

**Children and Young People
Scrutiny Committee
12th March 2024**

**Victoria Gibbs
Service Director Early Help, Quality Assurance and
Partnerships**

Corporate Parenting Board Membership

Role	Organisation
Cabinet Member, Children and Young People (Chairperson)	Herefordshire Council
Councillor David Hitchiner (Vice-Chairperson)	Herefordshire Council
Councillor Jim Kenyon	Herefordshire Council
Councillor Diana Toynbee	Herefordshire Council
Councillor Polly Andrews	Herefordshire Council
Chief Executive	Herefordshire Council
Corporate Director, Children and Young People Services	Herefordshire Council
Corporate Director, Community Wellbeing	Herefordshire Council
Service Director, Safeguarding and Family Support	Herefordshire Council
Service Director Early Help, QA and Partnerships	Herefordshire Council
Service Director, Education, Skills and Learning	Herefordshire Council
Service Director All Age Commissioning	Herefordshire Council
Named Nurse Children in Care	Wye Valley NHS Trust
Consultant Community Paediatrician & Medical Adviser for Adoption & Fostering	Wye Valley NHS Trust

Role	Organisation
Designated Doctor for Child Protection and Looked After Children	Herefordshire and Worcestershire Integrated Care System
Deputy Designated Nurse Safeguarding	Herefordshire and Worcestershire Integrated Care System
Foster Carer Representative	Foster Carers
Head of Service, Fostering, Adoption and Home Finding	Herefordshire Council
Virtual School Head Teacher	Herefordshire Council
Participation Worker	Herefordshire Council
Complaints and Children's Rights Manager	Herefordshire Council
Head of Service, Corporate Parenting	Herefordshire Council
Head of Service, Housing	Herefordshire Council
Head of Youth Service	West Mercia Youth Justice
Partnership Manager, Herefordshire and Worcestershire (Mercia District) Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)	Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)
Head of Probation	Hereford, Shropshire and Telford PDU
CAMHS	Associate Director for Children Young People & Families & Specialist Primary Care
West Mercia Police	TBC

Corporate Parenting Board

Elected Member attendance

Attendee	August 2023	November 2023	January 2024
Cabinet Member, Children and Young People (Chairperson)	Attended	Apologies	Attended
Councillor Liz Harvey	Attended- (Cllr Harvey)		
Councillor David Hitchiner (Vice-Chairperson)	* Cllr Hitchiner becomes nominated member of CPB from September 23	Attended	Attended
Councillor Jim Kenyon	Apologies	Apologies	Attended
Councillor Diana Toynbee	Apologies	Attended	Attended
Councillor Polly Andrews	Attended	Attended	Apologies

Corporate Parenting Board Work Programme January – May 2024

Meeting	Thematic Focus	Standing and other Items
January 2024	<p>Sufficiency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress against Sufficiency strategy • Fostering and Adoption Annual Report • Update on recruitment and retention of Foster Carers • Housing sufficiency vulnerable groups • Joint Housing protocol • Suitable accommodation action plan • UASC action plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Lead report • Corporate Parenting Action Plan update • Performance Dashboard • Care Leaver Transition procedures • Health report • Virtual School update • Care Leavers offer, pledge and covenant • “You said.. We did..” Participation update
March 2024	<p>Health: Physical, Emotional and Mental Wellbeing for children in care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview report on support and pathways for care experienced young people - ICB • Report of CAMHS • Report of Commissioning on the Intensive Placement Support Service (HIPPS) and new service specification • Report of Wye Valley Trust- Statutory Health Assessments, Dental appts and SDQ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service update • Corporate Parenting Action Plan update • Performance Dashboard • Virtual School report • Participation update
May 2024	<p>Young People at risk of Offending Preparing for Adulthood</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Realising potential, preparation for adulthood • Violence prevention (Youth Justice, PCC, Community Safety Partnership) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Lead report • Corporate Parenting Action Plan update • Performance Dashboard • Health report • Virtual School report • Participation update

Corporate Parenting Board: Work Programme June – December 2024

Meeting	Focus	Standing and Other agenda Items
July 2024	Self Assessment and progress Voice, You said, We did	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LGA observation of Board • Service Lead report • Corporate Parenting Action Plan update • Performance Dashboard • Health report
September 2024	Education and Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Lead report • Corporate Parenting Action Plan Update • Performance Dashboard • Health report
November 2024	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Update • Corporate Parenting Action Plan Update • Performance Dashboard • Health Update

Corporate Parenting Action Plan: Education

- Monitoring by Virtual School
- Creation of Personal Education Plans (PEP's)
- Provision of laptops
- Support schools to prevent exclusion
- Development of supported internships for young people with an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP)
- Supporting to access higher education, including degree apprenticeships
- Strengthen careers and education advice and guidance

Corporate Parenting Action Plan: Impact

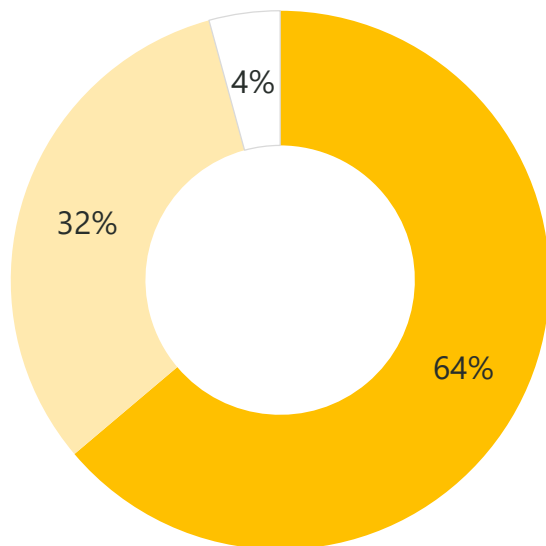
- Two new STEPS Mentors (Support to Engage, Participate and Succeed) bringing the total of STEPS Mentors to 4 A STEPS Team Leader to be appointed in the spring term
- Attendance is stable for autumn term compared with summer term (+0.1% increase to 91.9%)
- Quality assurance shows 87.5% of PEP's signed off by the Virtual School are considered to be of good or very good quality
- Key Stage 1: 50% are achieving expected progress in maths, 33.3% in reading and 41.7% in writing (compared with 43%, 45% and 34% for national KS1 children looked after)
- Key Stage 2: 71.4% are achieving expected or above progress in maths, 61.9% in reading and 61.9% for writing (compared with 71%, 69% and 75% for national KS2 children looked after)
- Key Stage 4: 33.3% of Year 11's are achieving in line with expectations or above in maths and 50% for English Language (compared with 22.1 and 22.1% for national KS4 children looked after)
- Successful DWP application to establish a Herefordshire Youth Employment Hub

Care Leavers in Employment, Education or Training (EET)

EET 17-18 year olds

England 66%
Statistical Neighbours 68%

■ YP in EET ■ NEET □ No info

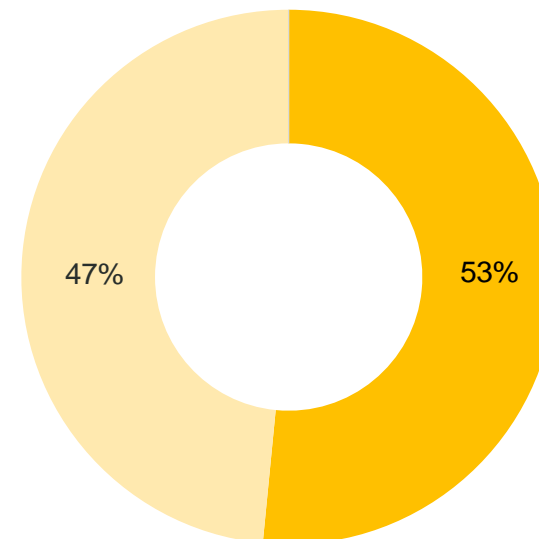


31/49 Young People

EET 19-21 year olds

England 55%
Statistical Neighbours 55%

■ YP in EET ■ NEET



52/97 Young People

Engagement and Participation

- Children in Care/Care Leavers Council – 8 young people on the council, currently recruiting
- Monthly Groups:
 - LGBTQ+
 - Friends United (UASC)
 - Young Parents
 - University Students
 - Art
 - Baking
- Plans currently in progress/scheduled:
 - Take-Over Day
 - Sensory Session Event (linked with our children in disabilities team – expected attendance 50+ people)
 - Trip to Wembley to watch England play at the end of March 2024

Engagement and Participation: You Said, We Did

You Said	We Did
<p>You want more back and forth conversations with senior leadership.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people attended the improvement board, and agreed to quarterly meetings to track progress. • Stakeholders such as the police have arranged to meet with young people. • Engagement with the Director of Children and Young People’s Services and the DfE Advisor
<p>You want to be more involved in decision making.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Care Experienced Council is now in place 8 young people and recruiting • Planning in place for “Young Person Council Takeover”. • Young people regularly involved in interview panels. • Focus groups to provide feedback on council projects.
<p>You want a better service for our young people seeking asylum.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A monthly UASC group is in place which the young people named “United Friends”. The first session had 13 young people attend from 6 cities. • Travel/accommodation funded for out of county young people to attend events. • Designated “UASC PAs” who attend events and build relationships. • Specific UASC legal advice • Dedicated UASC Social Workers (x2) • Age Assessment Training for staff

Engagement and Participation: You Said, We Did (continued)

You Said	We Did
You want to be more involved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Involved in redesign of Pathway Plans • Young People Panels as part of recruitment processes • Designed an alternative Job Description for Social Workers • Involved with Health Passports
You want fun and engaging groups and workshops.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 monthly groups: Baking, Art, UASC, LGBTQ+, University Students and Young Parents. • Specialised groups such as CV work shops, sewing and graffiti. • Restarting the football team. • Suggestion box for potential future groups.
You wanted a Christmas to remember!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Christmas party that was attended by 30+ young people, including 8+ from out of county. • Christmas hampers/presents for our young people. • Festive sessions – Christmas baking, decorating wreaths, putting up the Christmas Tree.
You wanted a special Care Leavers Week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily events spread across 9 days, including a Halloween party with 25+ attendance and a trip to Alton Towers with 30+ attendance. • Football tournament in Milton Keynes. • Meeting with senior leaders to share thoughts and experiences.

Corporate Parenting Board Placement Type

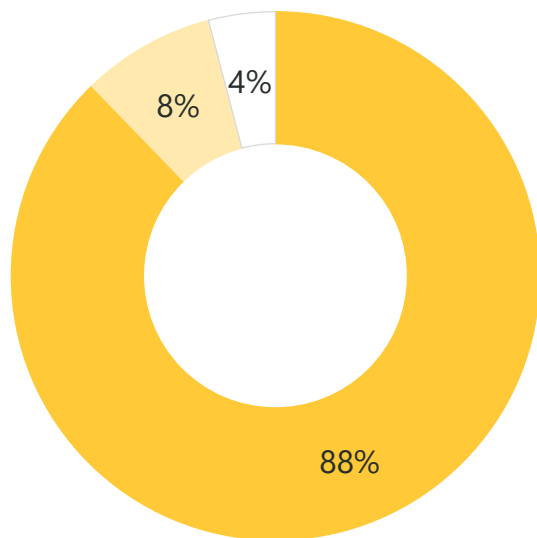
Placement Type	Numbers of children in care	% of all children in care
External Foster Carer	111	28%
Kinship Carer	92	23%
In-house Foster Carer	78	20%
Residential Accommodation	44	11%
Supported Living	32	8%
Placement with Parents	29	7%
Independent Living	Suppressed due to small numbers	
Parent and Baby Unit	Suppressed due to small numbers	
Placed for Adoption	Suppressed due to small numbers	

Care Leavers in Suitable Accommodation

Suitable Accommodation 17-18 year olds

England 91%
Statistical Neighbours 93%

■ Suitable accom ■ Not suitable □ No information

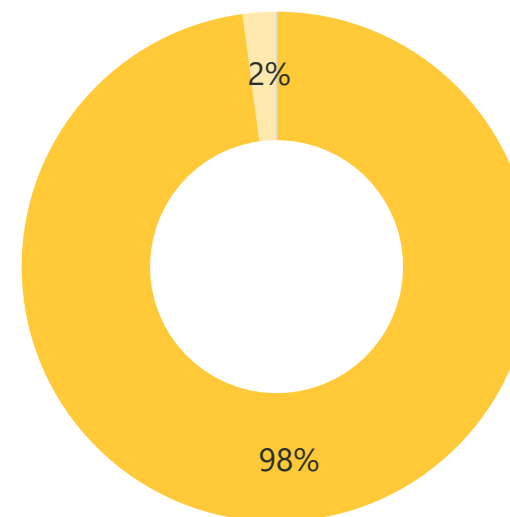


43/49 Young People

Suitable Accommodation 19-21 year olds

England 88%
Statistical Neighbours 90%

■ Suitable accom ■ Not suitable



95/97 Young People