



**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD**

**31<sup>st</sup> January 2021**

**FOSTERING SERVICE QUALITY OF CARE REPORT 2020/21**

**REPORT OF THE GROUP DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

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**1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide Corporate Parenting Board members with the Annual Fostering Service Quality of Care Report.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that Members:

2.1 Acknowledge the information contained within the report.

**3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

3.1 This report provides information about the annual fostering service (2020-21) as is required.

**4. BACKGROUND**

4.1 This report is compiled as required under the Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016. Regulation 52 of the Local Authority Fostering Services (Wales) Regulations 2018 also requires the local authority manager to put suitable arrangements in place to establish and maintain a system for monitoring, reviewing and improving the quality of service.



4.2 The report itself is attached and highlights the achievements and developments of the Fostering Service during 2020-21 and has been delayed in presenting it to Corporate parenting Board due to the demands of responding to the Pandemic.

## **10 CONCLUSION.**

10.1 Progress was made during the year in relation to carer support and consultation, foster panel development and working closely with colleagues and partners to provide quality fostering arrangements for children. Priorities for the year ahead were:

### **Future Planning and Developments for the next year**

- **Ongoing Consultations – Improve reporting systems and enhance understanding of foster carers, young people and parents' experiences**
- **A fostering guide to service to be developed for foster carers and children looked after**
- **Foster Carer Profiles – Available for young people in a child friendly format and the social workers to improve the matching process**
- **Health and Education – Improve how data can be collected specifically for children looked after by RCT carers and contribute to the monitoring process**
- **Pioneer Foster Carers – recruit more pioneers to encourage further development and links with education and provide advice and guidance to foster carers.**
- **Parent and Child Training – Encourage existing foster carers to transfer to this provision**
- **Foster Wales Recruitment campaign - Assess and recruit foster carers locally**
- **Kinship care- Monitor the resources available to respond to demand**
- **Foster Panel- Annual training event to support the Quality Assurance role of the foster panel members**
- **Foster Panel – Annual Appraisal of Panel Members**



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- Training – review of impact of Learning and Development Framework
- Develop quality assurance and audit work and to take forward lessons learned and actions.
- Further develop systems and processes for monitoring and reviewing quality of service including the functioning of the Fostering Panel in line with The Fostering Panels (Establishment and Functions) (Wales) Regulations 2018.

10.2 A report covering the period 2021-22 will be provided in July 2022.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

**AS AMENDED BY**

**THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985**

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