

Every Child Matters Summary

Stay Safe

Wide range of mechanisms to safeguard children looked after

- Child Protection systems
- Whistleblowing/Allegations against staff and carers etc.
- Inspections & Rota Visits
- Reviews

Measures taken to secure placement stability

- Support care/respice care scheme
- Closer scrutiny of out of area placements and preferred provider arrangements
- Banded Payments scheme

Health & Safety

- Assessment of Foster Carer's home
- Risk assessments for activities
- Missing from placement protocol

Be Healthy

Physical Health

- Leisure Link cards for foster carers
- Health promotion in assessments & reviews
- Developing targeted activities in conjunction with Leisure

Mental & Emotional Health

- Supportive and stable living environment & inclusion in society
- Positive experiences of school
- Dedicated Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service
- Preparation for leaving care

Healthy Lifestyle

- Fast track referral systems re pregnancy and access to the GUM clinic
- Substance misuse screening and referral protocols
- Smoking policy for foster carers

Enjoy and Achieve

School

Essential to challenge and support schools

Personal Education Plans must be prioritised & implemented

Early intervention & support needed to prevent exclusion

42% of CLA require classroom support

Designated Teachers and Designated School Governors for Looked after Children - key support role

Home

Placement stability supports achievement

Additional tuition provided where necessary/possible

Foster Carers aware of importance of education

Access to support services (e.g. Educational Psychology & CAMHS) difficult for children placed out of area

Achieve Economic Well-Being

Education, Training & Employment

- Leaving Care Service
 - individual support
 - preparation for independence
 - 'What Makes a Difference' employability scheme
- Connexions
 - two Personal Advisers developing links
- Work experience arrangements in place
- Transport is an issue for older children

Decent Homes

- Supported Lodgings Scheme
- Work underway with Registered Social Landlords
- Setting up home allowance

Make a Positive Contribution

Involvement in decision-making

Assessment, care planning and review processes
Staff recruitment processes
Discussions about service developments

Develop self-confidence & positive relationships

Specialist youth provision
Individual support from staff & carers
CAMHS specialist service

What Next?

Options

- Continue to use ECM Outcomes as focus for future meetings?
- Members of CPB to 'adopt' an outcome to support and monitor progress?
- Members of CPB to take on specific issues (e.g. education, housing, transport, leisure, work) and advocate on behalf of children looked after?
- Other ideas?