



Cyngor Castell-nedd Port Talbot
Neath Port Talbot Council

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL Social Care, Health & Well-Being Scrutiny Committee

5th September 2019

Report of the Head of Children and Young People Services - Keri Warren

Matter for Information

Wards Affected: All

Fostering Service Quality of Care Report 2018/19 and Fostering statement of purpose

Purpose of the Report:

The purpose of the report is to provide Members with the Fostering Service Quality of Care report for activity in 2018/19 and the revised Statement of Purpose for the Neath Port Talbot fostering service.

Executive Summary:

The quality of care report provides an overview of the work of the Neath Port Talbot fostering service during 2018/19. The report considers:

- The profile of children who experience care in Neath Port Talbot;
- The profile of foster carers;
- Recruitment and marketing activity;
- The role and function of the service;
- Support for foster carers and children who are looked after
- Training;
- Engagement with carers and young people;
- Complaints and allegations;
- Development plans for the service;

Also for information is the revised 2019/20 Neath Port Talbot statement of purpose. The statement of purpose is to set out the mission statement for the service and to identify the service aims, objectives and to detail its role and function.

Background:

Regulation 52 of the Local Authority Fostering Services Regulations (Wales) 2018 which came into effect on 29th April 2019 sets out the requirement for local authority fostering services to produce a quality of care report which is reviewed 6 monthly.

Schedule 1 of the Regulations sets out the requirements for the fostering service to have a statement of purpose.

Financial Impacts:

No Implications.

Integrated Impact Assessment:

There is no requirement to undertake an Integrated Impact Assessment as this report is for monitoring / information purposes.

Valleys Communities Impacts:

No Implications.

Workforce Impacts:

No implications.

Legal Impacts:

No implications.

Risk Management Impacts:

No Implications.

Crime and Disorder Impacts:

Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places a duty on the Council in the exercise of its functions to have “due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent:

- a) Crime and disorder in its area (including anti-social and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment); and
- b) The misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances in its area; and
- c) Re-offending the area”

There is no impact under the Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

Counter Terrorism Impacts:

The proposals are likely to have no impact on the duty to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism.

Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Impacts:

Section 2(1) of the Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015 introduced a general duty where a person exercising relevant functions must have regard (along with all other relevant matters) to the need to remove or minimise any factors which:

- (a) increase the risk of violence against women and girls, or
- (b) exacerbate the impact of such violence on victims.

The proposals contained in this report are likely to have no impact on the above duty.

Consultation:

There is no requirement for external consultation on this item.

Recommendations:

Not applicable.

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

Not applicable.

Implementation of Decision:

No decision to be made; for information only.

Appendices:

Regulation 52 – Quality of Care Report;
Neath Port Talbot Fostering Service Statement of Purpose 2019/20.

List of Background Papers:

None.

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