

## REPORT SUMMARY SHEET

Meeting: Date:	Trust Board 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2020
Title:	Corporate Parenting Report for 1.4.2019 - 30.9.2019 (Data 10 Return)
Lead Director:	Mr Paul Morgan, Director and Children and Young Peoples Services, and Executive Director of Social Work
Purpose:	Approval
<p><u>Key strategic aims:</u></p> <p>Under Circular CC3/02 the Trust is required to provide a 6 month report to HSCB to provide assurance on compliance and to ensure the Trust Board is fully briefed on its corporate responsibilities.</p>	
<p><u>Key issues/risks for discussion:</u></p> <p>Corporate Parenting Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) High level of activity in relation to the Trust's responsibilities towards children, particularly as a corporate parent</li> <li>(b) There are 582(increase of 12 from last reporting period) of Looked After Children in the Southern Trust and this continues to place significant demands on placements available</li> <li>(c) Highest numbers of Children and Young people on the Child Protection Register Regionally at 560</li> <li>(d) Challenges in recruiting sufficient numbers in non-Kinship foster carers to meet demand</li> <li>(e) Challenge in providing a range of options for children leaving care.</li> <li>(f) Increased challenges in meeting the respite needs for Children with a disability and impact on the provision of Short Breaks</li> </ul>	

Summary of SMT challenge/discussion:

- Demand and capacity pressures across all service teams
- Pressure on fostering service placements
- Children with Disability. The challenge of providing placements and choice for those children with complex needs and the significant impact on the provision of Short Breaks
- How we provide better accommodation choices for young people leaving care

Human Rights/Equality:

(Summarise any Human Rights or Equality issues/concerns)

NONE IDENTIFIED