

2. Care Leavers' Participation Event Outcomes: To analyse the feedback provided by the young people generally and to address specific points.

9 Priorities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are we doing OK at? • Where do we need to improve? • Ideas about what would help 	Feedback from Young People	Comments from whole group	Action Points agreed on 1st July 2019	Officer responsible
1. All elected members and officers understand and act on their responsibilities as corporate parents	The name "Corporate parent" was not liked. It is offensive because those carrying out this role are not a young person's parent. Housing was raised as an issue.	Corporate Parenting not a good term/phrase. Doesn't refer to Looked After Children Corporate Parenting members don't know "reaching care leavers" Need to meet more regularly Join the Panel Meetings Care Leavers bring lots of perspectives. Care Leaver Panel?? Advocate support	It was agreed that the Panel would discuss alternative names for the role of Corporate Parent, and also for Looked After Children at its next meeting.	
2. All looked after children have a safe and stable home	Young people are sometimes forced to leave a placement before they are ready to be independent. Children's homes are not able to offer ... When ready more supportive lodging should be available	Young People feeling forced to leave before they are ready. WIR in residential Lack of good options for care leavers No supported lodging placements available Loneliness and Isolation Independence too soon	1) Stronger links to be developed with other authority housing departments 2) Workshops for foster carers to help teach independent living skills to be arranged	

		<p>Moved into hostel, moved into independent when forced into</p>		<p>3) New foster carers to receive the message that the journey continues past age 18 4) Seek views of care leavers in six month reviews on what would help develop their independence 5) Develop more of a partnership with foster carers sharing what the service expects and the top ten tips from children 6) Research the approach of other fostering authorities for ideas 7) Explore if there are opportunities for a “stepping stone” accommodation facility for care leavers 8) Corporate Parenting Panel to continue the dialogue with many more care leavers 9) Develop links to combat loneliness and isolation 10) Extend some staff benefits to care leavers e.g. recent</p>	
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3.	Looked after children enjoy a range of educational and learning opportunities	Training is available but work is restricted especially when living independently and having to deal with rent payments. Good to access but want a job at the end of it. Declaring as a care leaver is optional for a guaranteed interview. EMA stops /income	Training is available but JOBS are needed. Benefit traps Policy framework Pressure through full council to put influence	1) Meeting with Youth Enterprise team plus a representative from ALN and then with Chief Exec. 2) Ideas included certificates of employment for employers, consideration for priority interviews, work with Inspire to Work team, Utilise Communications Team links and help with interview skills	
4.	Looked after children enjoy the best possible health	Agreed registered with doctors and dentists. Shortfall in mental health services	Mental Health and Social Services Department working together Some have lead worker with health imbalance	Monitor Gwent-wide transformation work to ensure developments are addressing needs on the ground	
5.	Looked after children enjoy a range of play, sport, leisure and cultural opportunities	Leisure passes for all care leavers please. Perhaps cinema passes, hobbies etc. Days out as a group.	Why not have free leisure passes for those care leavers who want them? Occasional treats/support with hobbies and days out Get mutual support/peer support	1) Free annual Leisure passes for Care leavers. Pas to liaise with Chief Officer 2) Pas to check if there is an existing amenity fund that can be added to as a Care Leavers Fund- 3) Events to be considered e.g. possible social event	

				<p>for Corporate Parent Panel and Care Leavers at Hilston Park?</p> <p>4) Other events to consider include foster carer event and LAC event with care leavers possibly mentoring</p>	
6.	<p>Looked after children are listened to and treated with respect</p>	<p>At times feels like forced to do. Is it ticking a box. Foster carers not listened to them in front office</p>	<p>Some foster carers don't treat young people with respect</p> <p>All about money</p> <p>Feel more listened to as adults</p>	<p>1) Message understood! Action point to facilitate ongoing representation and engagement between care leavers and the Corporate Parenting panel. Noted difficulties attending engagement events if the young person is working</p> <p>2) Committed to young people being full members of the committee (agreed excellent skill to add to CVs)</p> <p>3) Short induction for new/young people members to be arranged</p>	

				4) e mail addresses to Clerk to add to agenda distribution list	
7.	Looked after children are supported and enabled to achieve independence	A lot of support post 18 but young people need to be worked with in the foster placement. Residential, better independent living skills more accountability	Preparation for independence skills at foster carers. Need to use a structured approach and foster carers need to demonstrate outcomes Saving schemes for foster carers	See 2 above 1) need more dialogue with foster carers re: more independent living skills 2) Explore opportunities for a savings scheme in addition to the care leaving grant	
8.	Looked after children are cared for by Monmouthshire carers and remain close to their homes and communities	Out of county placement young people not consulted regarding where they may go – residential/special Cross county working with housing	Cross border housing lists. North/South divide	Panel aware of issues with out of county placements and the Welsh Government drive to address problems and make improvements	
9.	All care leavers are supported in education, training and employment		Training and education	1) Meeting with Youth Enterprise team plus representative of ALN 2) investigate feasibility of care leavers having access to internal job opportunities	