compliance data for Initial Health Assessments (IHA)**

2.01 Local Authorities are responsible for ensuring a health assessment of physical, emotional, and mental health needs is completed for every child within 20 working days of becoming looked after. This is undertaken by a Paediatrician.

2.02 Table 1 - Initial Health Assessments Quarter 3

October		November		December	
No of IHA's required	No of IHA's undertaken in timescales	No of IHA's required	No of IHA's undertaken in timescale	No of IHA's undertaken in timescales	No of IHA's required
19	6	10	3	22	1
<b>QUARTER 3 TOTAL</b>				<b>51</b>	<b>10 (19.6%)</b>

2.03 Table 2 Reasons for delay

Reason for delay	Number delayed
Delay in receiving medical consent	5 (12.1%)
Out of area request	3 (7.3%)
Delay with IHA clinics	35 (85.3%)
Ceased CiC prior to IHA	1 (2.4%)
Child Was Not Brought (Reason not provided by the LA)	1 (2.4%)

2.04 Compliance with completing IHA in timescale remains challenging but there was an overall improvement of 10% in Q3 compared to the data for Q2. Delays with the IHA clinic availability is the significant barrier and there are now regular meetings in place with the South Tees Foundation Trust who provide the clinic slots to address this. Similarly weekly meetings are in place with the local authority to address the difficulties with obtaining medical consent and those children not brought or who have refused to attend for an IHA.

**2.10 Compliance with Review Health Assessments (RHA)**

2.11 The RHA must happen at least every six months before a child's 5<sup>th</sup> birthday and at least once every 12 months after the child's 5<sup>th</sup> birthday within the month they became looked after.

2.12 Table 3 - Review Health Assessments Quarter 2

October		November		December	
No of RHA's required	No of RHA's undertaken in timescales	No of RHA's required	No of RHA's undertaken in timescales	No of RHA's required	No of RHA's undertaken in timescales
17	14 (82.4%)	31	28 (90.3%)	21	16 (76.2%)
<b>QUARTER 3 TOTAL</b>				<b>69</b>	<b>58 (84%)</b>

2.13 Table 4 - Reason for delay Quarter 3

Reason for delay	Number delayed
Ineffective home visit	2 (18%)
HDFT error; late allocation request	1 (9%)
Change in placement	2 (18%)
Staff capacity	3 (27.2%)
Out of area placement	2 (18%)
Young person's choice due to family bereavement	1 (9%)

2.14 Review health assessments are undertaken by the HDFT CIC team predominantly. The compliance rates for Q3 have fallen slightly compared to Q2, 3%. Throughout Q3 there has been sickness within the team, which has impacted on the team's capacity to undertake the assessments in a timely manner.

2.15 Tees Valley CiC service introduced the RHA risk assessment tool in Q3 to ensure that children and young people had their health reviewed in accordance with need as opposed to due date.

### 3.0 Comparison of data between 2022 and 2024

3.01 The Corporate Parenting Board in December requested a comparison of the compliance data prior to HDFT securing the contract.

3.02 Analysis of the data for compliance for the completing of the IHA within the first 20 days for Q3 between 2022 and 2024 demonstrated a drop from 81% to 19.6%. However, the data also demonstrated a significant increase in demand by 37.8% which will have had a substantial impact on the opportunity to achieve compliance because of the requirement for extra clinic appointments and Paediatrician's to undertake the assessments.

3.03 The compliance data for RHA for Q3 between 2022 and 2024 demonstrated a minimal decrease from 86.2% to 84%. However, there was an increase in demand by 18.9% for RHA. This highlights the positive response from Children in Care team HDFT to an increase in demand for RHA.

### 4.0 Health Passports

Health Passports	Oct	Nov	Dec
No. of children offered a Health Passport at 16+	7	5	1
No. of children issued a Health Passport at 16+	6	3	0

4.1 During Q3 all the children aged 16 plus in Redcar and Cleveland were offered a health passport and 9 children accepted the offer and were issued with one.

### 5.0 Health Registrations

Number of Children not registered with a dentist	Number of dental referrals	Number of children not registered with a GP
4	2 (2 children under the age of 1 year)	0

5.1 Registration with a dentist and GP is recognised as essential for all children and the CIC proactively seek confirmation and support registration where needed.

## **6.0 Service improvements**

6.1 The previously agreed rapid improvement workshop with an action plan remains in place.

6.2 A service review with the Designated Nurses and the Senior Clinical Commissioning Officer has been completed. It is proposed following the conclusion of these reports further actions plans will be developed to support HDFT to improve service delivery for children in care.

6.3 NENC ICB has identified children in care as one of the 4 key priorities.

## **6.0 Recommendations and Actions**

The Corporate Parenting Board is asked to note the content of the report.

**Maria Farrow-Tait**

**Interim Designated Nurse Safeguarding Children/ Children in Care**

**NENC ICB**