

Report from the Assistant Executive Member

Number of Children Looked After (CLA) w/e 02.11.17 228.

12

Virtual School

14 CLA achieved 5 GCSEs or equivalent.

Virtual Head has reiterated the importance of not placing our CLA in a school in special measures.

There has been Designated Teacher training with a focus on PEPs and education and healthcare plans.

Training for Social Workers booked.

Adoption SouthWest

Goes live in 6 months.

SIB

Continued monitoring to improve the service.

Over target with diversification cases.

Reduction seen in number of children under a Section 20 order compared to this time last year.

Investigating expanding the reunification reach to include children under orders with reunification as their care plan, trial underway.

Edge of Care Panel being introduced, ideally to have CAMHS representation.

Learning from cases going forward, e.g. earlier intervention into the service.

Learning event to be held in January 2018.

Cost Mitigation - predicted overspend

Short term

Looking at alternative ways of providing residential care, e.g. providing specialist carers.

Increasing in-house care capacity.

Longer Term

Specialist placements.

Exploring further if any services can be shared/ providing services differently.

Also

Reviewing statutory and non-statutory provision.

Councillor Lisa Pilgrim