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| **C:\Users\Jonathan001\Pictures\thOJWS1SGE.jpg**  **Placement Sufficiency Strategy Board**  **Terms of Reference**  **January 2020**  **Amended following the People – Commissioning of residential Placements and Fostering – 2018/19**  **Internal Audit Report**  **Reviewed January 2022**  **Next Review January 2023** | |
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| **1** | **Purpose of the Panel** |
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| 1.1 | Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council must ensure that there is sufficient accommodation of all types for children in care and meet its sufficiency duty as laid down in Section 22G of the Children Act 1989. The Act requires local authorities to take steps that secure, so far as reasonably practicable, sufficient accommodation within the authority’s area, which meets the needs of children that the local authority are looking after and whose circumstances are such that it would be consistent with their welfare for them to be provided with accommodation that is in the local authority’s area (‘the sufficiency duty’)’. The Statutory guidance on securing sufficient accommodation for looked after children 2010 clearly sets out the Local Authorities responsibilities. |
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| 1.2 | The Placement Sufficiency and Strategy Board has been established to provide Governance and Senior Management oversight to the placements for children in care. |
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| 1.3 | The Board will report on and monitor service performance linked to the Placement Sufficiency Strategy, using insight to inform future strategies and set challenging targets in relation to our care population. |
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| **2** | **Key Objectives of the Board** |
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| 2.1 | The Board;   1. Will have oversight of all placement expenditure against the proposed budget 2. Will provide strategic direction in relation to placement provision and sufficiency 3. Will monitor and review performance against Key Performance Indicators articulated within the Placement Sufficiency Strategy and action plan 4. Will monitor and review on a monthly basis the service’s delivery and performance concerning purchased IFA and residential placements 5. Will monitor and review placement resource demand and highlight areas where future investment is required 6. Produce and ratify quarterly performance reports for submission to DMT relating to the indicators outlined in the Placement Sufficiency Strategy |
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| **3** | **Key Actions of the Panel** |
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| 3.1 | The Board will ensure that sufficient scrutiny is applied to this significant area of expenditure |
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| 3.2  3.3 | The Board will oversee and monitor expenditure against budget on a monthly basis  The Board will ensure high cost placements have been given appropriate approval and ensure value for money is being achieved in these placements in relation to outcomes for those children in placement. |
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| **4** | **Accountability & Governance** |
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| 4.1  4.2 | The Board will be chaired by the Service Director, Children’s Social Care.  Updates against the action plan will be provided by the Head of Service Children’s Social Care and Lead Commissioning officer will be presented to the Placement Sufficiency Board to detail progress against the Key Performance Indicators outlined in the Placement Sufficiency Strategy. |
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| **5** | **Membership** |
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| 5.1 | The Board will comprise of the following;   * Service Director, Children’s Social Care * Head of Service, Children in Care * Strategic Finance Manager, Finance * Head of Service, Commissioning, Governance and Partnerships * Lead Commissioning Officer, Commissioning, Governance and Partnerships |
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| 5.2 | Other managers will be invited to attend as required in order to discuss specific items being considered. |
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| **6** | **Frequency of Board** |
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| 6.1 | The Board will meet every month |
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| **7** | **Standard Agenda** |
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| 7.1 | The Board meeting will follow, as a minimum, the agenda detailed below   1. Financial Update 2. External Placement Update 3. Placement Activity Update 4. Performance against KPIs (quarterly) 5. Sufficiency action plan ( dated January 22) |

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