

Appendix 1: SLCP – PROGRESS TO DATE

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MANAGING COST

- **Consistent, long-term prices** secured through APPA, 2021-28.
- **£170,000 savings per borough** - procurement and running costs* for lifetime of APPA (*LGA cost analysis, Sept 2020).
- **APPA fee negotiation strategy** - to control fee levels and reduce cost over time (uplift = 50% of CPI).
- **Relationship building** with APPA providers to secure value for money and address gaps in market.



INCREASED SUFFICIENCY

- APPA - **extending choice** and **increased accessibility**.
- **In-House Fostering** – SLCP will work with boroughs to increase recruitment and to improve retention of in-house foster carers.
- **Pan-London influence** and projects, including leading an ASD/SEMH regional workstream.



RESOURCE EFFICIENCY

- Development and implementation of high quality, multi-borough **commissioning framework**.
- **Standardised documents and contracts** e.g. CLA Individual Child Agreement to improve processes and enhance placement stability.
- **Quality Assurance framework** – co-ordinating providers between member boroughs and sharing intelligence.

SLCP - BENEFITS

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QUALITY ASSURANCE

- APPA – Ofsted Good and Outstanding providers only.
- Multi-borough Quality Assurance model to raise standards in IFAs and residential care provision.
- Intelligence sharing on provider quality issues.
- Improving quality of providers delivery through guidance, training and events.



ENSURING BEST PRACTICE

- Covid 19 Response.
- Focus on engagement with service users.
- Provider engagement.
- Co-ordinating a network of peer support for member boroughs.
- Leading, and active engagement with, national and regional projects.



INNOVATION

- All About Me/Us forms, developed with 250 users, the voice aspirations of the at the heart of service development and delivery.
- Cross-borough solutions e. house fostering, data sharing
- Embedding Equality and D to ensure improved service children and young people.

WHAT WE DELIVER

APPENDIX 2: COVID-19 RESPONSE

Covid 19 Response

- Coordination of the programme's collaborative response to Covid 19.
- Weekly SEND Project Board and CLA Operational meetings to share practice.
- Regular surveys to ensure business continuity and situational reporting by children looked after and SEND providers.
- Coordination of the response to providers following requests for fee uplifts, PPE, and COVID 19 support funds.
- Working with London Councils, ALDCS and sub-regional groupings to influence the PAN London Covid-19 response and the strategy for children looked after.
- Regular communication to providers to support the market and ensure continuity for children and young people.

APPENDIX 3: SLCP Priorities 2020-2024

Theme

Objectives

Key Initiatives

Savings

- Securing long-term favourable prices.
- Tackling sufficiency.
- Reducing high cost placements.



- Fee negotiations with providers
- APPA refresh to increase provider capacity and reduce fees.

Quality

- Increased placement stability
- Improved outcomes for CYP
- Sharing good practice



- Quality Framework model
- Common contracts
- Outcomes Framework
- Provider events and training

Commissioning

- Evidence-based identification of needs to inform strategic planning
- Improved market management.
- Sharing practice between SLCP members



- Annual needs analysis
- Implement innovative procurement models e.g. bloc contracts
- Stakeholder engagement

Expansion

- Expand from original remit to deliver solutions for sub-regional priorities
- Develop multi-borough solutions to increase sufficiency.



- New projects – In-house foster specialist foster carers, ASD/SE services.

Pan-London influence

- Increase placement stability
- Improved outcomes for CYP



- Lead on ASD/SEMH project
- Partner in complex adolescents parent and child and children in custody projects.

SLCP Strategic Plan 2020-2024

- **CLA APPA** – Actively market access to framework, with a joining fee, to other Local Authorities

Quality Frameworks for SEND and CLA – Joint visits approach and benefits marketed to other local authorities to access for a joining fee

External Funding – Research and apply for external funding opportunities, building on recent successful applications to the London Innovation and Improvement Alliance and the Local Government Association.



- **All About Me/Us Profiles** – DfE-recognised SLCP innovation project to be shared Pan London, with funding sought for wider development, implementation and evaluation.

- **Training, Events, and Resources** – SLCP will expand training, events and webinars, with charging introduced for some of these activities.

- **In-house Fostering** – Extend support with marketing, recruitment, and retention of in-house foster carers to local authorities outside the SLCP area.