

# **Croydon Corporate Parenting Board.**

## **Terms of reference and Membership.**

### **Purpose:**

The Corporate Parenting Board is an advisory body. It has two main aims:

1. To support and make recommendations to the Director of Children's Social Care (DCS), Croydon's Safeguarding Children's Partnership, Health and Wellbeing Board and other Partnership Boards on matters related to corporate parenting as appropriate.
2. To advise, guide and provide leadership to Croydon Council on issues relating to looked after children, care experienced young people and its corporate parenting responsibility.

### **To meet this purpose, the Corporate Parenting Board will ensure that the following objectives are achieved:**

- To ensure that there is a 'Whole Council and partnership approach' to driving excellent standards of corporate parenting for Looked After Children and Care Experienced Young People.
- To promote a Co-parenting approach when considering children and young people's needs and actions to improve their lives. Respecting birth families and carers co-parenting of children and young people when they are looked after and into early adulthood.
- To set high expectations and promote stable relationships and homes for all children in care and care experienced young people.
- To focus on improved impact of activity that supports the four priority areas for children in care, care experienced young people and their families. Ensuring children and young people are happy, experience well-being; educational success; positive pathways into adulthood and the opportunities to realise their ambition and aspirations.
- To ensure that the voice of children and young people in care and leaving care informs and shapes services that they receive. and that they can be involved in developments which impact upon improvements.
- To develop data and quality assurance information that effectively measures the key performance indicators for children looked after and care experienced young people. The Board will closely monitor, challenge, and ensure the strategic priority areas are able to be driven with key objectives realised.
- To consider the outcomes of regulatory visits and inspection reports on provision for children in care and care experienced young people; to receive regular reports as they relate to the strategy and as requested.
- To ensure that relevant key plans, strategies, and associated resources identify and make explicit the contribution that they make to targets agreed for improvement.
- To celebrate the achievements of children looked after and care experienced young people with their carer's and family members as informed by children and young people.
- To develop an informed view of Croydon Council provision for children in care and care experienced people both inhouse and commissioned through a programme of well-planned visits and feedback from Board members.
- To ensure that Board members are committed and actively involved in subgroups to drive the priority strategic areas.

## Membership

All members of the Board will be appointed by the Chair who will determine the period of office.

The Board will comprise of at least the following members, the Chair may appoint additional members at their discretion:

<b>Core Members</b>	<b>Tenure</b>
Co-Chair, Care Experienced Young Person	12 or 6 months
Council Members x 8 cross party.	Review yearly
Children Looked After/Care Experienced Young People living in and out of Croydon Borough.	2 children/young people are invited to attend each Board meeting with support from the participation team.
Carer representatives x2	1 year
Parent/Grandparent representative x 2	1 year
Director of Children's Social Care	Review yearly
Director of Education	Review yearly
Director of Housing	Review yearly
Director of Adults	Review yearly
NHS Commissioner	Review yearly

The Chair may make changes to the above appointments at any time. Core members are required to give notice of non-attendance and in the event, they are unable to attend must inform the Chair and Co-Chair of who will attend in their place.

Co-Opted Members will be called upon to support the deliver of the Board's plan and attend Board meetings as appropriate.

<b>Co-Opted Members</b>	<b>Tenure</b>
Health representative including CAMHS	1 year
Department of Works and Pensions	1 year
Police representative	1 year
Safeguarding Board representative	1 year
Head of Virtual School & College	1 year
Local Employer	1 year
Local College provider	1 year
Head Teacher	1 year
Head of Employment, Skills & Economic Development	1 year
Youth Justice Service	1 year
Refugee Council	1 year
Voluntary Sector	1 year

The Board can make changes to the co-opted representation at any time.

The Director of Children's Services may attend all or specific meetings in consultation with the Chair.

The Head of Service for Children in Care & Care Leavers will also attend all meetings to advise and support the Board.

The Board does not have decision making powers and is not a formal Committee of the Council.

The Board will meet bi-monthly or as otherwise agreed. The frequency of meetings can be changed by resolution of the Board or by the Chair in consultation with the Lead Officer.

The Terms of Reference will be reviewed annually.

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