



**CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD**  
**MONDAY, 9 DECEMBER 2024 AT 10.00 AM**  
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**CIRCULATION**

Councillors K King (Chair), M Ovens (Vice-Chair), C Cawley, C Curr, U Earl,  
C Hannaway, N Hargreaves, L Pallister, D Powlay, L Robson, B Suthers and L White  
Councillors (Cabinet Members - for information)  
All Members of the Council (for information)  
Managing Director (Head of Paid Service)  
The Press [except for Confidential item(s)]

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## **CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD**

A meeting of the Corporate Parenting Board was held on Monday, 11 November 2024 at the Guisborough Youth Club, Laurence Jackson School, Church Lane, Guisborough, TS14 6RD.

**PRESENT** Councillor K King (Chair)  
Councillors C Cawley, C Curr, L Pallister,  
D Powlay, L Robson and B Suthers.

**OFFICIALS** J Doyle, T Lawton, C Leng, F Oliver, A Hames,  
D Swainston.

**IN ATTENDANCE** Councillor Brook and, M Janes and L Mitchell.

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

75 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

76 **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3  
SEPTEMBER AND TO NOTE THE ATTENDANCE MATRIX FROM THE  
LAST MEETING**

77 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declaration of interest, noted.

78 **IMMUNISATION UPDATE**

The Service Manager for HV/SN presented an update on Planned Immunisation Catch Up for CioC and Care Leavers to address the outstanding immunisation status of many young people.

Areas highlighted in the update included:

- South Tees Public Health offered the funding to help improve the take up of immunisation catch up. The funding was sufficient to include care leavers up to the age of 25, if they consent.
- The majority of out-of-date vaccines related to immunisations which would normally be given at school, but were unable to be given during the covid pandemic.
- A mapping exercise was underway to identify numbers, which

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- immunisations are outstanding and localities.
- The work would be undertaken in partnership with South Tees Public Health and Intrahealth.
- Accessible locations would be offered depending on localities of the young person.
- Communication with CioC and Target Teams is key to ensure the right messages are delivered and uptake is high.
- Bookings will be managed by the 0-19 services.

As part of the ensuing discussion the following questions/comments were made:

- A Member queried if there was a plan to action immunisations in a specific order by vaccine or age. Members were advised that adolescent ages 0-5 would be prioritised first. Those vaccinations provide more effective cover if administered at the appropriate age, they can however also be given at later ages.
- A member queried if there was resistance from children or parents and what actions were taken support any uncertainties. Members were advised that parental consent is usually high however, if a parent or older CioC who can consent themselves have any uncertainties, the service would take the time to have conversations with them and inform about herd immunity.
- A Member stated that if a young person/resident missed the HPV vaccination given in schools, GP service informed them they would have to wait until the following years HPV vaccination programme returned to their school to receive the vaccination, which would be a year later than advised. Members were advise that the HV/SN service is working closely with Intrahealth to establish good working relationships including the introduction of catch up clinics.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that the information in the update be noted.

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## **PRESENTATION RE: CIOC PERFORMANCE**

The Executive Director for Children and Families Services presented the performance data from the Virtual School regarding Quality of PEPs yearly between 2019 – 2024 and the performance data for Children in our Care.

The following areas were highlighted to Members:

- The data was fluid and prone to change frequently. The directorate were working tirelessly to ensure all cases that reach a close are removed from the system and further noted that sibling families can increase and decrease the data significantly.
- There continued to be a national and regional campaign to advertise for foster carers, the authority is working closely with the Fostering NE Hub which is a Department for Education (DfE)

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initiative, and a report would be presented at a future meeting. Officers are keen to work closely with Fostering NE Hub to ensure all enquiries were actioned as soon as possible to ensure the directorate could act upon these swiftly in the hope of engaging with perspective foster carers and sign them up to the training programme.

- School exclusions have reduced for Children in our Care compared to this time last year. An indicator that feeds into this reduction was the positive transitions which took place in the first school term.
- Contact with care leavers was positive, the majority were in contact with the directorate and only a few were not, their whereabouts however were known and recorded.

As part of the ensuing discussion the following questions/comments were made:

- A Member queried if the 'missing' data included separated migrant children. Members were advised this would be checked and confirmed at the next meeting.
- A Member queried what were the future housing needs analysis for Children in our Care. Members were advised that this would be reported back at the next meeting.
- A Member queried what age ranges are included within the NEET data. Members were advised that data is collected in two ranges, 18-21 range and 18-25 range, noting the 21-25 age range are not required to keep in touch with the council, however Officers endeavour to ensure those young people were aware they were eligible for support.
- Members were advised that a Fostering paper would be presented as part of the budget review and would be presented to this meeting in due course.
- A Member queried if a breakdown of positive moves was available. Members were advised that this could be presented at a future meeting.
- A Member asked if the Mockingbird service was set up and being delivered. Members were advised that a second constellation was approved, and an update would be presented at a future meeting.
- A Member queried why national benchmarks were available for some of the data. Members were advised that Officers would work with the data team to look into this and report back to a future meeting.
- A Member queried the access to dental practices for Children in our Care noting the mixed-up information received at the previous meeting which was later clarified. Members were advised that after the meeting the following was clarified; "only the IHA paediatrician or Children in Care nurses that can refer to the guaranteed dentists". Members were informed that new

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dentil practices had joined the scheme.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that:

1. The information in the report ne noted; and,
2. The missing data be checked for inclusion of separated migrant children and reported back at the next meeting.
3. Emergency accommodation future needs analysis to be reported back at the next meeting.
4. Fostering paper to be presented at a future meeting.
5. A Breakdown of positive moves to be presented at a future meeting.
6. Mockingbird update to be presented at a future meeting.
7. Officers to work with Data analysis to try to obtain more national benchmark data and report back to a future meeting.

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### **FORWARD PLAN FOR CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD**

Members and Officers discussed the current arrangements of the Have Your Say Group and how the Children in our Care engaged with members on a six-weekly basis at their youth club group. Members and Officers agreed it was an opportunity to rethink how they engage with the group and the following suggestions were made:

- The have your say group young people should have their voices heard by Members and Officers and should feel empowered to lead these sessions and to set their own agendas.
- The young people should feel empowered to bring their ideas and expectations to Members and Officers and engage within realistic conversations.
- To engage with the young people earlier in council processes, such as when policies are being developed to ensure their lived experiences and voices are taken into consideration when shaping policy.
- Engagement with separated young migrants should also be prioritised and ongoing engagement regularly taking place.
- Members and Officers should work closely with Officers from The Junction to ensure all their young people have an opportunity to be heard and not just those who are most confident to speak. Consideration should be given to offering alternative sessions, such as in smaller groups with fewer CPD members to not be overwhelming.
- Ensure CPD feedback to the young people regarding actions, what can and what cannot be actioned and why.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that:

1. The information in the update be noted; and,
2. Officers to present a proposal regarding ways forward for HYSG engagement to the next meeting.

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

The Chair approved the following urgent item to be presented:

**CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD MEETING DATES 03 JUNE 2024**

The Corporate Parenting Board meeting planned for Tuesday 03 June was requested to be changed to the following week due to a clash with the Children and Families Scrutiny Improvement Committee.

**RESOLVED** that the CPD meeting planned for w/c 02 June be moved to w/c 09 June.

## Corporate Parenting Board and Have Your Say Group

### ATTENDANCE RECORD - 2024/25

Surname	First name	08.05.24	18.06.24	22.07.24	03.09.24	11.11.24	09.12.24	17.02.24	04.03.25	09.06.25	21.07.25	Total Meetings Attended / total
King	Karen	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						5/5
Ovens	Mary	Apols	✓	Apols	✓	Apols						2/5
Cawley	Ceri	✓	✓	Apols	RA	✓						3/5
Curr	Carolyn	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						5/5
Earl	Ursula	Apols	✓	✓	✓	✓						4/5
Hannaway	Craig	✓	Apols	X	Apols	Apols						1/5
Hargreaves	Niall	n/a	Apols	Apols	✓	Apols						1/4
Pallister	Lynn	✓	Apols	Apols	Apols	✓						2/5
Powlay	Deborah	Apols	✓	Apols	Apols	✓						2/5
Robson	Lisa	Apols	✓	✓	Apols	✓						3/5
Suthers	Bill	✓	Apols	✓	Apols	✓						3/5
White	Linda	Apols	Apols	X	X	Apols						0/5

#### Substitutes

Brook	Adam				✓							

#### Key

✓	Attended
RA	Apologies Submitted (replacement attended)
Apols	Apologies Submitted (no replacement)
X	Did Not Attend (no apologies received)
C	Cancelled Meeting
n/a	Not a Member

#### Reason for Absence (NB Full details may not be provided for reasons of confidentiality)

1	Personal Commitment
2	Work Commitment
3	Illness/Medical
4	Conflicting Council Commitment
5	Other
6	Civic Duties

## Corporate Parenting Board - Action List

No.	Meeting Date	Action	Person Responsible	Deadline	Update <i>(Completed items will be removed)</i>
1	18.06.24	<b>No Wrong Door</b>  Item deferred. To contact NWD Team Manager to plan an update to a future meeting.	AD - Social Care + Early Help Children + Families	06 Nov 2024	03.09.24: Executive Director to <b>ACTION</b>
2	18.06.24	<b>Care Leavers – reduced travel costs</b>  1. A request was made for implementation of reduced travel costs or free travel for care leavers. 2. Invite a representative of the TVCA to a future Board meeting.	AD - Education + Skills Children + Families	<b>03.09.24</b>	03.09.24: Requests were made to the Combined Authority after the free travel scheme for children over school holidays. Care Leavers who are over 18 were not included within this. Directors across the Tees Valley sent representation to the Combined Authority to no avail. Tees Valley Directors will be making written representation to the Tees Valley Mayor, <b>ONGOING</b> .
3	22.07.24	<b>Cost of foster care:</b>  Breakdown of costs for different categories of foster care to be shared with Members.	AD - Social Care + Early Help Children + Families	<b>03 Sept 2024</b>	03.09.24: <b>ONGOING</b>
4	03.09.24	<b>Darlington Borough Council best practice</b>  Executive Director (or colleague) to reach out to obtain best practice sharing due to positive data.	Executive Director	06 Nov 24	
5	03.09.24	<b>Tees Valley and Localised Data Report</b>  To be presented at the next Board meeting.	Designated Safeguarding Nurse	TBC	
6	11.11.24	<b>Performance Data to be reported back at the next meeting:</b>	Executive Director	Dec 2024	



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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The missing data be checked for inclusion of separated migrant children.</li> <li>2. Emergency accommodation future needs analysis.</li> <li>3. Fostering paper.</li> <li>4. A breakdown of positive moves.</li> <li>5. Mockingbird update.</li> <li>6. Officers to work with data analysis to obtain more national benchmark data.</li> </ol>			
9	11.11.24	<p><b>Forward plan for corporate parenting board</b> Officers to present a proposal regarding ways forward for HYSG engagement to the next meeting.</p>	Executive Director	Dec 2024	In preparation for the next HYSG session in February.

## Have Your Say Group - Action List

No.	Meeting Date	Action	CPD or HYSG	Deadline	Update (Completed items will be removed)
1	11.11.24	<p><b>Toiletry Bags:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Requested all children in care are given a toiletry bag, that is age and gender appropriate, for the young person to keep.</li> </ol> <p>/Or/</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. Foster Carers to have provisions available, especially if there is an emergency foster care placement.</li> <li>c. HYSG to supply CPD with a list of items they would find useful.</li> <li>d. CPD to explore sponsorship opportunities.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. CPD</li> <li>b. CPD</li> <li>c. HYSG</li> <li>d. CPD</li> </ol>		

2	11.11.24	<p><b>Beach House:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Request for a larger room for larger families.</li> <li>b. Request age-appropriate decoration, pictures (staff pictures to feel familiar), colour (handprints) and updated furniture (some rooms very young).</li> <li>c. Requested more donations. HYSG to supply list of what would be useful.</li> <li>d. Garden area: More equipment and plants required. Training or workshops on how to grow, cook with what's grown and how to maintain a garden. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. CPD to look at volunteer groups to support and donations.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. CPD</li> <li>b. CPD</li> <li>c. HYSG</li> <li>d. CPD</li> </ul>		
3	11.11.24	<p><b>HYSG Feedback:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. HYSG would prefer smaller table sessions to feedback to CPD and activities to explain how children in care experience life and how they feel (i.e. the valuables in a bag activity)</li> <li>b. Barriers for children in care accessing HYSG meetings include not living locally and transport. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. CPD to investigate options to support access to HYSG sessions.</li> <li>ii. HYSG informed CPD that Barnardo's offer online HYSG sessions. CPD to consider.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. CPD</li> <li>i. CPD</li> <li>ii. CPD</li> </ul>		
4	09.12.24	<p><b>Exam Data</b></p> <p>Exam data to be brought to February meeting</p>		AD - Education + Skills Children + Families	

				<b>February 2025</b>	
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Corporate Parenting Board – discussion paper (Dec 2024)

*“Looking after and protecting children and young people is one of the most important jobs that councils do and when a child, for whatever reason, can’t safely stay at home, it is up to us as the local authority to step in and give them the care, support and stability that they deserve. This isn’t just up to the lead member or director of children’s services – we need everyone looking out for our most vulnerable children and young people, and every councillor has a role to play. This pack aims to help them fulfil that role as effectively as possible.*

*Being a corporate parent means doing everything we can for every child in the council’s care – and every care leaver – to give them the opportunities that other children get. This covers everything from keeping an eye on their progress at school, to looking after their health and wellbeing, to preparing them for life as independent adults – and supporting them when they get there. We need to be ambitious for the children in our care, encouraging them to dream big and take chances even if they don’t feel like that’s been an option in the past.*

*It’s also about the smaller things that make life more fulfilling. It’s about making sure children receive birthday cards, are rewarded when they do well (and supported when they don’t), get to take part in the activities they enjoy and have new experiences. It’s about making sure someone’s on the end of a phone when a care leaver is having a hard day at work or university, or is there to help them navigate an application form. It’s about doing the things you’d do for your own children. “ LGA Corporate Parent Resource Pack*

It is really important that the Corporate Parenting Board understand from children and young people whether we are achieving the above.

The commitment from the members of our board is excellent however we think this is a good opportunity to review how we “do” the work of the board to ensure that we are being led by children and young people’s voices.

We currently have one formal meeting and one “Have your Say” meeting.

Questions to discuss:

- Do we feel that children and young people’s voice is driving our work as a board?
- How do we think we should be improving voice of children and young people?
- How do we balance “business” agenda items e.g data vs involving children/ yp in our meetings?
- Our formal meeting meets in the council chamber – does that work?
- Would it be better to have themed meetings – would this enable us to invite wider partners to be involved in a specific area?