

<b>Corporate Parenting Strategy Action Plan Summary. In 2019/2020 we will:</b>	
<b>Home</b>	<b>Education and Learning</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Implement 'This is Me' which involves children setting out what they like, and what is important to them, as part of our approach to finding the best possible placement for them</li> <li>➤ Enhance our Fostering Service by:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) developing the 'Mocking Bird' model of foster care</li> <li>ii) agreeing a Policy to support Foster Carers who need their home adapted to enable them to care</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Review our current Contact Service so it can effectively support relationships with appropriate family and friends</li> <li>➤ Develop a Council approach to preventing youth homelessness</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Ensure looked after children are able to access the support they needed under the Additional Learning Need (ALN) reforms</li> <li>➤ Work with our Vulnerable Learners Coordinator, and foster carers, to support good school attendance and to minimise exclusions</li> <li>➤ Speak to look after children, and care leavers, to find out what information and skills they need to support further education and skills for independence.</li> </ul>
<b>Health and Well-being</b>	<b>Leisure</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Hold an event exploring, and educating, children on the 5 ways to well-being</li> <li>➤ Work with the health board to improve the timeliness of appointments and medical support for looked after children</li> <li>➤ Provide opportunities for young people (11-18 years) to build self-esteem and positive self-image.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Promote awareness of DEWIS and the Family Information Service with foster carers to promote leisure services in the area.</li> <li>➤ Help children create a newsletter or on-line platform that will list fun activities events and useful information.</li> </ul>
<b>Employment Opportunities</b>	<b>Leaving Care</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Engage children in our 'Boost' scheme to give children the life skills to access and maintain employment.</li> <li>➤ Explore work based schemes/experience for care leavers with local business</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Work with Barnardo's to ensure their housing advice service is accessible to care leavers</li> <li>➤ Ensure every care leaver has an allocated Personal Advisor.</li> </ul>
<b>Voice of Looked After Children</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Build trust by ensuring Social Workers introduce themselves to children and explain their roles in a friendly way</li> <li>➤ Produce a leaflet explaining the role of social workers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Work with Young Voices Out Loud, and Voices from Care, to explore innovative ways to engage with looked children and care leavers</li> </ul>