CORPORATE PARENTING STRATEGY

GETTING IT RIGHT FOR LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN IN ANGUS

PROGRESS REPORT

JANUARY 2011
Section 1  Background

Angus Council's Corporate Parenting Strategy 'Getting it Right for Looked After Children in Angus' was introduced in May 2009 (Strategic Policy Committee 5/5/09 report no. 390/09). The strategy defined the collective and individual responsibilities that those acting on behalf of the authority have towards looked after children and established action priorities to improve the lives of this group of children.

The collation of information about Looked After children in Angus is a key part of the strategy. To address the disadvantages typically experienced by this group of children it is necessary to gather information from across the Council departments and partner agencies both about services provided and about the impact that these are having on children's lives.

This report provides elected members with an overview of the position of looked after children in Angus in order that they can meet their responsibilities under the Corporate Parenting strategy. It gives demographic information about the population of looked after children as well as information on how well the children are doing.
There has been a steady increase in the overall number of looked after children in Angus since 2004, peaking at 287 children in 2008. Although there was a reduction in 2009, the latest figures indicate an increase in accommodated children (with foster carers or in residential care) and an increase in the total number of looked after children – 274.

The proportion of children who are in residential accommodation continues to be small, 9% of the total number of accommodated children, which is well below the Scottish average.

The children placed outwith Angus are in residential establishments, with foster carers approved by independent fostering agencies or with family members living outwith the Council area.
2.3 Gender by Borough

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The number of boys continues to be higher than the number of girls in line with the position in other areas of Scotland (national average - 55% of looked after children are male).

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Angus has a lower percentage of children in residential care than almost any other local authority in Scotland. This is largely due to the high numbers of children who are placed with foster carers rather than in residential establishments.

2.5 Age by Length of Time Looked After

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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>26 (10%)</td>
<td>45 (16%)</td>
<td>50 (18%)</td>
<td>111 (41%)</td>
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The children looked after for over 5 years includes a number who have been placed with prospective adoptive parents but where the adoption order has not yet been granted.
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One of the objectives of the fostering service redesign is to improve placement choice at the point that children come into the care system. This in turn should help to reduce the number of moves that children have within the care system.
Section 3  Key Priorities for Looked After and Accommodated Children in Angus

3.1 Looked After Children Joint Action Group

The delivery plan which the LAC-JAG (Looked After Children Joint Action Group) is working to is set out in Annex 1. The plan incorporates actions arising out of the Corporate Parenting Strategy.

While looked after children are recipients of normal universal services, to fully address their needs a multi agency approach to the planning and delivery of services is also required.

The LAC-JAG coordinates actions across departments and partner agencies where such an approach is appropriate. Annex 1 gives details of the key priorities for this group of children as well as progress made to date.

3.2 Key Priorities

The key priorities include:

- A redesign of the fostering service to increase the number of foster placements for children within Angus
- Maximising the level of school attendance for LAC and tackling issues relating to school exclusion
- Identifying the extent to which bullying is a particular issue for LAC
- Raising awareness among children/young people of health services available to them at key transition points – particularly when they are leaving care
- Improving the range of accommodation options available to care leavers
- Maximising the number of carer leavers who move onto ‘positive destinations’ in terms of employment, training or further education
- Reviewing the operation of the ISMs (Intensive Support and Monitoring scheme) to see if the benefits of this can be extended to a wider group of LAC
- Improving the systems used to obtain the views of looked after children and young people.

3.3 Summary of Progress

Progress on the key priorities has been made in a number of areas, in particular:

- Delivery of a training programme using the Scottish Government’s ‘We Can and Must do Better’ materials. After an initial pilot this is being delivered across agencies, raising awareness of the needs of looked after children and building links between the different services involved.
- A renewed focus on strategies to reduce the exclusion of looked after children from school, based on a detailed analysis of information about children being excluded in Angus and linked to the new national exclusion guidelines.
- Development of better systems for gathering the views of looked after children about the services they receive. The ‘Viewpoint’ system which allows children and young people to give their views on-line, is being reviewed and improved to build on the valuable information already produced.
3.4 Information for Elected Members

The organisation ‘Who Cares? Scotland’ has been commissioned by the Scottish government to develop a package of information and training for elected members across Scotland focusing on corporate parenting and the needs of looked after children.

An information event is being arranged for April 2011 to which all elected members, some senior health boards official and representative officers from the relevant council departments will be invited.

As well as an opportunity to see the excellent materials produced by Who Cares Scotland, this will also allow elected members to obtain additional information about the local position, and to hear directly from young people who are, or have been, looked after in Angus.
Section 4  Outcome Measures for Looked After and Accommodated Children in Angus

4.1  Introduction

Annex 2 provides information on the experience of looked after children in Angus. The information is a snapshot of the views of looked after children in 2010. This information is useful in establishing priorities for future actions but will also increasingly allow the impact of services on the lives of the children and young people to be tracked.

4.2  Summary of Progress

The information from the outcome measures in Annex 2 includes:

- A high proportion of looked after children report that they feel ‘safe’ and ‘happy’ in their placement.

- The percentage of looked after and accommodated children in Angus who are being offered a health assessment is higher than in most other areas. The take up rates for the assessments is high and a high proportion of the children describe themselves as ‘feeling healthy’.

- A similarly high number report they are getting on well at school and attainment levels compare favourable with national figures.

- There were a significant number of exclusions during 2009/10 – although the action taken in relation to this issue has reduced this number considerably.

- A high percentage of looked after children say they feel ‘involved in their care plan and can influence decisions’.
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<td>NO8: We have improved the life chances for children, young people and families at risk</td>
<td>Analysis of bullying information from schools</td>
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<td>NO5: Our children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed</td>
<td>Redesign of fostering scheme in response to increased numbers of children accommodated</td>
<td>Social Work &amp; Health</td>
<td>April 2010</td>
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### NATIONAL PRIORITY THEME: HEALTHY

Children and young people in Angus will enjoy the highest attainable standards of physical and mental health, with access to suitable healthcare and support for safe and healthy lifestyle choices.

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<td>NO6: We live longer, healthier lives</td>
<td>Improve young peoples’ awareness of adult health services before and during transition to adult services. Communicate with partner agencies about their responsibility with regard to the health of looked after children during transition.</td>
<td>Angus LAAC Health Team</td>
<td>Ongoing</td>
<td>LAC at home don’t receive a health assessment</td>
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<td>Access to sexual health services</td>
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<td>Each LAC young person will have a mental health assessment when they become looked after.</td>
<td>CAMHS LAAC HEALTH TEAM</td>
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### NATIONAL PRIORITY THEME: ACTIVE

Children and young people in Angus will be active with opportunities and encouragement to participate in play and recreation, including sport.

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## NATIONAL PRIORITY THEME: ACHIEVING

Children and young people in Angus will have access to positive learning environments and opportunities to develop their skills, confidence and self-esteem to the fullest potential

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<td>NO4: Our young people are successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens</td>
<td>Maximise levels of attendance at school for looked after children</td>
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<td>Increase the number of previously looked after children who access employment and training opportunities</td>
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## NATIONAL PRIORITY THEME: RESPECTED & RESPONSIBLE

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<td>take responsibility for their own actions and how they affect others</td>
<td>Review the effectiveness of the Intensive Support and Monitoring Scheme</td>
<td>Social Work &amp; Health</td>
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NATIONAL PRIORITY THEME: INCLUDED
Children and young people in Angus and their carers will have access to high quality services and be assisted to overcome the social, educational, physical, environmental and economic barriers that create inequality

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<td>Improve consultation with looked after children, young people and their parents about the provision of services</td>
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### NATIONAL PRIORITY THEME: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Improve corporate responsibility for children placed outwith Angus as well as those placed within the local community

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<td><strong>NO7: We have tackled the significant inequalities in Scottish society</strong></td>
<td>Ensure that staff in all relevant departments understand their responsibilities as corporate parents and have access to training and continuous professional development activities which reinforce and refresh their knowledge and skills - ‘We can and must do better’</td>
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<td>June 2011</td>
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### SUMMARY OF PROGRESS:

1. Angus Council revised anti bullying policy issued in July 2009 now incorporates being looked after as a reason for being bullied. This was information that was not previously recorded. This, along with appropriate training has seen an increased confidence in reporting and resolving incidents of bullying.

2. A new ‘skills based’ scheme was introduced in April 2010. Payments to foster carers are significantly more generous under the new scheme and a recruitment drive is in process to capitalise on the changes and increase the number of foster carers. The objective is to improve the choice of placements available and to reduce reliance on independent fostering agencies, many of which provide placements at some distance from Angus.

3. The LAAC Health Team is notified by the children’s reporter when children and young people are placed on supervision. Caseload holders are now aware of children looked after at home. The individual’s health needs are then reviewed. A health template is being looked at to support looked after children at home receiving a health assessment

All LAAC children are made aware at the initial health assessment of sexual health services in the area. The young persons’ unit in Angus also has information on drop in clinics in the area.
Nine foster carers have successfully completed additional training through the speakeasy training programme at level 2. This is a programme designed for parents and carers on how to speak to young children in their care about sexual health issues. There are also two staff from the young persons’ unit in Angus who have undertaken this training.

Accommodated children are offered a mental health assessment but discussions are ongoing as to how children looked after at home can be assessed.

1. We are continuing to encourage carers to promote healthy lifestyle choices and participation by the children they care for in a wide range of activities making use, where appropriate, of the opportunities available through Leisure services.

2. Work is being undertaken to reduce the number of Looked After children who are excluded from school. This is happening alongside a wider review of the way that additional support for learning is provided and at the role and operation of offsite provision. The LAC JAG will use the data currently being produced about exclusion rates to focus on action that can be taken across agencies to support Looked After children to remain in school.

3. There has been very good progress with 16+ Learning Choices. School staff and Skills Development Scotland (SDS) Careers Advisers are actively engaged with young people planning to leave school but with no confirmed destination to try to secure a positive and sustained destination. There are established links between SDS and the throughcare and aftercare team within Social Work and Health. This is tracked by the 16+ choices coordinator.

Schools and SDS are increasingly effective partners in identifying early and supporting young people intending to leave school and requiring more choices and more chances (MCMC) to secure a positive destination. More schools have introduced Joint Monitoring and Action Groups as a means to bring together relevant school staff and partners to monitor and discuss progress of MCMC young people.

4. There is a relatively limited range of accommodation options for care leavers in Angus. Work is in progress to explore options for extending this provision and to finalise arrangements between Housing and Social Work and Health in relation to the process for jointly responding to the needs of care leavers for appropriate accommodation and support.

5. The Intensive Support and Monitoring (ISM) scheme was introduced in 2008 and provides a community based alternative for children who meet the criteria for admission to secure accommodation. Four Looked After children were subject to an ISM in the 12 months to June 2010. Two of the young people were placed on and ISM in order to prevent a placement in secure accommodation, and two moved to an ISM package in
order to allow an earlier discharge from secure care than would otherwise have been the case. None of the 4 young people had to be returned to secure care.

The Viewpoint system is used as a key tool for recording performance information about Looked After Children. Viewpoint is a computer based questionnaire that allows children and young people to comment on their experience and the impact that services have had on their lives. The system collates the responses and provides outcome information that helpfully informs the work to the LAC JAG in prioritising areas that require particular attention. A number of shortcomings have been identified, however, in the structure of the system and the way that questions are asked. These have contributed to relatively low response rates, particularly where the questionnaire is used with older children. It has been agreed that a review of the system will be undertaken to address these shortcomings with the aim of increasing response rates. As well as an internal review, Angus is participating with a group of other Local Authorities using Viewpoint to look at nationally agreed developments of the system.

A multi agency event was held on 22 March 2010 to pilot the use of a training pack about Looked After Children produced by the Scottish Government under the banner ‘We can and must do better’. Following the pilot event, further training is planned within all the school cluster areas. As far as possible the training will be delivered to multi agency groups so that it provides an opportunity to further improve links between teachers, social workers, medical staff, foster carers and others involved in the care of Looked After children.

**FUTURE ACTION/ PRIORITIES:**

In addition to organising the Who Cares Scotland event for elected members noted above, current priorities identified by the LAC JAG include:

- Consolidate mechanisms for gathering multi agency information about looked after children using this both to inform elected members about progress and to determine future action priorities.
- Finalise protocols concerning the provision of accommodation to care leavers – largely involving Housing and Social Work and Health.
- Contribute to the implementation of a GIRFEC approach in Angus to ensure this properly takes account of the needs of looked after children.
- Identify action required locally following the recent publication of a national report into residential child care, ‘Getting It Right for Every Child in Residential Care’.
- Develop a shared agreement about how to plan and support looked after children’s education in relation to cross-authority placements.
# NATIONAL PRIORITY THEME: SAFE

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| NO8: *We have improved the life chances for children, young people and families at risk* | Percentage of LAAC in foster care stating they feel safe:  
- 5 to 7 yrs  
- 7 to 9 yrs  
- 10 to 14 yrs  
- 15 + yrs | Social Work & Health Viewpoint  
Established in 2009/10 | N/A | Maintain | Nov 2011  
5 to 7 yrs - 100%  
7 to 9 yrs - 90%  
10 to 14 yrs - 100%  
15 + yrs - 100% |
| | Number of reported bullying incidents in schools of looked after children/young people | Education  
Established in 2009/10 | N/A | Reduce | 09/10 School Year  
Primary – 3  
Secondary - 1 |
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<td><strong>SOA - Percentage of LAAC in foster care stating they are happy in their care placement:</strong></td>
<td>Social Work &amp; Health Viewpoint</td>
<td>July 2009</td>
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<td>5 to 7 yrs</td>
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<td><strong>Where children unable to return home, average length of time from reception into accommodation to child being registered for permanence</strong></td>
<td>Social Work &amp; Health Permanence Team</td>
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**NATIONAL PRIORITY THEME: HEALTHY**

*Children and young people in Angus will enjoy the highest attainable standards of physical and mental health, with access to suitable healthcare and support for safe and healthy lifestyle choices.*

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| **NO6: We live longer, healthier lives** | % of LAAC in foster care stating they feel healthy:  
- 5 to 7 yrs  
- 7 to 9 yrs  
- 10 to 14 yrs  
- 15 + yrs | Social Work & Health Viewpoint | Established in 2009/10 | N\A | At least 90% |
| | Number and % of LAAC offered a health assessment within 6/52  
a) At home  
b) Accommodated | Angus CHP NHS Tayside | Established in 2009/10 | N\A | a. Target still to be established  
b. 90% of LAAC will have health assessment |
| | Number and % of LAAC aged 14-16 who accepted the offer of a health assessment | Angus CHP NHS Tayside | Established in 2009/10 | N\A | a. maintain 100% offered.  
b. 65% uptake |
| | % LAAC with up to date immunisations 6 months after being accommodated | Angus CHP NHS Tayside | Established in 2009/10 | N\A | 95% |

**Progress & Status**

- **Nov 2011**
  - 5 to 7 yrs - 100%
  - 7 to 9 yrs - 100%
  - 10 to 14 yrs - 82%
  - 15 + yrs - 100%

- **2009/10**
  - a) 0% - not offered
  - b) 86% (44 of 51) (for 10 there was no request)

- **2009/10**
  - a) 100% offered (70 of 70)  
b) 61% accepted (43 of 70)
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| **NO4: Our young people are successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens** | % of looked after children/young people in foster care stating they are getting on well at school:  
- 5 to 7 yrs  
- 7 to 9 yrs  
- 10 to 14 yrs | Social Work & Health Viewpoint | Established in 2009/10 | N/A  
At least 90% | November 2010  
5 to 7 yrs - 86%  
7 to 9 yrs - 89%  
10 to 14 yrs - 84% |
| | Attainment levels for looked after children/young people:  
- At home  
- Away from home | Education | 08/09  
(all LAAC)  
Both Eng & Math - 65% | Increase  
At Home – Increase from 09/10  
Accommodated – maintain at 09/10 | 2009/10  
Both Eng & Math  
At Home – 54%  
Accommodated – 76%  
All LAAC – 68% |
| | Percentage of looked after children/young people who access employment, training, further education or volunteering on leaving school | Education  
Social Work & Health | Established in 2009/10 | N/A  
Reduce the % Unemployed | 2009/10  
8% - Employed  
3% - HE  
46% - FE  
5% - Training  
24% - Unemployed (seeking)  
14% - Unemployed |
### NATIONAL PRIORITY THEME: RESPECTED & RESPONSIBLE

Children, young people in Angus will be involved in decisions that affect them, have their voices heard and be encouraged to play an active and responsible role in their communities

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| **NO11: We have strong, resilient and supportive communities where people take responsibility for their own actions and how they affect others** | Percentage of looked after children/young people in foster care stating they can keep in touch with friends:  
- 5 to 7 yrs  
- 7 to 9 yrs  
- 10 to 14 yrs | Social Work & Health Viewpoint                                                   | Established in 2009/10             | N\A                                     | At least 80%    |
|                                                                                     | Percentage of looked after children/young people in foster care stating they can keep in touch with family:  
- 5 to 7 yrs  
- 7 to 9 yrs  
- 10 to 14 yrs | Social Work & Health Viewpoint                                                   | Established in 2009/10             | N\A                                     | At least 75%    | November 2010    
|                                                                                     |                                                                                  |                                    |                                    | 5 to 7 yrs - 75%  | 5 to 7 yrs - 63% |
|                                                                                     |                                                                                  |                                    |                                    | 7 to 9 yrs - 80%  | 7 to 9 yrs - 60% |
|                                                                                     |                                                                                  |                                    |                                    | 10 to 14 yrs - 79%| 10 to 14 yrs - 100%|
**NATIONAL PRIORITY THEME: INCLUDED**

Children and young people in Angus and their carers will have access to high quality services and be assisted to overcome the social, educational, physical, environmental and economic barriers that create inequality.

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| **NO7: We have tackled the significant inequalities in Scottish society** | % of LAAC in foster care stating they feel involved in their care plan and can influence decisions:  
- 5 to 7 yrs  
- 7 to 9 yrs  
- 10 to 14 yrs  
- 15 + yrs | Social Work & Health Viewpoint | Established in 2009/10 | N\A | At least 85% |
| | Number of incidents of exclusion (and individuals) from school of looked after children/young people:  
- At home  
- Away from home | Education | Established in 2009/10 | N\A | 50% reduction from 09/10 |
| | Number of previously looked after young people who present as homeless within 5 years/ longer than 5 yrs after leaving care | Housing | Established 2008/09 | N\A | Reduce |

**Progress & Status**

- **Nov 2011**
  - 5 to 7 yrs - 83%
  - 7 to 9 yrs - 89%
  - 10 to 14 yrs - 100%
  - 15 + yrs - 100%

- **2009/10**
  - At home – 45 (15 pupils)
  - Away – 72 (27 pupils)
  - Previous – 22 (9 pupils)

- **2008/09 baseline**
  - Less than 5 years – 25
  - More than 5 years – 11