

LAC Strategy Action Plan Monitoring

Theme	Number	Action	Achieved?
Participation & Joining In	1	Work with young people to produce a new review booklet to ensure their voices are heard	Yes
	2	Ensure reviewing officers use the consultation booklets with children and young people prior to every review	Ongoing
	3	Create a Facebook page to enable better communication and networking with young people	NFA
	4	Continuously review 'The Pledge' to ensure it continues to reflect the priorities of all age groups in care	Yes
	5	Ensure that care planning decisions such as placement changes are not made outside the review process, and that children are always involved in these decisions	Ongoing
	6	Ensure children who live in independent sector placements can access the same opportunities and services as those who are placed within NCC	Partially
	7	Ensure care planning is inclusive and reflects the views of parents and carers	Yes
	8	Produce a new guide to adoption for older children and young	Yes
	9	Develop a participation strategy that outlines how agencies will gather and promote the views of children looked after	Ongoing
	10	Ensure that all children looked after will have a link educational psychologist	Yes
	11	Monitor LAC in below floor target schools and also those LAC in satisfactory schools	Ongoing
	12	Improve the timeliness and quality of Personal Education Plans	Yes
	13	Ensure that teacher assessment data is robust and good quality	Ongoing
Education	14	Review funding mechanisms that currently support the education of looked after children	Ongoing
	15	Minimise the number of times looked after children need to move to a different school during their education	Ongoing
	16	Remove barriers to school admissions for Looked After Children	Ongoing
	17	Ensure that the staffing and resources available to the Virtual School are sufficient	Yes
	18	Improve the Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) support to Looked After Children at the end of Key Stage 4	Yes
Health	19	Work with District Councils to improve access to council-run sport and leisure facilities for looked after children	Yes
	20	Ensure that social care and health systems work more closely together to provide accurate and timely information	Yes
	21	Ensure commissioning arrangements for health services for LAC and care leavers are prioritised and maintained in the light of health reforms	Yes

Appendix 1

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Safe & Stable Placements	22	Consultation exercise to review the experience of children and young people in placements, to understand where we can improve	Ongoing
	23	Pilot a Creative Solutions Panel	Yes
	24	Ensure that disruption meetings are held in a consistent way in all types of placement	Yes
	25	Continue to expand the number of salaried carers for young people in need of foster care	Yes
	26	Explore ways of better managing the challenges that social media bring to placements	Yes
	27	Maintain our commitment to inclusive adoption planning and support	Yes
	28	Develop our support to children and young people in permanent kinship placements	Ongoing
Relationships	29	Establish a new Family Assessment and Contact Service which will provide a consistent approach to contact across the county	Yes
	30	Develop a training and information pack for social workers in the throughcare team	Yes
	31	Delegate more authority to foster carers to make day to day decisions about contact plans with family and friends	Yes
	32	Continue to recruit foster carers from a wide range of diverse backgrounds	Ongoing
	33	Review of internal and external provider services to ensure that placements are VFM and are providing the best possible experience for LAC, their birth families and carers	Partially
	34	Further develop our support to children and young people in permanent placements to ensure that these remain stable and continue to meet their needs	Yes
	35	Ensure that all LAC with permanent fostering plans have life story work completed	Ongoing
Moving to Adulthood	36	Scope the viability of an integrated transitions service for children with disabilities	Yes
	37	Continue to recruit foster carers under the 14+ scheme to support the Staying Put Policy	Ongoing
	38	Develop supported lodgings and extend accommodation options for care leavers	Yes
	39	Increase availability of apprenticeships within NCC for care leavers	Yes
Emotional Wellbeing	40	Services to looked after young people will all contribute to the emotional wellbeing of our looked after children and young people	Ongoing
	41	Identify new ways of measuring positive progress in emotional resilience and wellbeing of our looked after children and young people	Ongoing
	42	Further assess mental health and emotional needs of Looked After Children through the refresh of the CAMHS needs assessment	Yes
	43	Increase leave available for NCC staff who are taking on the care of a child through a special guardianship order	Yes
Additional actions	44	The involvement of looked after children and young people in a two year self-harm research project through CAMHS	Ongoing
	45	Children's Transformation Programme - Review of the Children's Disability Service.	Ongoing
	46	CSC representation on the Children and Young People's Participation and Positive Activities co-ordination group	Ongoing
	47	Monitor progress of the 'From a Distance' action plan for LAC placed at a significant distance from their home area	Ongoing