

REPORT SUMMARY SHEET

Meeting: Date:	Trust Board 12 th June 2019
Title:	Corporate Parenting Report for 1.10.18-31.3.19 (Data 10 Return)
Lead Director:	Mr Paul Morgan, Director and Children and Young Peoples Services, and Executive Director of Social Work
Corporate Objective:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting Safe, high, quality care • Making the best use of our resources • Supporting people to live long, healthy active lives. • Working in partnership
Purpose:	Approval
Summary of Key Issues for Trust Board	
<u>High level context:</u> <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>	
<u>Key issues/risks for discussion:</u> <p>Corporate Parenting Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) High level of activity in relation to the Trust's responsibilities towards children, particularly as a corporate parent (b) The number of Looked After Children known to the Trust has decreased slightly during the report period, from 577 at 30th September 2018 to 560 at period end however, continues to place significant demands on placements available (c) Highest numbers of Children and Young people on the Child Protection Register Regionally at 550 	

- (d) Challenges in recruiting sufficient numbers in non-Kinship foster carers to meet demand
- (e) Challenge in providing a range of options for children leaving care.
- (f) Increased challenges in meeting the respite needs for Children with a disability and impact on the provision of Short Breaks

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

Internal/External engagement:

- Working with a range of partner agencies to deliver DSF
- Engagement with HSCB/PHA/RQIA
- Cross Directorate engagement (eg Transitions)

Human Rights/Equality:

(Summarise any Human Rights or Equality issues/concerns)

NONE IDENTIFIED