

## **Update on Wiltshire's Corporate Parenting Panel (CPP)**

This is an update of the activities that have taken place since the full update to Council in October 2020 on the Corporate Parenting Panel (CPP).

### **1. New CPP Data Scorecard**

1.1 Following data presented to the CPP over the last 12 months it was agreed that we would look at ways of condensing and combining the data covering different elements of the CPP agenda into a more simplified format. Prior to this various data sets were being reported across a number of reports. The development of the new data set focused on the main headline measures from these reports with additional indicators added where required to provide CPP with a sufficient overview of performance.

1.2 The new performance report covers:

- Health & Wellbeing
- Safety & Security
- Child's voice
- Stability & Permanence
- Timely & Consistent Support
- Education
- Care leavers
- Fostering

1.3 Importantly the commentary that accompanies performance report avoids jargon and is written in plain English so it is accessible to children and young people who are in attendance at CPP and family members who may choose to read the published report.

1.4 Below is first presentation of the CPP scorecard:



2021-01-11 CPP  
Performance Report

### **2. Strategic Priorities**

2.1 The CPP Strategic Priorities originally had a councillor for each with support from an officer. Each priority now has a young person associated with each priority and we will now be using a tracker (3.3) to identify actions and progress against each priority. The ongoing development of the priorities and progress is also being overseen by the CPP Officers group.

2.2 Priorities are as follows:

**Corporate Parenting Panel – Strategic Priorities 2020-2021**

**I need:**

1. To have links with my local community where I am trusted, respected and accepted. This means I can access the local community and I am not left out. *Cllr Laura Mayes - Support Officer – Iona Payne - Young person lead – (name withheld)*
2. Support for as long as I need it. *Cllr Pat Aves – Support Officer – Neil Adlam – Young person lead – (name withheld)*
3. To feel and be safe. *Cllr Peter Hutton – Support Officer – Sara James - Young people leads - (name withheld)*
4. To be heard – my voice is not the only way I am heard, it may come out as my behaviour. *Cllr James Sheppard – Support Officer – Sara James/Elly Mills – Young person lead - (name withheld)*
5. Support with my mental health especially at school, at a time and a place that suits me and not services. *Cllr Stewart Palmen – Support Officer – Judy Edwards - Young person lead – (name withheld)*
6. Support to be the best I can. *Cllr Jane Davies – Support Officer – Kathryn Davis - Young person lead - (name withheld)*
7. Support to be healthy and this includes opportunities to be involved in new activities.  
*Cllr George Jeans – Support Officer – Sally Ellis – Young person lead - (name withheld)*
8. A loving home where I have good relationships, respect and the opportunity to see my family. *Cllr Mary Champion – Support Officer – Michele Llewellyn - Young person lead - (name withheld)*

2.3 See below a snapshot of the tracker for one of the Strategic Priorities: “Support for as long as I need it”

<b>7. Support for as long as I need it.</b>						
<b>Supporting Actions</b>		<b>Lead</b>	<b>Delivery Method</b>	<b>By When</b>	<b>Progress RAG</b>	<b>Evidence of Impact RAG</b>
7.1	I have regular contact with my family, at times that suit my needs					
7.2	There is good transition planning for when I move from children’s services to adult services					
7.3	work with schools and the Virtual School to ensure robust educational support packages are in place for					

	young people who cannot be in formal school settings.					
7.4	Young People's aspirations are central to all direct work undertaken with them					
7.5	The Council and Partner agencies considers local offers in the form of work experience, shadowing, take over days and apprenticeships for young people.					
7.6	Suitable accommodation is available for independent and supported living					
<b>Evidence of Success</b>						
Young People know where they want to be in the future, and they are on a path to achieving their ambitions						
A reduction in the number of young people defined as NEET (not in employment, education and training)						
<b>Children Say:</b>						
<i>I have been supported to stay in school, further or higher education and have accessed training opportunities</i>						
<i>I don't fall off a cliff when moving into adult care</i>						

2.4 Another of the CPP Strategic Priorities is: “to have links with my local community where I am trusted, respected and accepted. This means I can access the local community and I am not left out.” Links have since been made with the manager of the Community Engagement Officers (CMOs) who works with the local area boards and a number of youth projects. To enable our children looked after and care experienced young people to begin engaging routinely within these provisions and connect to local community opportunities the manager of the CMOs has agreed to be a representative on the CPP.

2.5 The theme for the March CPP focuses on the priority “Support with my mental health especially at school, at a time and a place that suits me and not services”. The councillor, officer and young person met to discuss this priority in December which focused on transitions for young people from child mental health services to adult services and work taking place in schools around a “whole school approach” to mental health and working alongside Mental Health Support Teams in Wiltshire.

### 3. Child and Youth Voice

3.1 Since the last CPP Annual Report we have now appointed two child and youth voice workers who are both care experienced and come with a wide range of experience in youth participation. Ellie Mills has been appointed as the Youth Voice Lead. The ambition of the team will be to increase participation in the Children in Care Council and ensure children and young people have their voices heard.

### 3.2 Youth Consultants

Community First recruited and trained 8 youth consultants including a project support worker. They completed several consultations and listening projects with young carers, youth clubs, young victims of crime and young people accessing SEND support in schools, children in care and children subject to child protection plans. They listened to and shared the views of over 200 children and young people, as well as representing the views of their peers in local youth forums. The outcome of their work will now be driven by the Child and Youth Voice team to ensure engagement and participation of young people is maximised, they are involved in scrutiny and young people are supported to work directly with leaders and decision-makers to influence change.

### 3.3 CICC Ambassadors

Early in February a flyer went out for volunteers to be Children in Care Council Ambassadors. The Children in Care Council decided what areas they wanted an ambassador for. These will reflect the corporate parenting panel priorities and will aim to raise the profile of CICC across the council and strengthen links with the community. This received a positive response and we now have most of the positions covered including an additional category titled "recognising achievement". Ambassadors can come from across the council including councillors and officers.

**WILTSHIRE CICC NEEDS YOU**  
**Could you be a CICC Ambassador?**  
**We need passionate staff representatives to be CICC Ambassadors**

**What we need .....**

- ▶ We need council employees to be Children in Care Council Ambassadors. This is a networking role for staff an interest in one of the specific issues that have been highlighted as important by our children in care.
- ▶ As an Ambassador we would like you to attend at least 2 CICC meetings a year and work with CICC to rise the profile of these important issues within your team and the council.
- ▶ You do not need to be a social worker any interested staff will be welcomed.
- ▶ If you want to find out more please email [Elly.Mills@Wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:Elly.Mills@Wiltshire.gov.uk)

**Ambassadors needed**

- ▶ Climate Change
- ▶ Mental Health
- ▶ Activities and Clubs
- ▶ Staying Connected (Family Time) **APPOINTED**
- ▶ Pets
- ▶ New arrivals in the UK **APPOINTED**
- ▶ Residential Care Homes
- ▶ Housing
- ▶ Disability

4. In conclusion the CPP continues to review all priority areas and continues to work closely with the Children in Care Council including ensuring young people are represented at each meeting and their voices are heard. The CPP have been able to consider key performance indicators relating to children looked after and care experienced young people to ensure they are safe, have placement stability, have a good education, positive relationships, are prepared for adulthood, independent living and support high aspirations. The strategic priorities continue to be reviewed and developed.

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