

CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER TOPIC GROUP

The Recommendations of the Children Looked After Topic Group are:

1. The Placement Stability Group (PSG) should start formal comparisons with other local authorities with good practice and discuss how this may be implemented in Hertfordshire, to increase placement stability.
2. A full analysis of support and training for Foster Carers should be undertaken to make sure the offer is effective and increases placement stability. The training needs to be provided on a graded scale based on the needs of the Foster Carer and Young Person.
3. Formal conversations need to take place between the Children Looked After (CLA) team and Fostering and Adoption team about achieving Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) goals. Specific consideration needs to be given to reducing the targeted number of days for making first contact with the Young Person's social worker. This discussion needs to agree improved partnership working and goals for the benefit of Young People.
4. That a CLA profile is created by the social worker with the young person, generating their enthusiasms, talents and interests including a list of likes, dislikes. This will allow future foster carers to have a far more comprehensive understanding about the young person and their needs, to improve placement stability.
(Conc. 4.4)

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